

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Board Approved 7-19-18 Minutes of the June 28, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on June 28, 2018 and called to order by President Len Peeters, at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Susan Famularo, 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, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Mr. Peeters announced that an amendment has been made to this evening's agenda: Agenda item #9.c.1. has been removed.

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, Dan Wunder, Donna Yozwiak, Russell Gould, Laura Jecker.

Administrative staff in attendance: John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Marcia Taylor, Accountant, Lori Hagerman, Reading Supervisor.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Matthew Triolo, Rocco Seiler, Angela Borealo, David Sodl, Robert Hines.

School Solicitor in attendance: A. Kyle Berman, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Peeters announced that an executive session was held on June 28, 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: Pleasant Valley High School: Principal, Matthew Triolo –

Mr. Triolo stated that it has been a tradition to have the Valedictorian and Salutatorian present at the Board meeting after graduation. He informed all that the Valedictorian, Sara Coyle, is at the FBLA Nationals and could not be here this evening; however, she has provided a video message for the Board. She shared her positive experiences at Pleasant Valley over the last thirteen years. Ms. Coyle thanked the Board for all the opportunities given to her academically and through organizations for which she belonged. Mr. Triolo stated that the Salutatorian, Rachel Estrella and her family are in the process of moving and could not be present this evening; however, he shared her positive experiences here at Pleasant Valley as well. Mr. Triolo also stated that 376 students walked at graduation with 86% of graduating senior students going onto a four-year or two-year college; 18 students going into the military; and 36 students going into the workforce. In addition, he stated that the senior class received over six million dollars in scholarships.

Pleasant Valley Citizens: None.

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

Ms. Yozwiak motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on June 14, 2018.

CARRIED 8-0-1

Abstained: Ms. Kresge (Abstention form attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Cocuzzo

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve agenda item #3 as was attached: Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 6-28-18.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #3.a. Check No. 00221515:
Ms. Yozwiak 8-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

The Accounts Payable (#3.b.) approved at the June 14, 2018 Board meeting was provided and attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. /A. Kyle Berman, Esq. – No report.

Other: Ms. Jecker requested an update on all day kindergarten. Ms. Kresge stated that according to discussion at the Curriculum Committee meeting, November is the projected time frame for discussion on this matter. Ms. Jecker further requested an update on the bullying policy. Lengthy discussion was held wherein Mr. Triolo and Mr. Seiler offered their vision for the upcoming school year focusing on empathy and addressing the causes of bullying. Ms. Jecker asked for changes in policy regarding penalties and procedures, and that all buildings should follow the same policy. Ms. Yozwiak stated that in addition to curriculum, instruction, and assemblies, she requested other examples of how the focus of empathy will be initiated and also reminded all to include cyber students. Ms. Kresge questioned anti-bullying education for the elementary level and suggested the possibility of a presentation being done including not only high school and middle school, but PVI and PVE as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Donna Yozwiak – No report.

Colonial IU #20: Mr. Daniel Wunder – Mr. Wunder stated that he would have an official report at the next meeting but announced that Ms. Charlene Brennan has tendered her resignation, effective June of 2019.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge – Ms. Kresge reported that the General Assembly adopted the 2018-2019 state budget and other budget-related bills that were signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf. The \$32.7 billion state budget for 2018-2019 is contained in House Bill 2121 and provides a spending increase of \$718.9 million, or 2.2% over the 2017-2018 budget and that the Basic Education Funding subsidy received an increase of \$100 million to \$6.095 billion. In addition, Ms. Kresge reported that the budget boosts funding for special education by \$15 million, or 1.3%, to \$1.136 billion and that most other education programs received an increase or are level funded. The budget also contains \$70 million for safety issues.

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Susan Kresge/Ms. Donna Yozwiak – No report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Len Peeters – No report.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Russ Gould – No report.

Property Committee: Mr. Ken Cocuzzo – Mr. Cocuzzo stated that Solicitor, Mr. Mark Fitzgerald, will be looking at proposals for the PVHS security project and a contract will possibly be awarded on July 19th. He stated that the estimated cost will be \$400,000 and can hopefully be offset from the budget passed by the state. With regard to capital projects, Mr. Cocuzzo stated that there is a lot of work to be done and suggested updating our School Dude software so that the Board can be more informed. Buildings and Grounds Director, Travis Serfass, will be looking into this issue and will provide a report. Mr. Cocuzzo also updated all on the roundabout and stated that lawmakers will be present July 9th to consider the location to possibly move it from the front entrance of the high school to the bus compound.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Ms. Susan Famularo

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #6:
Approval of Agenda item #6.a. – Policy 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve agenda item #7 as follows:
Approval of Agenda item #7.a. – Hiring of Support Staff:

	Name	Position	Building	Salary per Hour	Start Date	Replace
1.	Noah Bard	Summer Maintenance	District	\$9.38	TBD	N/A

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

	Name	Position	Salary Per Hour	Salary Per diem	Start Date
1.	Lindsay Bates	Paraprofessional Associate	\$10.00	\$75.00	TBA

Approval of Agenda item #7.c. – Addition to Current Employment:

	Name	Position	Salary	Start Date
1.	Jennifer Figueroa	PVE Summer Camp Paraprofessional	\$72 per day	July 2, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.d. – Leaves of Absence (employees are responsible for benefit payments for unpaid leave):

	Name	Position	Building	# of Days	Date(s)
1.	Jennifer Ansbach	Teacher	PVIS	One-half (1/2)	June 14, 2018
2.	Carol Bastos	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVIS	Three (3)	June 13, 2018 – June 15, 2018
3.	Robin Baumgartner	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVMS	One (1)	June 8, 2018
4.	Drita Beskovic	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	One (1)	May 29, 2018
5.	Sandy Bojko	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	One (1)	June 6, 2018
6.	Theresa Dinunzi	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	June 12, 2018
7.	Annamarie Fedorchak	Monitor	PVIS	One(1)	June 1, 2018
8.	Christina Fiorito-McGowan	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	One (1)	June 6, 2018
9.	Lisa King	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVMS	One (1)	June 4, 2018
10.	Patricia Klinges	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One-half (1/2)	June 15, 2018
11.	Izabela Moscicki	Food Service Employee (PT)	PVHS	One (1)	June 7, 2018
12.	Tammy Rose	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	One (1)	June 11, 2018
13.	Rickie Serfass	Security (PT)	District	One and One-half (1.5)	June 5, 2018 (1/2) & June 6, 2018 (1)
14.	Martha Smith	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	June 1, 2018
15.	Tracy Valdevit	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVIS	One (1)	June 15, 2018
16.	Dolores Walsh	Monitor	PVHS	One (1)	May 29, 2018

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Lisa Gruschow	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVHS	June 30, 2018
2.	Jaclyn Novak	Paraprofessional Associate (PT)	PVES	June 12, 2018
3.	Melissa Vega	School Psychologist	PVIS	July 31, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.f. – Retirement:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Cathy McGoldrick	Paraprofessional Associate (FT)	PVIS	June 30, 2018

Approval of Agenda item #7.g. – Affiliation Agreement – Clarion University of Pennsylvania, per attached.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. John Burrus

Ms. Jecker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #8.a.:

Approval of Agenda item #8.a. – Addition to Novels to Curriculum – The following novels to the Middle School and High School curriculum in accordance with Policy #109: Resource Materials:

- July’s People by Nadine Gordimer – High School
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak – Middle School

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #8.b.: Informational: Reading Department Update – Ms. Hagerman provided a reading update report and was attached to the agenda.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Dr. John Burrus

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

Approval of Agenda item #9.a. – 2018-2019 Field Trip Requests:

1.	Organization/Grade	PVHS Leo Club
	Teacher(s) Involved	Elizabeth Gesualdi
	Destination	Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA
	Purpose	Training for Mini-Thon planning
	Date(s)	8/3/18
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes - 1
	Cost per Student	N/A
	Cost for District	N/A

Approval of Agenda item #9.b. – 2018-2019 Intramural Advisors:

	Club/Activity	Advisor	Co-Advisor(s)	Dates/ Days	Times	Building	Stipend(s)
1.	Tennis	Mark Allison		Mon/Wed 7/2 – 7/30/18	2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	PVMS Tennis Courts	Half stipend
2.	Weight Lifting	Dave Stefani	Dan Beck Rob Petit-Clair	Mon/Wed/ Thurs 11/13/17 - 5/21/18	2:45 pm - 4:45 pm	PVMS Weight Room	1.5 stipends

Approval of Agenda item #9.c. - 2018-2019 Coaching Position:

	Name	Sport	Position	Coaching Level	Stipend
1.	Jonathan Fenner	Football	Varsity Assistant	L1	Per Supplemental Contract

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #9.d. – Informational: Cafeteria Participation Report was provided.

Agenda item #9.e. – District Events – June 29, 2018 through July 19, 2018 was provided.

BUILDING REPORTS (Agenda item #10)**Pleasant Valley Elementary School:**

A written informational report was attached to the agenda.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School:

A written informational report was attached to the agenda.

Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. Rocco Seiler

Mr. Seiler provided a written informational report which was attached to the agenda. Mr. Seiler also thanked the Board for their support and the opportunity for him to serve as principal. He wished all a great summer.

Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. Matthew Triolo

A written informational report was provided and was attached to the agenda. Mr. Triolo also stated that all of the end of year events and activities were great. He said that he has had a great first year and thanked the Board for the opportunity to be principal of the high school.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Ms. Famularo stated that the 2018 General Obligation Bond Sale occurred on June 26, 2018 and that the average interest cost of the sale is 2.61%. She stated that the closing will be held on July 19th and Pleasant Valley will receive \$9,780,000 in bond proceeds for which she is currently pricing out with PLGIT, PSDLAF, and First Northern Bank for the investment of the funds and the related arbitrage rebate services. She will have a recommendation for the bond fund depository at the July 19th Board meeting. In addition, Ms. Famularo stated that Mr. Scott Shearer of PFM will be at the July 9th Buildings and Grounds meeting to speak about the sale.

Ms. Famularo also stated that the US Supreme Court released its ruling in Janus v. AFSCME on July 27th declaring involuntary “fair share” fees collected by public employers to be unconstitutional. She stated that effective with the July 13th pay, all fair share withholding will cease at the Pleasant Valley School District and further stated that this ruling does not impact the withholding of membership fees for union members and that they are working with PSEA to appropriately administer this ruling.

Mr. Gould motioned, seconded by Ms. Yozwiak to approve Agenda item #11 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #11.a. – Cafeteria Fund as was attached:

- A. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for June 28, 2018 – Total amount \$10,221.13.

Approval of Agenda item #11.b. – The following contracts:

- A. Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15, Agenda Manager. Cost: \$3,400.00/annually. The term of this Agreement shall commence July 1, 2018 and shall terminate effective June 30, 2021.
- B. 2018-2019 Four Diamonds Mini-THON Partnership Agreement. Fundraiser for the Pleasant Valley High School, to be held March 2, 2019 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- C. Mechanical Service Company. Cost: \$5,500.00. Preventive maintenance on district wide walk-in coolers and freezers.

Approval of Agenda item #11.c. – Advertisement for Sealed Bids: Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment.

ROLL CALL: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #11.d. – Informational: District Investment Report as of May 31, 2018 as was attached.

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. /A. Kyle Berman, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Ms. Jecker thanked all administrators for a great year. She also requested a change to seating arrangements for the Board.

Ms. Yozwiak complimented Mr. Triolo on a terrific graduation.

Mr. Peeters announced that the Board will be having an executive session immediately following this meeting.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zacharias motioned, seconded by Ms. Jecker to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: July 19, 2018 @ 7:00 PM