

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the March 23, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 4-13-17

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on March 23, 2017 and called to order by Russell Gould, President, at 8:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Linda Micklos 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: Ken Newman, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Monica Kotzmann, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor, Keri Ramsay, Reading Supervisor.

Building administrative staff in attendance: John Gress, Bob Hines, Matt Triolo, Rocco Seiler, Roger Pomposello, Mark Boos, Cassandra Herr, Josephine Fields, Diane Siani, Cheryl Caines.

Student Government Representative: Katya Slozina

School Solicitor in attendance: Daniel Corveleyn, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Gould announced that an executive session was held on March 23, 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.

Good News: Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Mr. Roger Pomposello

Mr. Pomposello referred to the displays around the room keeping in mind the theme this year is aquatic life. The presentation provided represented grades K-3 and he stated that the students are excited about learning the adventures of aquatic life. A video was provided showing the students' participation in this adventure.

Pleasant Valley Citizens: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Monica Kotzmann, Acting Board Secretary

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Ms. Micklos to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on March 9, 2017.

CARRIED

Abstained: Mr. Peeters, M. Wisser, Mr. Wunder

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Bob Serfass

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Ms. Kresge to approve agenda item #3 as was attached, as follows: Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 3-10-17 to 3-23-17.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

The Accounts Payable (#3.b.) approved at the March 9, 2017 Board meeting was provided and attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor: Daniel Corveleyn, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos – No report.

Colonial IU20: Mr. Daniel Wunder –.

Mr. Wunder reported on the meeting held March 22, 2017. He stated that routine business was conducted including the awarding of the bid on five 26-passenger school buses and supplies; approval

of policies; awarding of tenure; creation of a new class position; and awarding of contracts for services. In addition, Mr. Wunder stated that the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 from Palmer & Company was conducted and everything was found in order. He stated that the meeting with state congressmen to discuss school tax legislation (HB 1776 tax funding for schools) is in the process of being rescheduled. Mr. Wunder asked Board members to let him know about attending the Excellence in Education and National Merits Scholar Awards ceremony on April 7th. Mr. Wunder provided the last two publications of *The Twenty*.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge –

Ms. Kresge received the Legislative Report and stated that the General Assembly was in session this week, the Senate will be in session March 27th, and the House of Representatives will return on April 3rd. She stated that the Education Committees held a joint hearing to discuss the state implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education Matthew Stern reviewed the requirements under ESSA and discussed areas of change that PDE is considering for its state plan that will be submitted to the US Department of Education in September. Those areas of change include reducing the amount of time spent on PSSA tests, eliminating double testing for middle school Algebra I students, revised measures of school accountability and performance, identification of low performing schools, comprehensive school improvement plans, and changes in teacher preparation and certification. Ms. Kresge stated that the registration to attend PSBA’s Advocacy Forum on April 24th at the State Capitol will begin at 8:30 AM. The legislative update is to prepare for visits with legislators. In addition, Ms. Kresge reported on the study of the financial impact of the Right-to-Know Law (House Resolution #50). The resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the fiscal impact on state and local governmental agencies for implementation of the Right-to-Know Law and to make recommendations. She stated that the House Resolution 50 is not seeking to eliminate the law, but rather, to study the annual costs associated with administration of the Right-to-Know Law for state, judicial, legislative and local agencies of various sizes and classifications.

Student Government Representative: Ms. Katya Slozina

Ms. Slozina reported on events and activities at the high school. An invitation was extended to attend the musical “Hairspray” on March 24th, 25th, and 26th. She stated that the MiniThon held on February 17th was very successful and raised \$15,350 which will go toward the battle against pediatric cancer. Ms. Slozina said that spring sports began. Congratulations were extended to Hunter Martello on being recognized as a merit scholar finalist and Joseph O’Connor and Sara Kron were recognized as commended scholars. In addition, Ms. Slozina stated that on March 13th, 73 students attended a Career Day at Northampton Community College to tour the campus and attend career sessions. Ms. Slozina encouraged all to follow the high school on Twitter @PVBEARSHS where events and happenings are being posted daily. Ms. Slozina also announced that Henry Liu, a 10th grade student, has been selected to perform a piano solo at Carnegie Hall on April 15th which is a great honor.

Mr. Newman followed up on the MiniThon and stated that a high school student created a video of the MiniThon which is excellent and gained national recognition. He also extended condolences to Ms. Geary and her family who suffered a death of a close family member.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Ms. Carole Geary (Mr. Newman reported in Ms. Geary’s absence)

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

Approval of Agenda item #6.a. – Homebound Instruction – Request approval of homebound instruction as follows, per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days.

Student No.	Reason
HB102210-H	Medical, retroactive to 3-6-17
HB101294-H	Medical, retroactive to 2-22-17

Approval of Agenda item #6.b. – 2016-2017 Calendar Revision to include an Act 80 the last student day (currently June 8th).

Approval of Agenda item #6.c. – 2017-2018 Calendar Revision to move the Data Analysis Day from January 26th to February 2nd.

Approval of Agenda item #6.d. - The following policies:

- Policy No. 709.1 – Video Surveillance/Recordings
- Policy No. 710 – Use of Facilities by Staff
- Policy No. 711 – Parking and Traffic Enforcement

- Policy No. 713 – Trespass and Disregard of School Property - Delete
- Policy No. 715 – Use of Electronic Communications – Delete
- Policy No. 716 – Integrated Pest Management
- Policy No. 717 – Cellular Telephones
- Policy No. 718 – Service Animals in Schools

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #6.e. – The following policies were noted for a second reading.

- Policy No. 800 – Records Management
- Policy No. 801 – Public Records
- Policy No. 802 – School Organization
- Policy No. 803 – School Calendar
- Policy No. 804 – School Day
- Policy No. 805 – Emergency Preparedness

Agenda item #6.f. – The following policies were provided for a first reading:

- Policy 805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement
- Policy 806 – Child Abuse
- Policy 807 – Opening Exercises Flag Displays
- Policy 808 – Food Service
- Policy 808.1 – Free Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk - Delete
- Policy 810.1 – Drug Testing – Covered Drivers
- Policy 810.2 – Transportation – Video/Audio Recording
- Policy 810.3 – Bus/Vehicle Accident - Delete

Agenda item #6.g. – Other: Mr. Newman announced that the annual dinner theater for senior citizens will be held at the Saturday performance of Hairspray. In addition, he stated that on Tuesday, March 28th, PVHS will be hosting the countywide spelling bee at 7:00 PM.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Micklos 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.	Larry Fields	Substitute Courier/Custodian	Per Board Policy		TBD
2.	Patricia Green	Substitute Food Service Employee	Per Board Policy		TBD
3.	Shellie Menzoff	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate/Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$10,889.50, pro-rated	PVE	TBD
4.	Lidia Osman	Food Service Employee	\$10.63/hr.	PVE	March 27, 2017
5.	Karen Rabich	Substitute Food Service Employee/Monitor/Secretary	Per Board Policy		TBD
6.	Lynn Roos	Substitute Food Service Employee	Per Board Policy		TBD
7.	Melissa Schimminger	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate/Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$10,889.50, pro-rated	PVE	TBD
8.	Katie Shillady	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate/Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$10,889.50, pro-rated	PVE	TBD
9.	Stacy Stephani	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate/Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$21,779, pro-rated	PVHS	March 24, 2017

Approval of Agenda item #7.b. – Leaves of Absence - Employees are responsible for benefit payments:

	Name	Position	Leave	Days	Dates
1.	Lauren Cieslak	Teacher, PVI	Family & Medical Leave	Forty-five (45)	March 17, 2017 with an anticipated return to service date of May 24, 2017
2.	Amy Eckert	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Four (4)	February 27-March 2, 2017
3.	Brigitte Endrulat	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVMS	Leave without pay	One (1)	Corrected date from March 9, 2017 Board Agenda should be March 1, 2017
4.	Brigitte Endrulat	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVMS	Leave without pay	One (1)	March 7, 2017
5.	Georgia Fernicola	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	Two (2)	March 6 & 10, 2017
6.	Michael Gold	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 11, 2017
7.	Diana Graziano	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	Six (6)	February 22-24, 27-28, and March 1 & 7, 2017
8.	Erica Greer	Principal, PVE	Child-rearing Leave	Ten (10)	Ms. Greer wishes to rescind the previously approved child-rearing leave of March 29-April 11, 2017
9.	Stephanie Havansky	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Five (5)	February 6-8, March 1 & 8, 2017
10.	Jenine Havens	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 23, 2017
11.	Johnna Kresge	Monitor, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 21, 2017
12.	Aileen Lorah	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Two (2)	March 6 & 8, 2017
13.	Tresa Malligo	Assistant Principal, PVHS	Leave without pay	Two and three-quarter (2.75)	February 28 (.75), March 1 & 3, 2017
14.	Robert Miller	School Police Officer, PVHS	Leave without pay	Three (3)	March 1-3, 2017
15.	Maria Sarwar	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVMS	Leave without pay	One (1)	March 6, 2017
16.	Amy Stone	Food Service Employee, PVE	Leave without pay	Two (2)	March 7 & 8, 2017
17.	Deena Boyne	Administrative Secretary, Admin.	Family & Medical Leave	Twelve (12)	May 17, 2017 with a return to service date of June 5, 2017
18.	Wanda Jones-Jordan	Custodian, PVE	Leave without pay	Nineteen - one-half days (19 - 1/2)	February 23-March 22, 2017

19.	Tammy Klein	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Forty-four (44)	February 21, 2017 with a return to service date of May 1, 2017
21.	Katarzyna Oleksa	Food Service Employee, PVE	Leave without pay	One and one-half (1.5)	March 6 & 9 (.5), 2017
22.	Colleen Yaple	Custodian, PVE	Family & Medical Leave	Five (5)	March 7, 2017 with a return to service date of March 14, 2017

Approval of Agenda item #7.c. - Appointment of David F. Piperato as Associate Superintendent effective July 10, 2017 through and including July 31, 2017 at a pro-rated salary of \$155,000.00, with all benefits as set forth in the contract for Superintendent dated March 23, 2017.

Approval of Agenda item #7.d. - Employment contract for David F. Piperato, Superintendent, effective August 1, 2017 at an annual salary of \$155,000.00.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

President Gould referred to the hiring of the new Superintendent of Schools. He welcomed and thanked Mr. Piperato to the district and presented him with a gift. Mr. Piperato thanked the Board for their appointment of him as the next Superintendent of Schools and stated that he is looking forward to working with Ms. Geary throughout the transition process. Mr. Piperato stated that this appointment is an honor and that he is excited to begin working with faculty, staff, administration, students, and parents as we continue to support and enhance the already outstanding programs for a district that values relationships as well as academics.

Mr. Newman stated that on behalf of Ms. Geary, she welcomes Mr. Piperato to the district and looks forward to working with him throughout the transition.

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman

Agenda Item #8a – None.

Agenda item #8.b. – Informational – Ms. Keri Ramsay provided a written ELA update which was attached to the agenda.

Mr. Newman stated that Mr. Krebs and Ms. Famularo are not in attendance this evening as they are attending the annual PASBO conference. Mr. Newman, on behalf of Mr. Krebs and Ms. Famularo, welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Mr. Joshua Krebs (Dr. Burrus reported in Mr. Krebs's absence)

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

Approval of Agenda item #9.a. – 2016-2017 Intramural Advisors:

- A. PVHS Football Weight Training March 6, 2017 to May 5, 2017 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 2:45pm to 5:00 pm
Advisor: Mark Versuk Co-Advisors: James Ward, Bron Leupold
- B. PVHS FBLA September 2017 to May 2017 with Nationals being June 29, 2017 to July 2, 2017 Twice a month during school hours Use of computers and projectors
Advisor: Denise Hopely Co-Advisor: Catherine Britton
- C. JCM Weightlifting March 6, 2017 to May 25, 2017 Monday through Thursdays 2:40 pm to 4:10 PM
Advisor: Lori Bray Co-Advisor: Michele Connors

Approval of Agenda item #9.b. – 2016-2017 Spring Coaching Positions:

Baseball – Volunteer: Matt Pierce

Approval of Agenda item #9.c. – Facility Use Request:

Organization	West End Little League
Facility Requested	PVI, PVE, PVMS softball fields
Purpose	Softball practices and games
Dates/Times	April 5, 2017 – June 16, 2017

	Monday – Saturday’s 6:00 – 7:30pm
Requestor	Missy Ryals
Attendance	20
Tuition	N/A
Fee by District	Category 3 – All appropriate fees apply

Approval of Agenda item #9.d. – Equipment Discard of Recalled Dehumidifiers
Dayton Dehumidifiers – 21 recalled, 11 had asset tags: 005127, 005135, 005136, 005133, 005131, 005132, 005129, 005134, 005128, 005108, 004936.

Approval of Agenda item #9.e. – 2016-2017 Co-Curricular/Non-Coaching Position:
Musical HS: Volunteer: Donna Morris

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda Item #9.f. – Informational: District Events for March 24, 2017 – April 13, 2017 was provided and attached to the agenda.

BUILDING REPORTS: (Agenda item #10)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Mr. Roger Pomposello

Mr. Pomposello provided a written informational report as attached to the agenda. Mr. Pomposello congratulated all involved in the MiniThon and stated that over \$13,000 was raised. He also welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School: Ms. Cassandra Herr

Ms. Herr provided a written informational report as attached to the agenda. Ms. Herr thanked all who were involved in the MiniThon and stated that over \$11,000 was raised. Ms. Herr congratulated the beginning band concert participants which was a great success and had over 400 parents and grandparents in attendance. She also welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district.

Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. Rocco Seiler

Mr. Seiler provided a written informational report as attached to the agenda. Mr. Seiler also thanked all involved in the MiniThon and stated that the middle school raised over \$23,000 and the total raised as a district was over \$60,000. He said it is a huge accomplishment and shows the empathy extended by the school district and community working together for a great cause to cure childhood cancer. Mr. Seiler also congratulated 7th grade students for winning best marketing plan and for taking second in the People Choice Award in the “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing” video contest. Research and information was compiled by students and a two minute video was submitted explaining the manufacturing process in making envelopes. Mr. Seiler also congratulated and welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district.

Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress

Mr. Gress provided a written informational report as attached to the agenda. Mr. Gress also congratulated and welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district. He further elaborated on the success of the MiniThon districtwide. In addition, Mr. Gress highlighted upcoming events at the high school including the start of spring sports and graduation.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo (Monica Kotzmann reported in Ms. Famularo’s absence)

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

Approval of Agenda item #11.a. – Cafeteria Fund: Cafeteria Accounts Payable for March 23, 2017 – Total amount: \$29,855.68 as was attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.b. – MCTI 2017-2018 Proposed Budget – 2017-2018 Monroe Career and Technical Institute Proposed Budget in the amount of \$8,367,269; Pleasant Valley’s share of this budget will be \$2,339,741.

Approval of Agenda item #11.c. – Data Management, Inc. - Time Clock Plus:

Time Keeping System Upgrade

Time Clock Plus Professional Upgrade V7 - \$9,607.00

Software/Hardware Support 7/1/2017 through 6/30/18 - \$5,683.38

Dedicated Support Services (training) cost not to exceed (25 hours at \$225 per hour) - \$5,625.00

Total \$20,915.38

Approval of Agenda item #11.d. - Le-Nor-Co Purchasing Cooperative Joint Purchase Agreement designating the Food Service Director as the primary representative and the Business Manager as the alternate representative.

Approval of Agenda item #11.e. – The following bid award: Award of PVHS Locker Room Renovation to Weiss Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$48,863.00.

Approval of Agenda item #11.f. – The following bid award: Award of Internal Connections Equipment and/or Services to IntegraOne in the amount of \$55,401.00.

Approval of Agenda item #11.g. – Waste Disposal Services - PVHS and Custodial Warehouse – GemChem, Inc. at a cost estimate of \$5,710.00.

Approval of Agenda item #11.h. – PVE/PVI Water Softener Quote: Leon Clapper, Inc., Proposal \$9,850.50 to install one H200 twin alternating softener with brine tank and all necessary piping and wiring.

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

- A. Alternative Sounds, Inc. Cost: \$700.00. DJ for the Pleasant Valley High School Prom, Prom to be held at The Palace Center, May 6, 2017.
- B. Spirit Cups Fundraising. Fundraiser for the PVHS Junior Class 2018. Effective March 2017 to June 2017.
- C. Fashionrepublic. Fundraiser for Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Clothing Drive. Effective April 1 to April 30, 2017.
- D. Blue Mountain Farms, LLC. Fundraiser for Pleasant Valley High School FBLA. Mother's Day Flowers. Effective April 18 to May 4, 2017

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #11.j. – Informational: District Investment Report for February 28, 2017 was attached to the agenda.

Ms. Kotzmann welcomed Mr. Piperato to Pleasant Valley on behalf of the business office.

SOLICITOR: Daniel Corveleyn, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Serfass welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district and stated that we have a great staff and community and he is excited to work with him.

Ms. Micklos welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district and stated that Pleasant Valley is a unique place where students are willing to learn and the faculty strives to be the best and has a hard working administration. She stated that she is looking forward to working with him as we continue to be PV proud.

Mr. Wunder welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district and stated he is joining a great team and looks forward to working with him.

Ms. Kresge congratulated and welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district and stated she looks forward to working with him. In addition she asked if the video of the MiniThon can be made available to the Board. She also thanked First Student for sponsoring the dinner theater this year and Xerox for their sponsorship in previous years.

Mr. Peeters welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district and appreciates his intent on enhancing relationships with faculty, staff, administration, students, and parents.

Mr. Zacharias welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district.

Mr. Wisser welcomed Mr. Piperato to the district and stated he is looking forward to working with him. He also thanked PVE for an excellent presentation this evening.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Wisser to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Kotzmann, Acting Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: April 13, 2017 @ 8:00 PM