

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

**Minutes of the May 25, 2017 Board of Education Meeting**

**Board approved 6-8-17**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on May 25, 2017 and called to order by Russ Gould, President, at 8:05 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, Brodheads ville, 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, Josh Krebs, Director of Support Services, John Burrus, Director of Human Resources, Susan Famularo, Business Manager, Keri Ramsay, Reading Supervisor, Travis Serfass, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

**Building administrative staff in attendance:** John Gress, Matt Triolo, Roger Pomposello, Josephine Fields, Cassandra Herr, Mark Boos.

**Student Government Representative:** Katya Slozina, President

**School Solicitor in attendance:** Gerard Geiger, Esq.

**Notification of Executive Session:** Mr. Gould announced that an executive session was held on May 25, 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. Mr. Gould announced that the Board will be holding an executive session immediately following this meeting.

**Good News –** Ms. Kimberly Masullo and Ms. Katelyn Klostermann were present representing the girls' Lacrosse team. They thanked the Board for their support of the Lacrosse program and said that it has been a very successful season. In addition, they stated that two girls won 2<sup>nd</sup> team and one girl won 1<sup>st</sup> team. They presented the Board with T-shirts in appreciation of their support.

**Good News –** PVMS/Ms. Josephine Fields –

Ms. Fields thanked the Board for the opportunity to showcase the middle school students' successes in various programs. Students read statements expressing positive thoughts about programs such as HOPE, Community, Friends, Family, The Future, A Cure, and One Another. In addition, Mr. Gavin Dorn read a poem entitled *Great Day*.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

Mr. Aidan McHugh, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student, expressed concern about the furlough of math teacher, Mr. Glenn. He spoke in support of Mr. Glenn and he described how this teacher has helped him in his education. Mr. Gould addressed the issues raised and stated that the Board does not take this issue lightly but that there are not a lot of options.

Ms. Alexandra Lucas, Chestnuthill Township, stated that as a teacher in the Middle School she recognized the hard work that the students do as reflected this evening. She stated that they represent the school very well.

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

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Wisser to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on May 11, 2017.

CARRIED

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Bob Serfass**

Ms. Micklos motioned, seconded by Ms. Kresge to approve agenda item #3 as was attached, as follows:  
Approval of #3.a. Accounts Payable – 5-12-17 to 5-25-17.

ROLL CALL: 7-0-1 CARRIED  
Abstained on Check No. 00217891: Mr.  
Serfass (Abstention form attached)

The Accounts Payable (#3.b.) approved at the May 11, 2017 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** – No report.

**Colonial IU 20: Mr. Daniel Wunder** –

Mr. Wunder provided a report from the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. He stated that routine business was conducted. In addition, Mr. Wunder stated that the Board approved the donation of security locks that will be used for increasing the safety of the students of the Colonial Academy; acceptance of a grant of \$10,000 from the Department of Education to assist in the PA State 24 Challenge which is a state-wide tournament in Mathematics; and changes to sections of the policy manual. Further, of note to Pleasant Valley, Mr. Wunder stated that tenure was awarded to Kathryn Giovannini and Kathy Bilicic. Mr. Wunder informed all that he attended the legislative forum on May 18<sup>th</sup> that offered a chance to hear and question State Senator Mario Scavello and Senator Lisa Boscola regarding PA SB 76 and subsequent amendments. At the forum, concern was expressed on how this will impact school funding and that both senators said that it needed to be further studied. Mr. Wunder proposed that the Board address letters to our senators and representatives that strongly encourage both further study of the impact of this legislation and increased communication with school districts and taxpayers as to the future impact of this legislation. He provided a sample letter that he drafted to legislators asking them to take a harder look at this issue. He asked the Board to look at the draft letter and requested their input. Lastly, Mr. Wunder provided a copy of *The Twenty* newsletter.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge** –

Ms. Kresge followed up on her previous report regarding House Bill 1213 and Senate Bill 586 both having to do with a school district’s right to appeal property assessments. She stated that PSBA is asking for help in defeating this legislation and stated that according to the email received from Ms. Geary, the impact on Pleasant Valley is estimated at a \$723,586 loss in revenue. Ms. Kresge announced that after receiving hundreds of emails and calls from school officials and other stakeholders, the House of Representatives unanimously voted to revert to the original language of House Bill 1213. She stated that a provision in HB 1213 called a “Dark Store” legislation has been defeated but that HB 1213 still has viability but hopefully can be defeated. Ms. Kresge stated that the House returns on June 5<sup>th</sup> and stressed the importance to continue to tell legislators to oppose HB 1213. In addition, Ms. Kresge stated that the federal budget has been released and that education would see a decrease of \$9.2 billion or 13.5% with cuts or elimination to numerous grant programs. The budget also increases charter school funding by \$168 million, creates new private school choice programs with \$250 million, and spends \$1 billion to encourage districts to allow federal dollars to follow low-income students to the school of their choice. Ms. Kresge stated that the budget will also decrease funding for our trade schools.

Ms. Kresge also referred to the two resolutions discussed at the last meeting about charter schools and HB 97. The resolutions were provided showing how much Pleasant Valley has spent over the past five years on cyber school education. Ms. Kresge encouraged the approval of these resolutions this evening. After brief discussion, the following action was taken:

Ms. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve Resolution Opposing Charter School Provisions Under House Bill 97, and to approve Resolution Calling for Reform of Funding for Cyber Charter Schools, as per the attached.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

**Student Government Representative: Ms. Katya Slozina**

Mr. Gould presented a plaque to Katya Slozina in appreciation of her participation in the Board meetings representing the Pleasant Valley High School Student Government. Ms. Slozina provided a report highlighting activities and events at the high school. She stated that all are looking forward to graduation on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She extended congratulations to all students and their parents who were recognized at the annual Academic, Performing and Visual Arts, and Athletic Awards Programs. Ms. Slozina stated that the prom was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and students had a safe and enjoyable evening. She stated that the Keystone Algebra, Biology and Literature Exams were administered and Keystone is over for under classmen with exams beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup>. She also congratulated the students who were inducted into the Spanish and German Honor Societies at the World Language Honor Society Induction Ceremony which took place on May 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Ms. Slozina congratulated the boys' track team on winning the EPC Track Championship and wished good luck to track athletes advancing to state competition. Lastly, Ms. Slozina stated that this is her last meeting and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the representative of the Student Government.

**SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Ms. Carole Geary**

Mr. Peeters 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
HB103899-M	Medical, retroactive to 5-9-17
HB105628-M	Medical, retroactive to 5-10-17
HB108200-H	Medical, retroactive to 4-27-17

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

- Policy No. 818 – Contracted Services
- Policy No. 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
- Policy No. 822 – Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Policy No. 824 – Maintaining Professionals Adult/Student Boundaries
- Policy No. 825 – State Mandate Waivers - Deleted
- Policy No. 826 – Privacy of Medical Records (HIPAA) - Deleted
- Policy No. 827 – Conflict of Interest
- Policy No. 828 – Fraud
- Policy No. 830 – Breach of Computerized Personal Information
- Policy No. 845 – Employee and Visitor ID Badges – Deleted

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

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

- Policy No. 901 – Public Relations Objectives
- Policy No. 902 – Publication Program
- Policy No. 903 – Public Program in Board Meetings
- Policy No. 904 – Public Attendance at School Events
- Policy No. 904.1 – Tobacco Use – Deleted
- Policy No. 905 – Citizen Advisory Committee
- Policy No. 906 – Public Complaints
- Policy No. 907 – School Visitors
- Policy No. 908 – Relations with Parents/Guardians
- Policy No. 909 – Municipal Government Relations

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

- Policy No. 910 – Community Engagement
- Policy No. 911 – News Media Relations
- Policy No. 912 – Relations with Educational Institutions
- Policy No. 913 – Nonschool Organizations Group Individuals
- Policy No. 914 – Relations with Intermediate Unit
- Policy No. 915 – School Affiliated Organizations
- Policy No. 917 – Parent Family Involvement
- Policy No. 918 – Title I Parental Involvement
- Policy No. 919 – District School Report Cards - Delete
- Policy No. 929 – Fundraising – Delete

- Policy No. 930 – Advertising in Schools
- Policy No. 931 – Sponsorship in Schools

Agenda item #6.e. – Other:

Ms. Geary thanked Mr. Gress for many awards programs held this month. She stated that she attended banquets and awards ceremonies and expressed that it is wonderful to see the successes of our students.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus**

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

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
1.	William Weimmer	Substitute Custodian/Courier	Per Board Policy		TBD

Approval of Agenda item #7.b. – Extensions/Changes/Additions to Current Employee Assignments:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
1.	Diane Charles	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
2.	Karen Deppen	PVE Summer Camp Health Room Technician	\$72/day	July 3, 2017
3.	Kristen Gschwend	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
4.	Jackie Hardy	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
5.	Nancy Harkins	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
6.	Katie Jarrow	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
7.	Monica Ohland	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
8.	Nancy Principe	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
9.	Kelly Sheeley	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017
10.	Debra Stewart	Spring Remediation Teacher (full stipend) Math/Science	Per Supplemental Contract	On or about April 18, 2017
11.	Kristin Wolf	PVE Summer Camp Teacher	\$92/day	July 3, 2017

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Leave</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Roxanne Altemose	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVMS	Leave without pay	One-half (.5)	May 10, 2017
2.	Carol Bastos	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Two (2)	May 5 & 12, 2017
3.	Annamarie Bauer	Student Information Data Specialist, Admin.	Family & Medical Leave	Eight (8)	June 20, 2017 with a return to service date of July 5, 2017
4.	Suzanne Bongiovanni	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Three (3)	May 5, 10, & 24, 2017
5.	Theresa Dinunzi	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Eight (8)	April 26-May 5, 2017
6.	Amy Eckert	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 2, 2017
7.	Brigitte Endrulat	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVMS	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 4, 2017
8.	Georgia Fernicola	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 8, 2017

9.	Christina Fiorito-McGowan	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 10, 2017
10.	Kathleen Gray	Teacher, PVI	Family & Medical Leave	Four (4)	June 5, 2017 with a return to service date of August 22, 2017
11.	Amy Hafferty	Teacher, PVE	Leave without pay	One-half (.5)	April 12, 2017
12.	Katie Harkins	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 17, 2017
13.	Tara Hyland	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 24, 2017
14.	Leslie Jacobson	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Five (5)	April 11, 21, 25, 26, & 27, 2017
15.	Amy Keller	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 17, 2017
16.	Sarah LaBar	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 11, 2017
17.	Aileen Lorah	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Six (6)	May 5-9, 2017
18.	Tresa Malligo	Assistant Principal, PVHS	Family & Medical Leave	Eight and three quarters (8.75)	February 28 (.75), March 1, 3, 10, 15, 20, 21, 29, and April 6, 2017
19.	Karina Martin	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 12, 2017
20.	Maria Martins	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Leave without pay	Four (4)	May 22, 23, 24, & 25, 2017
21.	Maritza Martley-Boasci	Monitor, PVI	Leave without pay	Two (2)	April 20 & 21, 2017
22.	Theresa Meckes	Head Cook, PVMS	Intermittent Family & Medical Leave	Two (2)	April 27 and May 5, 2017
23.	Elizabeth Morgan	Monitor, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 9, 2017
24.	MiChelle Palmer	Monitor, PVE	Leave without pay	Two (2)	April 25 & May 16, 2017
25.	Barbara Partyka	Food Service Employee	Leave without pay	One (1)	March 23, 2017
26.	MaryAnne Peleschak	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 10, 2017
27.	Joy Rungo	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVHS	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 27, 2017
28.	Kathleen Sadowski	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	Two (2)	May 25 & 26, 2017
29.	Jill Skinner	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 25, 2017
30.	Loretta Snyder	Teacher, PVMS	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 11, 2017

31.	Danielle Staples	Teacher, PVE	Leave without pay	Two and one-half (2.5)	March 30 (.5), April 3, May 4 (.5), and May 18 (.5), 2017
32.	Sandy Bojko	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 9, 2017
33.	Patricia Cambria	Food Service Employee, PVMS and Monitor, PVHS	Family & Medical Leave	Five (5)	May 10, 2017 with a return to service date of May 18, 2017
34.	Beverly Cascioli	Custodian, PVHS	Intermittent Family & Medical Leave	Three (3)	April 20, May 12 & 16, 2017
35.	Noreen Ciarleglio	Teacher, PVI	Intermittent Family & Medical Leave	Six (6)	April 10-13 & May 12, 15, & 16, 2017
36.	Deborah Katsaros-McIlveney	Monitor, PVI	Wishes to rescind her previously approved leave without pay	One (1)	March 31, 2017
37.	Sarrie Mattson	Monitor, PVMS	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 10, 2017
38.	Cathy Schaffner	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVE	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 23, 2017
39.	Rickie Serfass	School Police Officer	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 12, 2017
40.	Martha Smith	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate, PVI	Leave without pay	One (1)	May 18, 2017

Approval of Agenda item #7.d. – Transfers:

	Name	From	To	Effective Date
1.	Amanda Altemose	PVHS English full-time	PVMS English full-time	Beginning of 2017-2018 school year
2.	Lois Mann	PVHS Music full-time	PVE Music full-time	Beginning of 2017-2018 school year
3.	Philip Masiello	Part-time Cyber & Part-time PVE Health & Phys. Ed.	Gifted full-time	Beginning of 2017-2018 school year
4.	Laura Mason-Caiazzo	PVHS Health & Phys. Ed. full-time	Part-time PVHS Health & Phys. Ed. & PVE Health & Phys. Ed.	Beginning of 2017-2018 school year
5.	Kristine Meckes	PVMS Dean of Students & Assistant Athletic Director	Cyber/Assistant Athletic Director	Beginning of 2017-2018 school year
6.	Frank Staats	PVHS Science full-time	PVMS Life Science full-time	Beginning of 2017-2018 school year

Approval of Agenda item #7.e. – The following professional employee furloughs:

1. Don Detweiler
2. Michael Glenn
3. Talitha Graham
4. Stephanie Valasek

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

1. Jake-Ryan Brown, security officer, effective June 30, 2017.
2. Talitha Graham, teacher, from spring remediation teacher at PVHS, effective May 18, 2017.

Approval of Agenda item #7.g. – The following retirement: John Gress, Principal PVHS, effective July 31, 2017.

Approval of Agenda item #7.h. – Memorandum of Understanding between the Pleasant Valley School District and the PVESPA for summer hours as attached.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Ms. Geary congratulated Mr. Gress, principal of the high school, on his retirement and thanked him for devoting 41 years of service to the school district. She expressed her gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with Mr. Gress stating that his focus has always been the students.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the administration, Ms. Geary read a statement addressing the furloughed staff approved this evening. She spoke of the continual decline in enrollment over the past 13 years going from approximately 7,100 students in 2004 to approximately 4,400 students today. Similarly Pleasant Valley has gone from a total of 515.5 teachers to 390 teachers today. She states that much of the decline has occurred through attrition, graduating at our highest over 600 students to enrolling 280 in kindergarten today and as a result building enrollments have declined. Ms. Geary provided enrollment figures for each school at our peak to the declining enrollment today. She stated that through this continual decline of roughly 2,700 students, we have furloughed only 10.5 full time equivalent staff members. Ms. Geary spoke of the measures taken to mitigate furloughs encouraging add-on certificates to insure flexibility when positions are being eliminated, and offering retirement incentives to help lessen the potential for furloughs and demotions. Ms. Geary read on stating that “This year the continual decline in enrollment and the lack of retirements has forced the district to make the difficult decision to furlough 4 staff members and demote 2 others as we eliminate teaching positions. In our roles, we are responsible to provide the best possible education we can to our students while being fiscally responsible to our community. Trust me when I tell you, nobody sitting at this table wants to furlough staff. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances and for the continued fiscal and operational success of the school district, this action needed to be taken”.

**CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman**

Agenda item #8.a. – None.

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

Mr. Newman stated that he attended the MCTI graduation ceremony held at Pocono Mountain East auditorium. He said that 12<sup>th</sup> grade student Anna Vanchieri who recently presented at our Board meeting, was one of two students to address the student body and staff and was also the top senior in her occupational area. In addition, Mr. Newman recognized a criminal justice student for his achievements. Mr. Newman stated that there were four perfect attendance students recognized, three of which were from Pleasant Valley. He also recognized physics teacher Mr. Witinski who heads the science club and along with Mr. Seth Slavin, presented information on the Robotics Club. He said that a competition was recently held where two of our students came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said that there is a plan to expand the Robotics Program.

**SUPPORT SERVICES: Mr. Joshua Krebs**

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

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

USTA Tennis May 3, 2017 to May 24, 2017, Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Advisor: Valerie Rudawski

Co-Advisors: Chris Becker, Stephanie Kramer, Wanda Johnson, Carol Simonson

Approval of Agenda item #9.b. – Long term substantial volunteer: PVE - Danielle Wallace.

Approval of Agenda item #9.c. – 2016-2017 Facility Use Requests:

<b>A.</b>	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	Middle School Gymnasiums, Café, Lobby Area, Tennis courts, Outdoor playing fields
	Purpose	Summer Recreation Camp
	Dates/Times	June 12, 2017 – July 20, 2017 Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 3:45 pm
	Requestor	Hope Smith
	Attendance	50-80
	Tuition	N/A

	Fee by District	As Per Lease Agreement
<b>B</b>	Organization	PVYA
	Facility Requested	Stadium, Track, Stadium Field, Football Practice Field, Restrooms
	Purpose	PVYA Track & Field
	Dates/Times	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 5/15/17 – 6/27/17 6:00-7:30pm
	Requestor	Hope Smith
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	N/A
	Fee by District	Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Apply

Approval of Agenda item #9.d. – 2017-2018 Fall Coaching Position – Girls Soccer: Asst. Varsity – Jim Shoopack.

Approval of Agenda item #9.e. – 2017-2018 Winter Coaching Positions:

A. Boys Basketball:

Asst. Varsity – John Gilbert

JV Asst. – Greg Duff

B. Girls Basketball:

Jr. High Asst – Frank Dekmar

Jr. High Asst – Nicole Kregeloh

C. Wrestling:

JV Asst – Chris Lesoine

D. Cheerleading:

JV Asst – Kelly Frinzi

Approval of Agenda item #9.f. - 2017-2020 Supplemental Contract as attached.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #9.g. – Informational: District Events for May 26, 2017 – June 8, 2017 was provided and attached to the agenda.

Agenda item #9.h. – Informational: Navigate Prepared – Mr. Krebs introduced Mr. Chris Porter who provided an overview of the product his company offers. Mr. Porter shared with the Board and the community how the Navigate Prepared program works for assuring that our schools are prepared in the event of a crisis. He stated that this school safety software not only helps keep schools in compliance but also accessibility to local responders. Staff and administrators also have access to the safety measures. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Kresge asked about other school districts they service and about the timeline. Mr. Porter said they service 800 school districts nationwide including Allentown, Salisbury, Stroudsburg, and Bangor as well as Colonial IU20. Mr. Peeters questioned the 360 degree classroom photos to which Mr. Porter said they would come back to make changes as needed. Ms. Kresge expressed her support and Mr. Krebs indicated that it is on the Business Manager’s report for approval this evening.

**BUILDING REPORTS: (Agenda item #10)**

**Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Mr. Roger Pomposello**

Mr. Pomposello provided a written informational report. In addition, Mr. Pomposello thanked the Board for supporting technology. He said that assessments are almost finished. Mr. Pomposello wished Mr. Gress a happy retirement and he will be missed.

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate School: Ms. Cassandra Herr**

A written informational report was provided. In addition, Ms. Herr highlighted the Marywood Math Competition; the Sixth Sense Competition; and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus concert. She thanked all involved for awards received at the IU Awards Ceremony. Ms. Herr also congratulated and wished Mr. Gress a happy retirement.

**Pleasant Valley Middle School: Ms. Josephine Fields**

Ms. Fields provided a written informational report was provided. In addition, Ms. Fields recognized the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the computer contest. She also wished Mr. Gress a happy retirement.



**Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress**

A written informational report was provided. In addition, Mr. Gress expressed gratitude for his 41 years of service and said he has always been here for the students. He highlighted that Seth Slavin won male athlete of the year winning a \$10,000 scholarship. He stated that the valedictorian and salutatorian will be announced shortly. Mr. Gress stated that the Environthon team won 5<sup>th</sup> out of 67 in the state, the best in Monroe County. Also, Mr. Gress stated that an athletic bear signing day press conference was held recognizing students who will continue their athletic careers at a collegiate level.

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo**

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

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

Cafeteria Accounts Payable for May 25, 2017

Total amount: \$39,547.83

Approval of Agenda item #11.b. – Food Service Budget for the 2017-2018 school year with expenditures in the amount of \$1,833,682 as attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.c. – Commitment of Fund Balance:

Commitment of the June 30, 2017 fund balance in the following categories:

- PSERS Stabilization
- Capital Needs
- Tax Stabilization

The amount allocated to each category will be determined after June 30, 2017 audit.

Approval of Agenda item #11.d. – The following school district depositories:

- First Northern Bank and Trust
- East Stroudsburg Savings Association
- PA School District Liquid Asset fund (PSDLAF)
- PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
- Bank of New York Mellon
- M&T Bank
- PNC Bank
- First National Bank of Pennsylvania

Approval of Agenda item #11.e. – The following lunch prices were recommended for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Breakfast - Paid Daily - \$1.35
- Breakfast - Reduced - \$.30
- Breakfast - Adult - \$2.80
- Milk Only - \$.50
- Elementary Lunch - Paid Daily - \$2.55
- Elementary Lunch - Buy 10 lunches, get 11th free - \$25.50
- Elementary Lunch - Reduced - \$.40
- Secondary Lunch - Paid Daily \$2.75
- Secondary Lunch - Buy 10 lunches, get 11th free - \$27.50
- Secondary Lunch - Reduced \$.40
- Adult Lunch - \$4.50

Approval of Agenda item #11.f. – Insurance Summary and Recommendation for 2017-2018

PSBA Insurance Trust:

Property - \$155,440

Automobile - \$22,171

School Leaders Legal Liability - \$51,569

General Liability - \$53,288

Umbrella - \$26,365

Cyber Liability - \$11,986

Total PSBA Insurance Trust - \$320,819

Travelers Insurance

Crime and Computer Fraud - \$8,227

AG Administrators

Student Accident \$89,177

Volunteer Coach Accident \$350

Total AG Administrators \$89,527

Approval of Agenda item #11.g. – Physicians/Dentist for 2017-2018:

- A. Grades K-8 School Physician: Dr. Narendra V. Ambani, M.D. at a cost of \$35.00 per student
- B. Grades 9-12 School Physician: Dr. Mary Ellen DeFranco, at a cost of \$20.00 per student
- C. Grades K-12 School Dentist: Dr. David H. Pierce, at a cost of \$5.00 per student

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

- A. Follett. Cost: \$6,062.95 - Migrate Existing Database, \$3,971.96 - Annual Licensing and Maintenance Cost for the library software upgrade.
- B. NaviGate Prepared. Cost: \$9,600.00. 2 years for OnSite Service and Software License and License fee.
- C. Integra One. Cost: Three (3) year Lease agreement for computers. Three (3) annual payments at \$102,305.95 each.
- D. Dr. Sarah Woldoff. Cost: \$4,500. Neuropsychological evaluation and written report.

Approval of Agenda item #11.i. – Self Pay and COBRA Rates:

Board confirmation of the 2017-2018 monthly Self-Pay and \*COBRA rates as adopted by the Employee benefit Trust of Eastern PA (EBTEP) Board of Trustees for the Pleasant Valley School District as listed below:

Indemnity Program:

- Single \$725.45
- Husband & Wife \$1,595.98
- Parent & Child \$1,305.81
- Family \$2,031.26
- Parent & Children \$1,523.44

Blue Care PPO:

- Single \$707.33
- Husband & Wife \$1,556.11
- Parent & Child \$1,273.19
- Family \$1,980.52
- Parent & Children \$1,485.38

PPO Effective 9/1/15

- Single \$659.02
- Husband & Wife \$1,449.84
- Parent & Child \$1,186.24
- Family \$1,845.26
- Parent & Children \$1,383.94

Dental:

- Single \$26.15
- Family \$80.08

Vision:

- Single \$1.65
- Family \$4.60

\*A 2% surcharge will be added to the above rates for those individuals qualifying for purchase of insurance under COBRA rules.

Approval of Agenda item #11.j. – Funding Rate:

Board confirmation of the funding rate as adopted by the Employee Benefit Trust of Eastern Pennsylvania (EBTEP) Board of Trustees for Pleasant Valley School District: \$1,562.26 per covered active employee per month for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approval of Agenda item #11.k. – Authorization for the Business Manager to request a medical and prescription funding holiday for the month of June, 2017 from the Trust Manager of the Employee Benefits Trust of Eastern Pennsylvania (EBTEP).

Approval of Agenda item #11.l. – Budget transfers as attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.m. – The following transfer: Transfer in the amount of \$809,235 from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund.

Approval of Agenda item #11.n. – Authorization of the investment of \$249,000 in a 182 day certificate of deposit at East Stroudsburg Savings Association at an interest rate of 1.15%.

Approval of Agenda item #11.o. – Purchase of 2016 Transit Connect – Leighton Ford at a cost of \$19,301.55.

Approval of Agenda item #11.p. – Migrate 69 cameras from Genetec to Exacq - \$5,945.20 as was attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.q. – Encode all PVMS security cameras from analog to digital - \$6,997.42 as was attached.

Approval of Agenda item #11.r. – Upgrade old security cameras and add additional cameras at PVE - \$37,697.81 as was attached.

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Peeters expressed our number one concern is about safety in our buildings and he would like to see cameras throughout the district. He indicated that the Navigate software covers safety once an incident occurs inside the building and he would like to deter any incidents from happening before they enter the building. Mr. Peeters said that he would like to see our investment for safety go a step further suggesting metal detectors at each door in every building.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Voting No on Agenda item #11.h.b.: Mr. Peeters 7-1 CARRIED

Mr. Gould stated that Mr. Peeters' previous comments are well taken and suggested that the Board look into it. Mr. Krebs spoke of deterrence measures already in place and also that a safety survey with the state police will be conducted and he will keep the Board informed.

Agenda item #11.s. – Informational: The District Investment Report for April 30, 2017 was attached.

**SOLICITOR: Gerard Geiger, Esq.** – No report.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Russ Gould and all Board members wished Mr. Gress good luck in his retirement. Ms. Kresge also commented about the MCTI graduation being held at Pocono Mountain East auditorium for the first time and it was very successful. In the future the graduation ceremony will be held at the school district where the superintendent is Superintendent of Record which for the next two years is the Superintendent of the Stroudsburg School District. She also commented about the furloughs approved tonight and addressed comments made by the middle school student stating that there is a chance that most individuals furloughed will have an opportunity to come back to the district.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:**

Mr. John Gesiski, Chestnuthill Township, questioned the location of the cameras and also the 360 degree coverage. Mr. Krebs said that cameras will be placed in common areas such as hallways, cafeteria, etc. Mr. Gesiski expressed concern about safety measures and would want more preparation for keeping intruders out of the buildings.

Ms. Alexandra Lucas, Chestnuthill Township, questioned the use of the cameras in the classrooms. Ms. Geary addressed the issue and explained that there are currently cameras in each building and the 360 coverage will be pictures of the empty classroom, not live cameras, in case of an emergency so that the personnel will know exactly where and what the emergency is.

Mr. Jason Kish, Chestnuthill Township, a former graduate of Pleasant Valley, thanked the Board stating he is a proud parent of children now at Pleasant Valley. Mr. Kish addressed comments made by the middle school student this evening and questioned retirement incentives. Ms. Geary stated that ten staff members are needed for a retirement incentive and we did not meet that number in order to make it fiscally prudent. Ms. Geary stated that retirement incentives have been done in the past. Mr. Kish also questioned the cost of the Navigate software and Mr. Krebs stated that the initial cost is \$2,000 per building and \$1,000 per building per year for maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Kish also thanked Ms. Geary and Mr. Gress for their years of service to this district.

Mr. Aidan McHugh suggested alternative plans for retirement incentives possibly for the next year so that there would be no need for furloughs. Ms. Geary explained the financial implications and more importantly, the issue of declining enrollment. She stated that she is very hopeful that Mr. McHugh's

math teacher will be able to be back but at this point cannot justify keeping a staff member when there is not a need for it. She hopes that retirement incentives will be offered in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

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