

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the January 25, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 2-8-18

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on January 25, 2018 and called to order by President Len Peeters, at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Russell Gould followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Peeters 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, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Roll Call - School Board Recorder: Ms. Debra Duff

School Board members in attendance: Len Peeters, President, Sue Kresge, Vice President, Kenneth Cocuzzo, Treasurer, Bob Serfass, Delbert Zacharias, Laura Jecker, Dan Wunder, Donna Yozwiak, Russell Gould.

Administrative staff in attendance: David Piperato, Superintendent, Ken Newman, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Stacy Stair, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, Josh Krebs, Director of Support Services, Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor, Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Matt Triolo, Bob Hines, Angela Borealo, David Sodl, Rocco Seiler, Josephine Fields, Cassandra Herr, Brian Faust, Roger Pomposello.

School Solicitor in attendance: Gerard Geiger, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Peeters announced that an executive session was held on January 25, 2018 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.

Good News – Board Appreciation:

Mr. Piperato stated that January is School Director Recognition Month. He read a statement honoring Board members. He stated that Pleasant Valley is joining other districts in recognizing Board members for their continued commitment and contribution to their community and for providing vision and leadership to student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Mr. Piperato presented each Board member with a Certificate in recognition and in appreciation for their service to the community and to the Pleasant Valley School District.

Mr. Pomposello thanked the Board on behalf of PVE and expressed gratitude for their dedication and volunteerism. He referred to the posters around the room made by students in recognition of the Board.

Ms. Herr thanked the Board on behalf of PVI for all they do for the school and the community. Four students, Maya Ropchock, Falon Greenzweig, Madeline Worden, and Shaylee Kimmick, shared their thanks to the Board for all they do.

Mr. Seiler thanked the Board on behalf of the middle school for all they do for the Pleasant Valley School District and for our community. Students from the National Junior Honor Society and Student Government Association – Olivia Aldman, Garrett Todd, Ryan Morris, Jeremy Major, Cassidy Shupp, Alexia Peal, and Kendyl Ramsay – provided a ceremony of appreciation each shining a light as a symbol of the light that student leaders can shine within the schools and on classmates due to the support of the Board. They shared their gratitude to the Board for their dedication, leadership, service to the community, and commitment to the school.

Mr. Triolo thanked the Board on behalf of the high school stating that all are enthusiastic and excited every day due to the support of the Board. Mr. Petrushka, Wood Shop, Mr. Lazowski, Electrical Shop, and Mr. Stouffer, Metal Shop all expressed their gratitude for the Board's support not only to the School District and community, but for supporting these programs. Each Board member was presented with a wooden name plate made by the students.

Good News – MiniThon Report:

Rocco Seiler, Middle School Principal, stated that MiniThon fundraisers are held state-wide as well as across other states. He stated that all are working hard to raise funds for research to fight pediatric cancer. He thanked the community and all who has helped in this cause. Building principals and their students shared their messages of support of MiniThon and what it means to them. They thanked all for their support in fighting childhood cancer. Mr. Piperato and Board members thanked everyone for their work on MiniThon and their presentations this evening and that Pleasant Valley will continue to support this cause.

Mr. Peeters reminded all of a statement made by him on behalf of the Board at the last Board meeting concerning any questions from the public with regard to an ongoing investigation. He asked that Attorney Geiger explain this position to those present. Mr. Geiger explained that the School Code prohibits the Board from speaking about personnel issues, contract negotiations, etc. in a public forum. Therefore, no questions can be taken with regard to a recently reported investigation and although he understands the frustration he asked that all respect this position.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Ms. Wendy Serfass, Ross Township, read a letter from the District Attorney's Office involving an ongoing investigation. She provided the letter to the Board.

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

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Ms. Kresge to approve the minutes of the Board of Education organization meeting held on January 11, 2018.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Cocuzzo

Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Mr. Gould to approve agenda item #3 as was attached, as follows: Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 1-12-18 to 1-25-18

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

The Accounts Payable (#3.b.) approved at the January 11, 2018 Board meeting was provided and attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor: Gerard Geiger, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Donna Yozwiak –

Ms. Yozwiak reported on the JOC meeting held on January 15, 2018 (rescheduled from January 8th):

- A comprehensive career and technical school proposal to alter MCTI to a full-day school was discussed at a special meeting held prior to the regular meeting. Supervisor Dennis Virga educated members of the JOC about the benefits of the comprehensive model as it applies to increasing instructional time, enhancing of curriculum and improving guidance and instructional support. Financial support through federal, state and STEM sources to help defray taxpayer costs was offered by State Senator Mario Scavello and Representative Maureen Madden. In addition, the transition to a comprehensive model must be agreed upon by all four districts according to the Articles of Agreement. During the regular meeting, the JOC voted to gather proposals from a few architectural firms who would be interested in completing a feasibility study for a comprehensive career and technical school.
- SkillsUSA District 11 – Sixty-eight students will be competing in the championships on Wednesday, January 31st in Allentown. Twenty-four students (34%) are PV students. Ms. Yozwiak will be attending and will report back to the Board.
- Articulation agreements with the University of Northwestern Ohio for the Automotive, Diesel, HVAC and Refrigeration Technology Programs were approved as well as the approval of an additional daily stipend of \$170 for Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Dennis Virga for fulfilling the director's during her absence.
- The JOC approved contract services with NaviGate Prepared to enhance security and emergency preparedness at the school.
- The JOC tabled the approval of the contract with D'Huy Engineering to replace the welding shop ventilation system until more information can be gathered about the final costs.

Ms. Yozwiak announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Colonial IU#20: Mr. Daniel Wunder –

Mr. Wunder provided an invitation from the IU for the annual 2018 EIE Awards ceremony to be held on April 19, 2018 at Stroudmoor. He encouraged attendance at this event and asked Board members to respond by March 16th. In addition, Mr. Wunder provided a copy of *The Twenty* newsletter.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge –

Ms. Kresge reminded the Board about a Resolution opposing education savings accounts (ESA) (SB2) that she provided at the last B&G meeting. She asked that the Board review the Resolution and that she would like it to be on the February 8th agenda for approval. The Board agreed to move forward and have

the Resolution placed on the next Board agenda. Ms. Kresge also stated that she is in receipt of PSBA Legislative Alert urging action to vote no on House Bill 1213 and any amendments. She stated that this Bill will help owners of apartment buildings and commercial businesses to avoid paying their fair share of property taxes at the expense of homeowners and other taxpayers.

Student Government Representative: Mr. Arne Hogden (reported in the absence of Ms. Arrigo) – Mr. Hogden provided information on the following:

- The Towers of Tuna career apprentice initiative – the food drive is ongoing and the goal is to gain 2018 cans of tuna to provide to the hungry in our community.
- The Mathematics Honor Society is planning its 2nd annual induction ceremony in February.
- The National Honor Society is planning the spring college fair.
- The opening of the new school store which is a career apprentice initiative.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Mr. David Piperato

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

Approval of Agenda item #6.a. – The following policies:

- Policy No. 249 Bullying
- Policy No. 615.1 Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program - DELETED
- Policy No. 618 Student Activity/Special Purpose Funds
- Policy No. 619 District Audit
- Policy No. 620 Fund Balance
- Policy No. 621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights
- Policy No. 622 GASB Statement 34
- Policy No. 623 Fund Balance - DELETED - Moved to Policy 620
- Policy No. 624 Contracts - DELETED Moved to Policy 627
- Policy No. 624 Taxable Fringe Benefits
- Policy No. 625 Taxable Fringe Benefits - DELETED Moved to Policy 624
- Policy No. 625 Procurement Cards
- Policy No. 627 Contracts

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.b. – The following policies were provided for a second reading:

- Policy No. 625 Procurement Cards
- Policy No. 627 Credit Cards - DELETED - See Policy 625 Procurement Cards
- Policy No. 628 Procurement Cards - DELETED - Moved to Policy 625

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Ms. Kresge to approve agenda item #7 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #7.a. – Hiring of Administrator:

1. Name: Marcia Taylor
 Education Level: B.S. Degree: Managerial Accounting
 M.S. Degree: Human Resource Management
 Undergraduate School: Long Island University
 Graduate School: CUNY/Medgar Evers College
 Assignment: Accountant
 Experience : July 2014 - present: Pleasant Valley School District; Bookkeeper
 Salary: \$55,000 (prorated)
 Effective: January 26, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.b. – Family and Medical Leave:

Name	Position	Site	Days	Date(s)
1. Susan Squindo	Teacher	PVMS	Six (6)	December 20, 2017, December 22, 2017 - January 5, 2018
2. Barbara Kuntzman (intermittent)	Custodian	PVMS	One (1)	January 8, 2018
3. Brenda Bush (revision)	Paraprofessional Associate	PVI	Six (6)	December 18, 2017 - January 2, 2018 (original dates December 18, 2017 - February 2, 2018)
4. Deana Burger	Paraprofessional Associate	PVE	One and one-half (1.5)	January 9, 2018 (1) and January 12, 2018 (.5)

5.	Desiree Murray	Paraprofessional Associate	PVE	Twenty-Two (22)	January 18, 2018 - February 16, 2018
6.	Barbara Kuntzman	Custodian	PVMS	Two (2)	January 15, 2018 and January 16, 2018
7.	MaryAnn Pitts (revision)	Teacher	PVHS	Thirty-Five (35)	November 28, 2017 - January 31, 2018 (original dates November 28, 2017 - February 9, 2018)

Approval of Agenda item #7.c. – Leave Without Pay (Employees are responsible for benefit payments for unpaid leave):

	Name	Position	Site	Days	Date(s)
1.	Maritza Martely-Boasci	Monitor	PVI	One (1)	January 12, 2018
2.	Cory McKeever	Speech Therapist	PVE	Two (2)	February 12, 2018 - February 13, 2018
3.	Leanne Menear	Monitor	PVMS	Twenty-Two (22)	January 25, 2018 - February 26, 2018
4.	MiChelle Palmer	Monitor	PVE	One (1)	January 9, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.d. – The following resignations:

1. Dakota Miller, Substitute Teacher, effective January 10, 2018
2. Christine Fiorentino, Substitute Food Service Employee, effective January 12, 2018
3. James McFadden, Substitute Teacher, effective January 22, 2018
4. Nikkie Haden-Coar, Substitute Food Service Employee, effective January 22, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.e. – The following retirement:

1. David Reiter, Part-Time Security, effective June 30, 2018.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Cocuzzo to approve Agenda item #8:

Approval of Agenda item #8.a. – 2018-2019 High School Program of Studies as presented.

Prior to the roll call vote, Ms. Yozwiak stated that she is very impressed with the Program of Studies and took this opportunity to compliment the high school team and Mr. Triolo. She stated that students will have the opportunity to enroll in new programs being offered and that 23 AP classes are being offered. Ms. Jecker expressed her gratitude for all sports information being included in the program of studies. She stated that she is pushing hard to work on getting basic classes for all the required classes so lower level students and students with IEPs can get the same quality education.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #8.b. – Ms. Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor, provided an update which was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Mr. Joshua Krebs

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda Item #9 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #9.a. – 2017-2018 Supplemental/Co-Curricular Positions:

	Name	Position
1.	Donna Morris	High School Musical Volunteer

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

	Name	Position
1.	Katherine Lenart	JV Softball Assistant
2.	Tim Hinton	Jr. High Girls Soccer Assistant
3.	James Shoopack	Jr. High Girls Soccer Assistant
4.	Tierney Myers	Jr. High Softball Assistant

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

1.	Organization	Science Olympiad
	Teacher(s) Involved	S. Mackes/A. Witinski
	Destination	Northwestern Lehigh HS

Purpose	To compete at the Science Olympiad Invitational
Date(s)	2/10/18
District Buses Needed	Yes - 1
Cost per Student	N/A
Cost for District	N/A
2. Organization	Science Olympiad
Teacher(s) Involved	S. Mackes/A. Witinski
Destination	Northwestern Lehigh HS
Purpose	Compete at Science Olympiad Invitational
Date(s)	2/10/18
District Buses Needed	Yes - 1
Cost per Student	N/A
Cost for District	N/A

Approval of Agenda item #9.d. – 2017-2018 Winter Coaching Position:

	Name	Position
1.	Sherri Sprague	Cheerleading Volunteer

Approval of Agenda item #9.e. – 2017-2018 Facility Usage Requests:

1. Organization	Girls On The Run Pocono
Facility Requested	PVE outdoor walking/running area, LGIA #4, and gym for inclement weather
Purpose	Girls running/walking program
Dates/Times	March 5, 2018 – May 14, 2018 Mondays and Wednesdays 3:45pm-5:15pm
Requestor	Dolores Everett
Attendance	30
Tuition	N/A
Fee by District	Class 4 - All Appropriate Fees Apply
2. Organization	PV Ballerz
Facility Requested	High School New Gymnasium, Old Gymnasium
Purpose	AAU Basketball Tryouts and Practice
Dates/Times	Saturday and Sunday 2/17/18-2/18/18, 2/24/18-2/25/18 – Tryouts 8am-6pm Monday's, Wednesday's, Friday's Starting March 5, 2018 – June 8, 2018 6:30pm-10:00pm Saturday's – 9am-12pm
Requestor	Pernell Hosier
Attendance	60
Tuition	N/A
Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #9.f. – Informational: District Events – January 26, 2018 through February 8, 2018 was provided.

BUILDING REPORTS (Agenda item #10)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School:

Mr. Pomposello provided a written informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Pomposello highlighted the recent Jungle Gym event held where 600 families participated.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School:

Ms. Herr provided a written informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, Ms. Herr highlighted the snowboarding competitions where 4th grade student Isaac Westerman came in 1st place in two competitions.

Pleasant Valley Middle School:

Mr. Seiler provided a written informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Seiler highlighted the MCTI presentation to 8th grade students about programs available to them as 9th graders. A parent presentation was subsequently held.

Pleasant Valley High School:

Mr. Triolo provided a written informational report which was attached to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Triolo stated that they are thinking about opening up the spring college fair to the community.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #10 as follows:

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

- A. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for January 25, 2018 – Total amount: \$6,868.62

Approval of Agenda item #10.b. – Transfer from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund - \$50,000.00.

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

- A. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Pleasant Valley Intermediate fundraiser for 4, 5 and 6 grade Student Activities. January 8, 2018 to January 31, 2018.
- B. Mad Science of Lehigh Valley. Cost: \$95 per participant. Eight (8) week after-school program to be held at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year. January 31, 2018 through March 21, 2018.
- C. Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. Fundraiser for FBLA at the Pleasant Valley High School. January 25, 2018 to February 18, 2018.
- D. Lucy Fund (NFCR) Fundraiser for Pleasant Valley High School grades 9-12. February 2, 2018.
- E. The ReDCo Group. Continued school-based counseling services. Effective through December 2018.
- F. Texthelp. Four (4) 1 year subscription - EquatIO \$400.00.

Approval of Agenda item #10.d. – Participation in the Department of General Services Costars Contract for Sodium Chloride (road salt) for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Approval of Agenda item #10.e. – Advertisement of Sealed Bids for the following items:

- Anthracite Coal
- Musical Instruments

Approval of Agenda item #10.f. - School District Representatives for the following Commissions

1. WEPOSC (West End Open Space Commission)
Representative: Susan Famularo
Alternate:
Term: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
2. MCTCC (Monroe County Tax Collection Commission)
Representative: Stacy Stair
Alternate: Susan Famularo
Term: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #10.g. – CRE/Review/Audit: Recommendation to rescind the following lunch prices as a result of the CE/Review/Audit:

- Elementary Lunch - Buy 10 lunches, get 11th free- \$25.50
 - Secondary Lunch - Buy 10 lunches, get 11th free - \$27.50
- Effective January 29, 2018. All other pricing as approved at the May 25, 2017 meeting remain in place.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #10.h. – Informational: District Investment Report as of December 31, 2017 as provided.

SOLICITOR: Gerard Geiger, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Ms. Jecker thanked all for the presentations and gifts given this evening.

Mr. Cocuzzo expressed his appreciation for the presentations given this evening.

Mr. Wunder thanked all including staff and faculty for their efforts in providing the presentations given this evening.

Ms. Kresge thanked everyone for providing the presentations given this evening.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Mr. Jason Kish questioned replacing the turf and expressed concern about the time frame of the project and the possibility of it interfering with summer events and activities. Mr. Piperato stated that the Athletic Committee has been discussing this issue and Mr. Krebs stated that they are investigating the replacement, improvements, and requesting quotes. Mr. Kish expressed concern about the ongoing investigation and questioned action or lack of action being taken regarding pending allegations involving personnel. Mr. Geiger stated that the Board cannot comment on this issue due to the law which prohibits discussion of personnel matters in public. Mr. Geiger stated that he can assure all that the Board considers all options of issues that come before them.

Mr. Peeters announced that an executive session will be held immediately following this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: February 8, 2018 @ 7:00 PM