

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

**Board Approved 8-17-17**      **Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Board of Education Special Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A special meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on July 24, 2017 and called to order by Russell Gould, President, at 8:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ken Newman followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Gould welcomed those present and referred to the meeting procedures that were attached to the agenda. The meeting was held in the Administrative Offices, 2233 Route 115, Brodheads ville, PA 18322.

**Roll Call - School Board Recorder:** Ms. Debra Duff

**School Board members in attendance:** Russell Gould, President, Len Peeters, Vice President, Bob Serfass, Treasurer, Linda Micklos, Dan Wunder, Sue Kresge, Doug Wisser. Absent: Delbert Zacharias.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** David Piperato, Associate Superintendent, Ken Newman, Assistant to the Superintendent, Josh Krebs, Director of Support Services, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Monica Kotzmann, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager.

**School Solicitor in attendance:** Daniel Corveleyn, Esq.

**Notification of Executive Session:** Mr. Gould announced that an executive session was held on July 18, 2017 immediately following the scheduled meeting for purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:** None.

**APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:**

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wisser to appoint Mr. Jason Kish as a School Board Member to replace Mr. Steve Borger's seat.

ROLL CALL: 3-4-0 NOT CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Gould, Ms. Micklos, Mr. Serfass, Mr. Wunder

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Ms. Kresge to appoint Mr. Kenneth Cocuzzo as a School Board Member to replace Mr. Steve Borger's seat.

ROLL CALL: 5-2-0 CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Peeters, Mr. Wisser

**SOLICITOR: Daniel Corveleyn, Esq.** – No report.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Gould stated that this was clearly a difficult decision considering such quality candidates. He spoke highly of Mr. Matthews and his experience with grant writing.

Ms. Kresge thanked all the candidates for showing interest in the position of School Board Member. She congratulated Mr. Cocuzzo.

Mr. Serfass thanked all the candidates and congratulated Mr. Cocuzzo. Mr. Cocuzzo stated that he is impressed with the school district and the Board of Education in dealing with difficult decisions which is testament to the candidates that showed interest in this position.

Ms. Micklos welcomed Mr. Cocuzzo. She stated that the decision was a difficult one and thanked all the candidates for showing an interest in the Pleasant Valley community.

Mr. Wunder commended all the candidates for their interest and was challenged by each interview. He encouraged all to continue to attend Board meetings and support the school district. Mr. Wunder congratulated Mr. Cocuzzo.

Solicitor Mr. Corveleyn stated that he will arrange for Mr. Cocuzzo to meet with Judge Mancuso to be sworn in as a school board member.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:**

Mr. John Matthews thanked the Board for the opportunity and considering him as a school board member. He congratulated Mr. Cocuzzo on his appointment.

Mr. Jason Kish questioned the length of time for the appointment this evening. Mr. Corveleyn stated that the term expires the first Monday in December of 2017 and explained the process for nominating a candidate to be placed on the ballot to fill the two year term. Mr. Corveleyn referred to the statute dealing with filling vacancies on the board of education.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: August 10, 2017 @8:00 PM