

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

Minutes of the May 10, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 5-24-18

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on May 10, 2018 and called to order by President Len Peeters, at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ken Newman followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Peeters welcomed those present and referred to the meeting procedures that were attached to the agenda. He stated that during the PV Citizens portion of the meeting, individuals are to state their name and township where they reside, and that comments must be kept to a three minute time limit. 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: 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: Ken Newman, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Stacy Stair, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, Marcia Taylor, Accountant, Lee Lesisko, PVCA.

School Solicitor in attendance: Paul J. Cianci, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Peeters announced that an executive session was held on May 10, 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.

Pleasant Valley Citizens: None.

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

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on April 26, 2018.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Cocuzzo

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda item #3.a. - #3.c. as was attached:
Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 4-1-18 to 4-30-18 (Manual Checks)
Approval of #3.b. Accounts Payable – 4-1-18 to 4-30-18 (Manual Checks PSDLAF)
Approval of #3.c. Accounts Payable – 5-10-18

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #3.d. - #3.f. as was attached:
Approval of #3.d. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement 4-30-18
Approval of #3.e. – Asset Cost Summary 4-30-18
Approval of #3.f. – Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures-Revenue 4-30-18

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #3.g. Accounts Payable approved on April 26, 2018 was attached for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor: Paul J. Cianci, Esq. – No report.

Other:

Ms. Jecker questioned the Bullying Committee status. Mr. Newman stated that the next scheduled meeting is May 21st and student/staff surveys will be done. With regard to the budget, Ms. Jecker stated that she is opposed to a position of Director of Innovation and that the money could be better spent for Chrome Books/Carts in the classrooms. She suggested that a consultant be hired as opposed to an administrative position. Mr. Peeters expressed that he is opposed to hiring someone full time and agrees with hiring a consultant. He also referred to the math coach positions contained in the budget and expressed his desire for remedial math teachers especially at the elementary level. Ms. Yozwiak expressed that she has researched the qualifications of the position of Director of Innovation and stated

that the credentials are substantive and that she agrees with hiring a consultant. Mr. Wunder stated that he agrees that Chrome Books are important and does not deny that remedial math teachers and math coaches are a good idea; however, he admires Mr. Piperato for facing problems and offering solutions that would enhance the education of our students and that he would be in favor of his recommendations. Ms. Kresge agrees with Mr. Wunder and stated that the plan that Mr. Piperato presented can take us where we need to go. She suggested further discussion on the matter and to give Mr. Piperato an opportunity to defend his position and go with his recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Donna Yozwiak –

Ms. Yozwiak reported on the JOC meeting held on May 7, 2018:

- As previously announced, Gov. Tom Wolf arrived at MCTI on Friday, April 27th to present a \$.51 million to the school for improvements in the welding program and to help fund scholarships for the Adult Education Program.
- Trek for Tech raised more than \$7,000 for local charities and checks were presented to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and Monroe County Special Olympics.
- Mrs. Susan Kresge was reappointed Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Tentative last school day for MCTI students is Monday, June 18th with the tentative last teacher day scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th.
- SkillsUSA Signing Day for students entering the work force, college or the military is set for tomorrow, May 11th, at 8:30 a.m., at Career Link, Allentown.
- The JOC approved Option B allocation for the excess revenue from 2016-2017 final audit in the amount of \$1,069,533.00. (\$819,533 transfer to capital reserve, \$200,000 transfer to EBTEP Health Care Fund and \$50,000 to Grants Fund Balance.)
- MCTI school calendar was approved with a school start date for students on Monday, August 27th.
- SkillsUSA Adviser Maria Hafler was named PA Adviser of the Year.
- Director Dr. Carolyn Shegelski will retire on June 30, 2018.

Colonial IU#20: Mr. Daniel Wunder –

Mr. Wunder reported on the meeting held on April 25, 2018 and provided the report and a copy of *The Twenty* newsletter to the Board. He stated that routine business was held and of note to Pleasant Valley, an associate teacher was reassigned to a student in the Physical Support Classroom at the Pleasant Valley Intermediate School. In addition, Alisa Wrazien, a full time associate 1:1 teacher, was appointed to the Physical Support Classroom at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Mr. Wunder also stated that the IU is continuing to move forward in looking at land acquisition at Colonial Academy to provide safe access and parking.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge –

Ms. Kresge reported that both chambers are now in recess until after the primary election, which is May 15th. In addition, she stated that as the June 30th deadline to pass the 2018-2019 state budget nears, activity will pick up when legislators return to Harrisburg.

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Sue Kresge/Ms. Donna Yozwiak – No report.

Finance Committee - Mr. Len Peeters –

Mr. Peeters stated that the Committee met this evening and items discussed included the 2018-2019 budget, changes to charter school funding, capital projects update, 2018-2019 food service budget, 2018-2019 property and liability insurance renewal, commitment of fund balance and tax bill inserts. He stated that these items will be more fully discussed at the May 14th B&G meeting.

Athletic Committee - Mr. Russ Gould – No report.

Property Committee - Mr. Ken Cocuzzo – No report. Mr. Cocuzzo stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2018.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Mr. David Piperato, Superintendent (Mr. Ken Newman reported in Mr. Piperato's absence)

Agenda item #6.a. – The enrollment report as of May 2018 was attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

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

Approval of Agenda item #6.b. – Homebound Instruction (Per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days):

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

Student No.	Reason
HB020518LH-I	Medical, retroactive to 02/05/18, Extension Originally approved at the 02/08/18 board meeting

Pleasant Valley High School

Student No.	Reason
HB041718SH-H	Medical, retroactive to 04/17/18

Approval of Agenda item #6.c. – Revision to 2018-2019 One Page District Calendar per attached.

Approval of Agenda item #6.d. – Emergency Declaration Request to waive 180-day requirement per attached: A school year with a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level in lieu of 180 days.

Approval of Agenda item #6.e. – Request approval of Ms. Donna Yozwiak as Monroe County Career & Technical School Authority Member. This appointment replaces Mr. Bill Gethen who resigned on April 25, 2018.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #6.e.: Ms. Yozwiak
(Abstention form attached)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda item #7.a. - #7.i. as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #7.a. – Hiring of Support Staff:

	Name	Position	Site	Salary per Hour	Start Date	Replace
1.	Janet Dooner	Monitor	PVHS	\$9.89	TBD	Allison Sizemore
2.	Michelle Lemoine	Monitor	PVMS	\$9.89	TBD	Open Position

Approval of Agenda item #7.b. – Hiring of Support Staff Substitutes:

	Name	Position(s)	Salary per Hour	Salary per Diem	Start Date
1.	Janet Dooner (currently regular employee)	Monitor	per collective bargaining agreement	N/A	TBD
2.	Michelle Lemoine (current regular employee)	Monitor	per collective bargaining agreement	N/A	TBD
3.	April Murray	Monitor Paraprofessional Associate Secretary	\$8.15 \$10.00 \$10.47	N/A \$75.00 \$75.00	TBD
4.	Francesca Zielkowski	Paraprofessional Associate (elementary level)	\$10.00	\$75.00	May 14, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.c. - Hiring of Professional Staff Substitutes/Long Term Substitutes:

1.	Name:	David Hassler
	Education Level:	BA - German MA - German MA - English
	Undergraduate School:	Moravian College
	Graduate School:	Pennsylvania State University Kutztown University
	Certificate:	German K-12 English 7-12
	Experience:	2016-2018: Lehigh Carbon Community College - Instructor
	Salary:	\$100.00 per diem

	Effective:	TBD
2.	Name:	Andrea deVillers
	Education Level:	BS - Early Childhood and Special Education
	Undergraduate School:	Marywood University
	Certification:	Early Childhood N-3 Special Education N-12
	Experience:	
	Salary:	\$100.00 per diem
	Effective:	TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.d. – Leaves Without Pay (employees are responsible for benefit payments for unpaid leave):

	Name	Position	Site	Day(s)	Date(s)
1.	Stephanie Balliet	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	Five (5)	May 7, 2018 - May 11, 2018
2.	Tabitha Barnes	Food Service Employee (PT)	PVES	One (1)	April 18, 2018
3.	Robin Baumgartner	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVMS	One (1)	April 19, 2018
4.	Peggy Corriveau	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	Four (4)	May 14, 2018 - May 17, 2018
5.	Amy Eckert	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	April 23, 2018
6.	Ludmila Healy	Monitor (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	April 27, 2018
7.	Debra Howell	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVMS	One (1)	April 19, 2018
8.	Lisa King	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVMS	Two (2)	April 18, 2018 - April 19, 2018
9.	MiChelle Palmer	Monitor (PT)	PVES	One (1)	April 23, 2018
10.	Barbara Partyka	Food Service Employee (PT)	PVES	Four (4)	April 12, 2018 and May 10, 2018 - May 14, 2018
11.	Mary Ellen Perloni	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVIS	One (1)	April 16, 2018
12.	Melissa Schimminger	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	One (1)	April 10, 2018
13.	Jodi Swanson	Monitor (PT)	PVIS	Two (2)	April 4, 2018 and May 1, 2018
14.	Patricia Urban	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	Five (5)	May 21, 2018 - May 25, 2018

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

	Name	Position	Site	Day(s)	Date(s)
1.	Deana Burger	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	One (1)	April 23, 2018
2.	India Johnson	Paraprofessional Associate	PVMS	Three (3)	April 23, 2018 - April 25, 2018
3.	Carol Priebe	Paraprofessional Associate	PVMS	One (1)	May 10, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.f. – Child Rearing Leave

	Name	Position	Site	Dates
1.	Amy Hafferty	Music Teacher	PVES	First Semester of 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agenda item #7.g. – Sabbatical

	Name	Position	Site	Dates
1.	Theresa Sinisko	Teacher	PVHS	First Semester of 2018-2019 School Year

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

	Name	Position	Site	Effective Date
1.	Stephania Bush	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	April 27, 2018
2.	Lorraine Graf	Monitor	PVMS	June 1, 2018
3.	Christopher O'Connor	Security (PT)	District	May 2, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.i. – Change to Current Employee Assignment:

	Name	Current Position	New Position	Effective Date
1.	Peter Soroka	Part-Time Security	Casual Security	May 2, 2018
2.	Eric Samson	Part-Time Security	Casual Security	May 6, 2018

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to approve Agenda item #7.j.:

Approval of Agenda item #7.j. – Pleasant Valley Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement: Three (3) year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Pleasant Valley School District and the Pleasant Valley Education Association effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021.

ROLL CALL: 6-2-1 CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. Gould, Mr. Serfass

Abstained: Ms. Kresge (Abstention form attached)

Mr. Peeters took this opportunity to thank the Association staff for their professionalism in negotiating this Collective Bargaining Agreement and that it was settled in a manner that is fiscally responsible and allows for labor stability over the next three years.

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman

Agenda item #8.a. – PV Cyber Academy Presentation: Dr. Lee Lesisko

Dr. Lesisko stated that the Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy (PVCA) has been in existence since 2007. He stated that he previously provided information to the Curriculum Committee and that the Committee requested a presentation be given to the full Board. The presentation included a background of the program, academic achievement, comparison of Cyber-Charter schools vs. the Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy, estimated cost savings, and tuition analysis. An Implementation Plan for growth was provided to improve academic achievement, provide additional course offerings, stop students from leaving for cyber-charters, and to save additional taxpayer monies. The Implementation Plan is broken down into three phases – Phase 1 will be 2018-2019 (Creation of Bears Den; Expand to K-4; Office Support), Phase 2 will be 2019-2020 (Allow PVCA Students to Attend the Physical Building for Electives), and Phase 3 will be 2020-2021 (Dedicated PVCA Counselor; Dedicated Learning Support Teacher). A breakdown of the resources and funding that is needed in order to continue positive progress was outlined in the report. Dr. Lesisko gave a detailed summary of each proposed phase outlining the challenges and solutions. He requested approval of this Plan in the near future. An opportunity was given to the Board for questions. Mr. Gould questioned if anything is done to attract students to the PVCA which Dr. Lesisko addressed. Ms. Kresge asked for clarification of the name of *Bears Den*, which was discussed. Ms. Yozwiak thanked Dr. Lesisko for the success of the PVCA. Mr. Newman stated that the Board will have an opportunity to further discuss this proposal at the B&G meeting.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Mr. Ken Newman

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

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

	Club/Activity	Advisor	Dates/Days	Times	Building	Stipend
1.	Girls Basketball	Nadia Gauronsky	Mon/Wed/Thurs May 2, 2018-July 19, 2018	4:30-6:30 PM And 8:00-10:00 AM during Summer	PVHS	\$1,190.00 1 stipend

Approval of Agenda item #9.b. – 2018-2019 Fall Coaching Positions:

	Name	Sport	Position	Coaching Level	Stipend
1.	Rick Rimple	Cross Country	Varsity Assistant	L6	\$4,933.33

2.	James Igoe	Cross Country	Jr. High Assistant	L6	\$3,716.67
3.	Paul Evans	Golf	Varsity Assistant	L6	\$4,025.00
4.	Jim Shoopack	Girls Soccer	Varsity Assistant	L6	\$4,933.33
5.	Tara Hyland	Girls Soccer	JV Assistant	L3	\$4,600.00
6.	Alex Wunder	Boys Soccer	Varsity Assistant	L6	\$4,933.33
7.	Mark Kutteroff	Boys Soccer	JV Assistant	L6	\$4,933.33
8.	Richard Whiteford	Boys Soccer	Jr. High Assistant	L6	\$3,716.67
9.	Christine Erhardt	Boys Soccer	Jr. High Assistant	L4	\$3,566.67
10.	Kathy Gesiskie	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Assistant	L6	\$4,933.33
11.	Craig Morris	Girls Volleyball	JV Assistant	L6	\$4,933.33
12.	Laura Ammermann	Girls Tennis	JV Assistant	L3	\$3,725.00
13.	Matt Kosciolek	Football	Head Coach (pending receipt of all paperwork)	L1	\$7,400.00

Approval of Agenda item #9.c. – 2017-2018 Spring Remediation Teachers

	Name	Position	Salary per Supplemental Contract	Start Date
1.	Danielle Unger	English (15 hour 1/2 credit course)	\$843.75 (1/2 stipend)	May 7, 2018
2.	Talitha Graham	Math and Science (15 hour 1/2 credit course)	\$843.75 (1/2 stipend)	May 7, 2018
3.	Deb Stewart	Special Education and Math (15 hour 1/2 credit course)	\$843.75 (1/2 stipend)	May 7, 2018

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

1.	Organization	Raku Ceramic Club
	Teacher(s) Involved	Diane Rostock
	Destination	Tom Neugebauer Art Studio
	Purpose	To experience modern day adaptation of 17 th Century Japanese Tradition
	Date(s)	5/25/18 (rain dates: 5/29/18 or 5/30/18)
	District Buses Needed	Yes – 1
	Cost Per Student	N/A
	Cost for District	N/A
2.	Organization	Journalism & AP US History
	Teacher(s) Involved	Jacqueline Brinker & Chris Pachuta
	Destination	Washington DC (Holocaust Museum, National Mall Memorials, Newseum)
	Purpose	Students will see artifacts of history and journalism first hand
	Date(s)	9/28/18
	District Buses Needed	No
	Cost Per Student	Approximately \$60 plus dinner money
	Cost for District	
3.	Organization	Environthon
	Teacher(s) Involved	Maricatherine Garr
	Destination	Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove PA
	Purpose	2018 State Environthon Competition
	Date(s)	5/22/18 – 5/23/18
	District Buses Needed	No
	Cost Per Student	N/A
	Cost for District	N/A

Approval of Agenda item #9.e. – Long Term Substantial Volunteers:

	Volunteer Name	Building
1.	Jay Page	PVES

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED
 Abstained on Agenda item #9.b.6.: Mr. Wunder
 (Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #9.f. – Informational: District Event – May 11, 2018 through May 24, 2018 as provided.

Agenda item #9.g. – Informational: 2017-2018 Cafeteria Participation Report as provided.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

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

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

Cafeteria Accounts Payable for May 10, 2018 – Total amount: \$28,097.24

Cafeteria Fund - Asset Cost Summary April 2018

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

- A. Lions Club. Pleasant Valley High School Leo Club Fundraiser. Collection of items for AWSOM from April 10, 2018 to May 11, 2018.
- B. Johnson Controls. Cost: \$1,868.60. Parking lot camera at Pleasant Valley High School.
- C. New Jersey Theatrical Supply. Cost: \$9,939.32. Stage curtain replacement at Pleasant Valley Middle School.
- D. VLN Partners, LLP. Blended Learning Services Agreement ("Addendum"). Subject to the terms of the Agreement. Full Credit Courses: Fully - Supported is \$650.00 per student, per course. Partial Credit Courses: Fully - Supported is \$350.00 per student, per course.
- E. Super Heat, Inc. Cost: \$3,460.00. 3-ton compressor to be replaced at Pleasant Valley Middle School.
- F. Trane. Cost: \$5,874.00. Replacement of the EXV and control board on chiller #2 Circuit #2 at Pleasant Valley Middle School.
- G. Trane. Cost: \$3,982.00. Replacement of the defective saturated condenser temperature sensor located on the circuit 2 condenser coil of chiller 2.
- H. NuChem. Cost: \$650.00/annually. Water Treatment Program at Pleasant Valley Middle School October 12, 2017 to October 11, 2020.
- I. Nuchem. Cost: \$1,983.78/annually. Water Treatment Program at Pleasant Valley Elementary School April 4, 2018 to April 3, 2021.

Approval of Agenda item #10.c. – First Student Contract effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 as was attached.

Approval of Agenda item #10.d. – Bid Award: Recommendation to award the bid for the Pleasant Valley Brodheadsville Campus Lagoon Liner Overlay to Atlantic Lining Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,785.00.

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

- Student #041918AC - Abraxas Leadership Development Program - Effective 4/19/18.
- Student #041818TG - Prospect Grove High School/Manos House - Effective 4/18/18.

Approval of Agenda item #10.f. – Settlement Agreement and Release re K.D.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #10.g. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts:

Beginning Balance April 1, 2018: \$ 314,448.94

Receipts: \$ 50,932.54

Expenditures: \$ 71,476.12

Ending Balance, April 30, 2018: \$ 293,905.36

SOLICITOR: **Paul J. Cianci, Esq.** – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS: None.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Mr. John Gesiskie, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his gratitude for approval of the professional staff contract. He also commended Dr. Lesisko for his presentation given this evening stating that positive results in the PVCA are attributed to Dr. Lesisko.

Ms. Francesca Zielkowski, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion on rising taxes. She also expressed her desire to have a pool here at Pleasant Valley and elaborated on her reasons and concerns. In addition, Ms. Zielkowski expressed her appreciation and thanked Dr. Lesisko who helped her son in 8th grade. She also expressed her views about Pleasant Valley School District being the best school district.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: May 24, 2018 @ 7:00 PM