

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 8-11-16

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on July 14, 2016 and called to order by Russell Gould, President, at 8:07 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Peeters 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, Brodheadsville, 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, Doug Wisser. Absent: Steve Borger.

Administrative staff in attendance: Carole Geary, Superintendent, Ken Newman, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor, Josh Krebs, Director of Support Services, Keri Ramsay, Reading Supervisor, Monica Kotzmann, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, Travis Serfass, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Building administrative staff in attendance: Rocco Seiler, Tresa Malligo, Mark Boos, Dave Pacchioni, Cassandra Herr, Josephine Fields.

School Solicitor in attendance: Gerard Geiger, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Gould announced that an executive session was held on June 23, 2016 following the regularly scheduled meeting and July 14, 2016 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. Wendy Frable, Chestnuthill Township, asked for the Board's consideration regarding item #7.a.2 on this evening's agenda. She expressed concern about nepotism and the validity of job descriptions. She stated that there should be a fair hiring process for all.

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

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on June 23, 2016.

CARRIED 5-0-3

Abstained: Sue Kresge, Delbert Zacharias, Len Peeters (Abstention forms attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Bob Serfass

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

Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 6-24-16 to 6-30-16

Approval of #3.b. Accounts Payable – 6-1-16 to 6-30-16 (Manual Checks)

Approval of #3.c. Accounts Payable – 7-1-16 to 7-14-16

Approval of #3.d. Trial Balance/Financial Statement 6-30-16

Approval of #3.e. Asset Cost Summary 6-30-16

Approval of #3.f. Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures-Revenues 6-30-16

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Abstained on #3.c. – Check No. 00214805: Bob

Serfass 7-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

The Accounts Payable (#3.g.) approved at the June 23, 2016 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. Linda Micklos

Ms. Micklos reported on the Joint Operating Committee meeting which was held on Monday, July 11th:

- The JOC approved the firm of Fox Rothchild for legal services for a three year contract.
- The law firm of Williams, Mishkin, Corveleyn, Wolfe & Fareri was approved for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The Perkins Grant was accepted in the amount of \$385,812.
- The Waterline Extension Project is moving along.
- The removal of the old boilers, renovations and placement of the two new boilers are underway. It is expected to be completed by October 15th.

Ms. Micklos stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st.

Colonial IU20: Mr. Daniel Wunder

Mr. Wunder reported on the IU20 meeting which was held on June 22, 2016. He stated that routine business was conducted consisting of hirings, job status changes, and various appointments, as well as the approval of the SRO agreement with Bushkill Township Police. Other business conducted included:

- Christopher Wolfel, Director of Special Education Services, presented an overview of IU 20's Special Education services in the thirteen served school districts. Mr. Wunder said that sometime in the future, he would like to bring Mr. Wolfel in to meet the Board and also for him to provide a presentation on the scope and range of services that are provided by the IU to Pleasant Valley.
- Kyle Miller, a student from the Northampton Area School District was the recipient of the \$100.00 Donald Marsh Memorial Fund.
- Merlyn Clark, the representative to the IU Board from Stroudsburg, submitted a proposal for the PSBA Legislative Platform that the IU20 Board endorsed. Mr. Wunder referred to his attachment, which he read regarding the current funding formula and the proposal that PSBA supports the distribution of all education funding in alignment with the Fair Funding Formula. He went on to read the rationale which states that a fair funding formula that applies to new funding only is not equitable, adequate, comprehensive or consistent. Many school districts are being shorted millions of dollars, which the Fair Funding Commission specified that they should be receiving under the formula.

Mr. Wunder stated that of note to Pleasant Valley was the approval of Sparkle Maintenance, Inc. of Kresgeville, to provide cleaning services and supplies for a classroom at the former Polk Elementary School. Also, approval that Transperfect (with IU 20) will provide remote interpreting services to students and staff in the Pleasant Valley School District. In addition, Mr. Wunder stated that the IU Board approved recommended changes to the organization chart that included the creation of an Assistant to the Executive Director for Student Services for which Mr. Christopher Wolfel was appointed. Mr. Wunder stated that in the event of a future retirement of Dr. Brennan, Mr. Wolfel is in a position to affect a smooth transition. Mr. Wunder also provided a copy of *The Twenty*.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge stated that the new state budget spending plan is \$31.5 billion. She stated that the revenue plan to fund the new budget was approved which includes new taxes on tobacco, digital downloads, and changes to gambling and wine sales to pay for the increase. Ms. Kresge shared the breakdown for the increases which include \$20 million for special education, \$345 million for pension obligations, \$30 million for early childhood programs, and \$5.6 million for community colleges. She said that level-funded programs include the Ready-to-Learn Block Grants, Career and Technical Education and Career and Technical Education Equipment Grants, Pupil Transportation and Nonpublic and Charter Pupil Transportation, and Safe Schools Initiative. Ms. Kresge stated that the basic education subsidy numbers shown on the PSBA chart for Pleasant Valley is a \$442,245 increase.

State Representative Jack Radar addressed the fair funding formula and expressed his opinion not to endorse that proposal and stated that Pleasant Valley would lose \$9 million. He reviewed the 2016-2017 state funding that Pleasant Valley will receive: \$22,269,473 in Basic Education Funding (\$434,000 increase); \$3,372,352 in Special Education Funding (\$80,000 increase); and \$1,021,256 in Ready to Learn Block Grant (level funding).

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Ms. Carole Geary

Agenda item #6.a. – Informational:

Ms. Geary expressed appreciation and thanked MiChelle Palmer, Luis Fuentes Joy LaBadie, and Nancy Harkins for working with PVEN in providing free lunches to students attending the summer reading

camp. She stated that 667 lunches have been served to date and expressed her appreciation for this great program. Ms. Geary also provided a list, per the request of the Board, of each building's use of the anonymous donation previously made. She stated that PVE purchased Padcaster unit, projectors, and projector mounts; PVI, as reported by Ms. Herr previously, purchased 30 Chromebooks; the middle school purchased an Information Media Center, and the high school purchased electronic message boards. Mr. Wunder asked for clarification about the Information Media Center at the middle school and Mr. Seiler explained the functions of the media center.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

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

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

	Name	Position	Salary	Location	Start Date
1.	Heather Smeraldo	Elementary Teacher, Grade 4	BS, Step 1 - \$41,800	PVI	August 23, 2016
2.	Justin Micklos	Maintenance Worker	Step 4 - \$18.87/ hr		July 18, 2016
3.	Shaun Seiler	Summer Maintenance			July 18, 2016
4.	Andrea Moore	Secretary PVI	\$27,194 prorated	PVI	July 18, 2016
5.	Lisa Rose	Long Term Substitute Special Education August 23, 2016 through on or about January 2, 2017	BS, Step 1 - \$41,800 prorated	PVHS	August 23, 2016
6.	Kristal Nemeroff	School Nurse	BS, Step 1 - \$41,800	PVI	August 23, 2016
7.	Daniel Costenbader	Special Education Teacher	BS, Step 1 - \$41,800	PVE	August 23, 2016

Approval of #7.b. – The following extensions/additions/changes to current employee assignments:

	Name	Position	Salary	Start Date
1.	Nicole Anderton	ESL Teacher, PVE	No change in salary	August 23, 2016
2.	Maria Chapman	Special Education Teacher, PVHS	BS, Step 1 - \$41,800	August 23, 2016
3.	Talitha Graham	PVHS Summer School Teacher Mathematics - 1 session (8:00-10:15) Science - 1 session (10:30-12:45)	2 full stipends	June 27, 2016
4.	Crystal Hicks	5th Grade Mathematics Specialist	No change in salary	August 23, 2016
5.	Suzanne Hunsicker	PVHS Summer School Teacher Mathematics - 1 session (8:00-10:15)	1 full stipend	June 27, 2016
6.	Kim Kebort	PVHS Summer School Teacher Special Education - (8:00-10:15 & 10:30-12:45)	2 full stipends	June 27, 2016
7.	Joann Massa	Substitute Secretary	Per Board Policy	TBD
8.	Debra Stewart	PVHS Summer School Teacher Mathematics - 1 session (8:00-10:15) Social Studies - 1 session (10:30-12:45)	2 full stipends	June 27, 2016
9.	Danielle Unger	PVHS Summer School Teacher English - (8:00-10:15 & 10:30-12:45)	2 full stipends	June 27, 2016
10.	Gloria Snyder	PVMS - Summer School Teacher ELA	\$1662.50	July 11, 2016

Approval of #7.c. – The following leaves of absence, employees being responsible for benefit payments:

	Name	Position	Leave	Days	Dates
1.	Elaine Adams	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Family & Medical Leave	Eight (8)	Effective May 24, 2016 with a return to service date of June 3, 2016
2.	Kim Karaman	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Two (2)	May 16 and 17, 2016

3.	Dale Klausman	Custodian, PVMS	Intermittent Family & Medical Leave	Two and one-half (2.5)	June 13, 20, and 21 (half days (.5)) and June 21, 2016 (one day (1))
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Approval of #7.d. – The following resignations:

1. Rickie Kuntzman, custodian at PVI, effective June 13, 2016.
2. Jamie Schuler, teacher at PVHS, effective June 22, 2016.
3. Elise Walters, teacher at PVE, effective August 22, 2016

Approval of #7.e. – Memorandum of Understanding with Act 93 per attached.

Approval of #7.f. – Grand Canyon University Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement between the Pleasant Valley School District and Grand Canyon University in effect from August 7, 2016 until December 31, 2016.

Approval of #7.g. – The following transfers:

	Staff	From	To	Effective
1.	Diane Martinelli	PVI Nurse	PVMS Nurse	August 23, 2016
2.	John Gesiskie	PVHS Health/PE	.67 Vision Quest/.23 PVE/.1 Cyber Academy	August 23, 2016

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Wisser asked for clarification on item #7.f. Dr. Burrus explained the reasons and process for affiliation agreements.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Abstained on #7.a.2: Linda Micklos (Abstention Form attached) Voting No on #7.a.2: Doug Wisser, Delbert Zacharias 5-2-1 CARRIED

Voting No on #7.e: Len Peeters, Doug Wisser 6-2 CARRIED

Voting No on #7.g.2: Len Peeters, Doug Wisser 6-2 CARRIED

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda Item #8 as follows:

Approval of #8.a. - 2016-2017 Student Handbook for PVMS/PVHS as was attached.

Approval of #8.b. – Discard of technology and audio visual equipment from PVE as was attached.

Approval of #8.e. – Purchase of 75 AP Psychology in Action Textbooks, Copyright 2015, Publisher Wiley not to exceed \$8500.

Prior to the roll call, Mr. Wisser asked for clarification on item #8.b. for which Mr. Newman addressed. Ms. Micklos thanked Mr. Gress for the changes made in the Student Handbook for the secondary level regarding graduation honors and feels it will benefit the students.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda Item #8.c. – Informational – Ms. Shavonne Liddic provided a written mathematics report attached to the agenda.

Agenda Item #8.d. – Presentation – Ms. Shavonne Liddic provided an end-of-the year mathematics data update K-6 as well as Algebra 1 and 2, and Geometry updates. The PowerPoint presentation was attached to the agenda. Mr. Peeters stated that he is happy with increases but would have liked to see more student proficient. Mr. Wunder asked if we are satisfied with the books used. Ms. Liddic stated she is happy with GoMath because of its focus on problem solving. Ms. Liddic stated that she knows we still have a lot of work to do.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Mr. Joshua Krebs

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

Approval of #9.a. - Facility Use Request:

Organization	Community Wellness Basketball
Facility Requested	PVMS New Gymnasium
Purpose	Community Basketball
Dates/Times	Thursday's 9/1/16 – 6/1/17 6:00-8:00pm
Requestor	Jeremy Goff
Attendance	15
Tuition	N/A
Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

Approval of #9.b. - 2016-2017 Fall Coaching Positions:

Girls Soccer: Volunteer: Andrew Uhler

Football: Volunteer: Stephen Freeman

Approval of #9.c. - 2016-2017 Supplemental/Co-Curricular Positions:

Marching Band:

Asst: Mckenna Sickels

Asst: Autumn Moser

Asst: Chad Snyder

Equipment Manager: Holly DeVivo

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda Item #9.d. – Informational: District Events July 15, 2016 to August 11, 2016 was provided and attached to the agenda.

BUILDING REPORTS: No reports.

Ms. Cassandra Herr, Principal of PVI, took this opportunity to introduce and welcome Mr. Mark Boos as the new Assistant Principal of PVI. Mr. Boos expressed that he is looking forward to working with the PVI team.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Ms. Micklos to approve agenda item #11 as follows:

Approval of Agenda item #11.a. – Cafeteria Accounts Payable – Total amount: \$120,670.95;

Bills payable for June 2016 – Total amount: \$1,227.02.

Approval of Agenda item #11.b. – Advertise for sealed bids for the following: Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment.

Approval of #11.c. – Board confirmation of the Electricity Sales Agreement with Constellation Energy Services, Inc. to supply electricity from January 2012 through January 2020 at a fixed price of \$.05958 per kilowatt hour.

Approval of #11.d. – The following contracts:

- A. Engle-Hambright & Davies, Inc. - Chubb & Son, Inc. Cost: \$3,000. Administration & Board Travel Accident Insurance. Effective August 30, 2016 to August 30, 2019.
- B. Rosetta Stone. Cost: \$8,720.00 per year. 80 site licenses for the 2016-2017 school year.
- C. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. Cost: \$20.00 per month, for 10 months, not to exceed \$200.00 plus a fee of \$1.30 per minute for interpreting service. Effective August 31, 2016 through June 20, 2017.
- D. Physio-Control Inc. Cost: \$5,304.00. Technical Service Support Agreement for AED's. Agreement begins October 1, 2016 and expires on September 30, 2017.
- E. Coordinated Health Second Addendum. Cost: \$25.00 per Coach per class. Athletic Training Services Agreement for the First Aid and CPR/AED Training.
- F. Renaissance Learning. Cost: \$11,327.50. Star Math Assessment Software.

Approval of #11.e. – The following invoice was recommended for payment from the Bond Fund as indicated: 2006 Bond Fund as was attached – \$50,000.00.

Approval of #11.f – Rescission of item 12g from the June 23, 2016 Board of Education Meeting – Purchase of a New Vehicle for School Police Security after July 1, 2016. 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD with trade not to exceed \$27,000.

Approval of #11.g. – Purchase of a new Vehicle for School Police Security after July 1, 2016: 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD Vehicle not to exceed \$30,000. NO TRADE.

Approval of #11.h. – The following student placement: Student #052616CP - Northampton County Juvenile Detention & Treatment Center - Effective 5/26/16.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #11.i. – Informational: Student Activity Accounts; District Investment Report

A. Student Activity Accounts

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2016: \$254,433.36

Receipts: \$11,112.73

Expenditures: \$41,293.22

Ending Balance, June 30, 2016: \$224,252.87

B. District Investment Report for June 30, 2016

SOLICITOR: Gerard Geiger, Esq.: No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Peeters expressed that he is pleased that the Board supported the Lacrosse program. He stated that he spoke to a parent whose son is getting phone calls from colleges for scholarships to attend and play for their schools. Mr. Peeters also referred to a press release indicating that Matthew Hollenbeck, a sophomore, has been named as the 2016 Brine National All American and has been selected to represent Pennsylvania at the 2016 Brine National Lacrosse Classic. Mr. Peeters stated that the Brine National Lacrosse Classic selects top youth lacrosse players in the country that are brought to one venue where regional teams are coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches and compete to become the 2016 Brine National Champions.

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

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: August 11, 2016 @ 8:00 PM