

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 10-26-17

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on October 12, 2017 and was called to order by Russell Gould, President, at 8:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Monica Kotzmann 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, Delbert Zacharias, Linda Micklos, Dan Wunder, Sue Kresge, Kenneth Cocuzzo, Doug Wisser.

Administrative staff in attendance: David Piperato, Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Monica Kotzmann, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, Stacy Stair, Accountant, Travis Serfass, Buildings and Grounds Director.

School Solicitor in attendance: Gerard Geiger, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Gould announced that an executive session was held on October 12, 2017 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Ms. Laura Jecker, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the recent homecoming football game stating that the announcements and the accomplishments of the students could not be heard while the band was playing music. She suggested that the band play before and after the announcements. Ms. Jecker questioned the status of the district's use of the Neff law firm and if another law firm is being used. Mr. Piperato stated that they may be used in the future if the need arises. He stated that our solicitor is being used now in the event someone is called to testify. Mr. Geiger stated that his firm is being used at this point but if any conflicts arise the Neff firm may be used.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Micklos to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on September 28, 2017.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Bob Serfass

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wisser to approve agenda item #3 as was attached, as follows:

Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 9-1-17 to 9-30-17 (Manual Checks)

Approval of #3.b. Accounts Payable – 10-1-17 to 10-12-17

Approval of #3.c. Trial Balance/Financial Statement 9-30-17

Approval of #3.d. Asset Cost Summary – 9-30-17

Approval of #3.e. Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures-Revenues 9-30-17

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

The Accounts Payable (#3.f.) approved at the September 28, 2017 Board meeting was provided and attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

SOLICITOR: Gerard Geiger, Esq. –

Mr. Geiger informed all that there has been a major Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision with regard to school funding which may have an impact on taxes and how funds are distributed. He stated that a number of school districts filed a law suit in the Commonwealth Court against the General Assembly, the Senate, and the Governor claiming that the method of funding school systems in Pennsylvania is broken. The law suit claims that insufficient funds are allocated to schools and that the schools do not have the ability to raise enough money to comply with the standards that the state imposes. Mr. Geiger cited other claims contained in the law suit concerning wealthy school districts compared to school

districts in other areas of the Commonwealth. Mr. Geiger stated that the Commonwealth Court decided that this is a political matter. An appeal to the Supreme Court stated that there is a constitutional right under the Pennsylvania Constitution for an appropriate education and students have to receive some equivalent level of education. The Supreme Court acknowledged that our system is broken and at this point the courts will intervene and will allow the school districts to present their case and if necessary, they will issue orders forcing the state to fund the school system differently than in the past. Mr. Geiger will update as the case moves forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos –

Ms. Micklos reported on the meeting held on Monday, October 2, 2017:

- The Deputy Secretary of Workforce Development Eileen Cipriani visited MCTI on September 22nd where achievements of our secondary and post-secondary schools and our workforce involvement were highlighted.
- Business actions taken:
 - ProCon Roofing, Inc. was awarded the bid for the Diesel Roof for \$153,000.
 - ASC Refrigeration Inc. was approved to receive application 1 for the Dehumidification Project in Horticulture and Cosmetology in the amount of \$91,766.
Both of these projects will be funded from Capital Reserve.
- Important dates:
 - October 12th – Fall Occupational Advisory Committee Meeting
 - November 2nd – Parents Conferences
 - November 14th – Career Exploration Night
 - November 30th – National Technical Honor Society.

Ms. Micklos stated that the next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th.

Ms. Kresge, representative for Buildings & Grounds at MCTI, reported that a packet of information updating the five year capital improvements plan was distributed to the Board. Ms. Diane Serfass will be at Pleasant Valley’s Buildings and Grounds meeting to apprise the Board on moving forward. Further discussion will be held at Monday’s B&G meeting.

Colonial IU#20: Mr. Daniel Wunder –

Mr. Wunder reported on the meeting held on September 27, 2017. He stated that routine business was conducted highlighting resignations, appointments, leaves of absence, job status changes, and changes in positions. Also approved were contracts for service and classroom positions, substitute teachers and associate teachers. In addition, individuals who completed the CIU20 Induction Program were acknowledged. Of note to Pleasant Valley, Mr. Wunder reported that the IU was notified by PDE that the audit of federal financial assistance programs was found to be in substantial compliance in all aspects of federal and Commonwealth policy crediting the business managers of the IU. Also, Stephanie Audett was approved as a long term substitute associate teacher in the Physical Support classroom at PVE and Eric Schiller was approved as a full time TPE teacher in an Emotional Support classroom at PVMS. Mr. Wunder provided a copy of *The Twenty* newsletter.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge –

Ms. Kresge announced that we still do not have a state budget.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Mr. David Piperato

Agenda item #6.a. – Enrollment – The enrollment report as of October 2017 was attached to the agenda.

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda item #6:

Approval of Agenda item #6.b. – Homebound Instruction (per Board policy re-evaluation will take place in ninety (90) days):

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

Student No.	Reason
HB092817CD-E	Medical, retroactive to 9/28/17

Pleasant Valley High School

Student No.	Reason
HB092517ES-H	Medical, retroactive to 9/25/17

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.c. – Other: Mr. Piperato stated that the Chestnuthill Township Historical Society has created a photo calendar and they are available at the Chestnuthill Township building for a \$5.00 donation.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve agenda item #7 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #7.a. – Hiring of Personnel Regular appointment (pending receipt of all required paperwork):

	Name	Position	Salary	Location	Start Date
1.	Kristina Lampke	Substitute Teacher	Per Board Policy		TBD
2.	Donna Tweed	Part-Time Para-Professional Associate and Substitute Para-Professional Associate	\$11,270, pro-rated	PVI	TBD
3.	Joanne Brennan	Registration Secretary	\$29,602, pro-rated	Admin	October 10, 2017
4.	Penny Gulston-White	Part-Time Para-Professional Associate and Substitute Para-Professional Associate	\$11,270, pro-rated	PVI	TBD
5.	Cynthia Silletti	Substitute Nurse	\$100 per day		TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.b. – The following leaves of absence: (employees are responsible for benefit payments):

	Name	Position	Building	Leave	Days	Dates
1.	Colleen Clark	Secretary	PVHS	Family Medical Leave	Sixteen (16)	September 28, 2017 - October 18, 2017
2.	Todd Kresge	Maintenance		Family Medical Leave	Eight (8)	September 20, 2017 - September 29, 2017
3.	John Gilbert	Teacher	PVMS	Family Medical Leave	Ten (10)	October 16, 2017 - October 27, 2017

Approval of Agenda item #7.c. – Resignations:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Joy Rungo	Part-Time Para-Professional Associate	PVHS	October 6, 2017

Approval of Agenda item #7.d. – Addition to Current Employee Assignment:

	Name	Position	Effective Date
1.	Marie McGinley	Substitute Para-Professional Associate	October 16, 2017

Approval of Agenda item #7.e. – Retirement: Monica Kotzmann, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, effective December 31, 2017.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Peeters expressed his gratitude to Monica Kotzmann for her years of dedicated service and wished her luck in her retirement. Mr. Wunder also thanked Monica Kotzmann for her years of service to the school district.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Piperato wished Monica Kotzmann the best of luck in her retirement and thanked her for her 33 years of service to the district.

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

Agenda item #8.a. – For approval: None.

Agenda item #8.b. – Ms. Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor, provided a math update which was attached to the agenda.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Dr. John Burrus

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda Item #9 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #9.a. – 2017-2018 Intramural Advisors:

- A. PVE/PVI Ski Club January 16, 2018 to February 13, 2018 Tuesdays 3:45 pm - 7:00 pm
Advisor: Laura Ammermann
- B. PVMS Weightlifting November 13, 2017 to May 21, 2018 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm
Advisor: David Stefani
Co-Advisors: Tierney Myers, Dan Beck
- C. PVHS Baseball November 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018 Monday - Friday 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Advisor: Jeremy Gigliotti
Co-Advisor: Jeff Lazowski
- D. PVMS Ski Club January 4, 2018 to February 22, 2018 2:45 pm to 9:00 pm
Advisor: Rob Petit-Clair

Approval of Agenda item #9.b. – 2017-2018 Field Trip Requests:

A.	Grade/Organization	5th, 6th Grade Ski Club
	Teacher(s) Involved	Trevor Kresge
	Destination	Blue Mountain Ski Area
	Purpose	Learn how to ski or snowboard
	Date(s)	1/16,23,30 and 2/6, 2/13
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes - 1
	Cost Per Student	\$186 - \$230
	Cost Per District	N/A
B.	Grade/Organization	11-12 Physics
	Teacher(s) Involved	Andy Witinski
	Destination	Dorney Park
	Purpose	Students will apply concepts of mechanics to real world data
	Date(s)	5/11/18
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes - 2
	Cost Per Student	\$40.00
	Cost Per District	N/A
C.	Grade/Organization	J9-12 Journalism 1&2
	Teacher(s) Involved	Jackie Brinker
	Destination	Penn State Berks
	Purpose	To compete in the Student Journalism Competition First Round
	Date(s)	11/3/17
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes 1
	Cost per Student	N/A
	Cost per District	N/A

Approval of Agenda item #9.c. – 2017-2018 Supplemental/Co-Curricular Positions: Events Manager:
Lori Bray

Approval of Agenda item #9.d. – 2017-2018 Spring Coaching Positions:

- A. Track: Varsity Assistant: Amy Keller
- B. Baseball: Varsity Assistant: Thomas Murphy Jr.

Approval of Agenda item #9.e. – Facility Use Requests:

- A. Organization PV Cubs
- Facility Requested PVMS Cafeteria and Old Gymnasium
- Purpose Annual Pep Rally
- Tuesday
- Dates/Times October 17, 2017
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Requestor	Sophia Izzo
Attendance	200
Tuition	N/A
Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply
B. Organization	PV Tornados Softball
Facility Requested	PVE & PVI Gymnasiums
Purpose	Softball winter workouts Thursday's
Dates/Times	November 9, 2017 – March 15, 2018 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Requestor	Brent Dorshimer
Attendance	20
Tuition	N/A
Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #9.f. – Informational: District Events – October 13, 2017 through October 26, 2017 was provided.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Wisser to approve Agenda item #10 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #10.a. – Cafeteria Fund as was attached:

- A. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for October 12, 2017 – Total amount: \$31,244.15
- B. Asset Cost Summary September 2017

Approval of Agenda item #10.b. – The following contracts:

- A. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: \$12.00 per month, for 10 months, not to exceed \$120.00 plus a fee of \$1.15 per minute for interpreting services. Effective August 18, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- B. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Provide and bill directly for Educational Audiology Services, Itinerant Hearing and Vision Support, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Orientation and Mobility Services, Psychological Services and Speech and Language Support for the 2017-2018 school year. Rates of services are as follows: Educational Audiology Services - \$232.89/hour, Itinerant Hearing Support - \$160.30/hour, Itinerant Vision Support - \$281.95/hour, Occupational Therapy - \$121.65/hour, Orientation and Mobility Services - \$281.95/hour, Physical Therapy - \$139.84/hour, Psychological Services - \$118.23/hour, Speech and Language Support - \$119.38/hour.
- C. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: Total costs not to exceed \$160,948.80. To provide an associate teacher for direct, one-on-one services at the following locations: Bangor High School - Autistic Support; and Five Points Elementary School - Autistic Support; and Pleasant Valley Elementary School - Physical Support; and Pleasant Valley Intermediate School - Physical Support. Effective the first day of the 2017-2018 school year and terminates at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- D. Denim Day District Wide November 10, 2017. Fundraiser for FBLA in Pleasant Valley High School. Donation to be made to Valor.
- E. LuLaRoe Clothing Sale October 9, 2017 after In-service Day at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School. Portion of proceeds donated to 2017 Families in need campaign.
- F. Benmore Enterprises, Michael & Roberta Straka. Cost: \$450.00 Rocks and Minerals assemblies February 9, 2018. \$3,450.00 Dino Dig Workshops March 7, 2018 through March 13, 2018. 1/2 of Dino Dig paid by PVE S.A. and 1/2 of Dino Dig paid by PVE PTO. Program to be held at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.
- G. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 to provide services as needed for the 2017-2018 school year.
Psychiatric Evaluation \$278.65
Psychiatric Amendment \$111.46
Fee for No show Appointment \$111.46
Fee for Cancellation - Less than a 48 Hour notice \$111.46
- H. TRANE. Cost: \$5,246.00. Replacement of the supply fan motor VFD on rooftop #2 at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School.

Approval of Agenda item #10.c. – Student Placements:

- A. Student #083117JB - Abraxas Leadership Development Program - Effective 8/31/17.
- B. Student #070317DC - Abraxas Leadership Development Program - Effective 7/3/17.

- C. Student #082817NW - George Junior Republic - Effective 8/28/17.
- D. Student #082817TG - George Junior Republic - Effective 8/28/17.
- E. Student #082917ZG - Children's Center Treatment Ed - Effective 8/29/17.

Approval of Agenda item #10.d. – Snow Removal Bid Award (Bid results attached):

Brodheads ville Campus

- Richard Frantz Trucking & Excavating
- Per Truck - \$76
- Per Loader - \$90
- Per Dozer - \$80
- Per Box Plow - \$132
- Trucking of Snow - \$75

PVE/PVI Campus

- Bruce George Paving & Excavating, Inc.
- Per Truck - \$67
- Per Loader - \$77
- Per Dozer - \$69
- Per Box Plow - N/A
- Trucking of Snow - \$69

Polk Elementary School

- Martin Mehlig Carriers Excavating
- Per Truck - \$65
- Per Loader - \$70
- Per Dozer - \$75
- Per Box Plow - \$95
- Trucking of Snow - \$70

Approval of Agenda item #10.e. – Resolution Property Tax Rebate 2017: Recommendation that the Board approve the attached resolution known as the "Senior Citizens Property Tax Rebate Resolution of 2017". The maximum household income is \$20,000 and maximum rebate amount is \$500.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #10.f. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts as provided:

- Beginning Balance, September 1, 2017: \$237,855.25
- Add Receipts: \$19,672.51
- Expenditures: \$12,754.75
- Ending Balance, September 30, 2017: \$244,773.01

SOLICITOR: Gerard Geiger, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Peeters stated that the first Anti-Bullying Committee meeting was held on October 11th where 21 members were present (students, parents, faculty, staff, Board members). A mission was developed and the next meetings will be held on October 25th and November 8th. Subsequent meetings will be held every two weeks.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: October 26, 2017 @ 8:00 PM