

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

Minutes of the August 27, 2015 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 9-10-15

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on August 27, 2015 and called to order by Board President Russell Gould at 8:02 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, Steve Borger, Vice President, Charles Hoffman, Treasurer, Linda Micklos, Len Peeters, Bob Serfass, Daniel Wunder, Dominick Sacci. Absent: Sue Kresge.

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

Building administrators in attendance: John Gress, Rocco Seiler, Todd VanNortwick, Erica Greer, Roger Pomposello, Bob Hines, Diane Siani, Tresa Malligo.

School Solicitor in attendance: Daniel Corveleyn, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session: Mr. Gould announced that an executive session was held on August 27, 2015 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for the 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, Secretary

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Mr. Sacci to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on August 13, 2015.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. H. Charles Hoffman

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Peeters to approve agenda item #3 per attached, as follows: Approval of #3.1 Accounts Payable – 8-14-15 to 8-27-15

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

The Accounts Payable (#3.2) approved at the August 13, 2015 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

Ms. Micklos stated that she had no report; however, she and Mr. Hoffman attended a workshop this evening prior to this meeting.

Colonial IU#20: Mr. Daniel Wunder

Mr. Wunder stated that he will provide the Board with the latest Investment Report and will be giving his report at the next meeting.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge – Not present; no report.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Ms. Carole Geary

Agenda item #6.1 - The following policies were noted for a second reading and will be on the September 10, 2015 Board agenda for approval:

- A. Policy No. 218. Student Discipline
- B. Policy No. 218.1. Weapons
- C. Policy No. 218.2. Terroristic Threats
- D. Policy No. 218.3. Metal Detection Systems
- E. Policy No. 218.4. Gangs

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve agenda item #6 as follows:
Approval of #6.2 – Homebound Instruction as follows: *(Per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days).*

Student No.	Reason
HB103200KM-M	Medical, begins August 30, 2015

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

OTHER:

Ms. Geary stated that she has information for the Board regarding the possibility of accepting tuition-based students that she mentioned at the last meeting. A copy of the memo that she received from Ms. Famularo was provided which included the financial piece she received from the auditors. Ms. Geary also stated that she called PSBA to get a sample policy on this issue. Ms. Geary stated that further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Ms. Geary stated that we had a very well received speaker on staff opening day. Author, Mr. Jonathan Friesen was present to address the staff. Ms. Geary stated that Mr. Friesen has Tourette’s syndrome and epilepsy and he shared his experiences as a child. She said that his general message was that every child wants to be seen and that they are seen. Ms. Geary read several emails she received from staff expressing positive comments about Mr. Friesen’s message.

Ms. Geary thanked Ms. Greer, Mr. Pomposello, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Herr, Mr. VanNortwick and Ms. Herr for opening up their classrooms for find your classroom and meet your teacher day. Ms. Geary stated that we picked up 247 students from the July enrollment numbers (4,558 to 4,805). She stated that we had about 170 registrations in the last three weeks, although not all are processed as of this date so numbers will most likely drop.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dr. John T. Burrus

Mr. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Wunder to approve agenda item #8 as follows:
Approval of #8.1– Hiring of Personnel Regular appointment (pending receipt of all required paperwork)

	Name	Position	Salary	Location	Start Date
1.	Anthony Casucci	Substitute Teacher - All Areas/Paraprofessional Associate/Secretary	As per Board policy		TBD
2.	Michael Glenn	Mathematics Teacher	\$43,400, B+36	PVHS	August 25, 2015
3.	Leticia DiPipi	Elementary Teacher - Gr. 4	\$74,450, Step 14, M+18	PVI	August 25, 2015
4.	Kristen Gschwend	LTS - Gr. 4 for A. Balchune	\$41,400, pro-rated	PVI	August 25, 2015 through November 9, 2015
5.	Christina Heckelman	LTS - Gr. 3 for C. Kneebone	\$41,400, pro-rated	PVE	First Semester of the 2015-2016 school year
6.	Sarah Klein	German Teacher	\$51,300, Step 4, M+18	PVHS	August 27, 2015
7.	Angela Pachuta	LTS - Gr. 4 Mathematics Specialist	\$41,400	PVI	2015-2016 school year

8.	Kimberly Ware	Teacher of the Gifted	Current Salary	PVE	August 31, 2015
9.	Jasmin Williams	LTS - Gr. 5 for A. Menghini	\$41,400, pro-rated	PVI	August 25, 2015 through November 4, 2015
10.	Cassandra Herr	Assistant Principal	\$70,000.00	PVI	August 25, 2015
11.	Tara Hyland	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate – 1 st Grade	\$10,521.50 (prorated)	PVE	August 31, 2015-provisional
12.	Rachel Voulo	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate – 2 nd Grade	\$10,521.50 (prorated)	PVE	August 31, 2015-provisional
13.	Amy Thomas	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate – 2 nd Grade	\$10,521.50 (prorated)	PVE	TBA
14.	Kim Baledino-Waldenmyer	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate – 4 th Grade	\$10,521.50 (prorated)	PVI	August 31, 2015-provisional
15.	Laura Muldowney	Full-time Paraprofessional Associate	\$21,043.00	PVI	August 31, 2015
16.	Salvator Rosato	Security – Casual	\$12.82/Hr.	District	August 31, 2015-provisional

Approval of #8.2 – The following transfers:

	Name	Position	From	To	Start Date
1.	Brigitte Endrulat	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate	PVI	PVMS	August 25, 2015
2.	Valerie Kaye	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate	PVI	PVMS	August 25, 2015
3.	Julie Kresge	Teacher of Gifted	PVI	.75 PVI/.25 PVMS	August 31, 2015

Approval of #8.3 – The following Leaves of Absence (Employees are responsible for benefit payments):

	Name	Position	Leave	Days	Dates
1.	Susan Marcin	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate	Leave without Pay	One (1)	September 14, 2015
2.	Cathleen Piccolo	Monitor	Leave without Pay	One (1)	August 25, 2015

Approval of #8.4 – The following resignations:

1. Alfred T. Chestnut, III, security officer, effective August 17, 2015.
2. Kelli Conway Busch, PVE part-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 17, 2015. Ms. Conway wishes to remain on the substitute list.
3. Lorraine Danny, PVE monitor, effective August 25, 2015.
4. Melissa Dennis, PVHS full-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 17, 2015.
5. Cheryl Frable, PVE part-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 31, 2015.
6. Nancy Marshall Lachcik, PVI part-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 13, 2015.
7. Connie Saba, PVE full-time library paraprofessional associate, effective August 24, 2015.
8. Kelly Simpson, PVE part-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 25, 2015. Ms. Simpson wishes to remain on the substitute list.
9. Jason R. Smith, PVI long-term substitute teacher, effective August 17, 2015.

Approval of #8.5 – The following correction: Item 8.3.1 from the Board meeting on August 13, 2015, Samantha Bush should read Stephanie Bush.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Ms. Geary took this opportunity to introduce and welcome Ms. Cassandra Herr as the Assistant Principal at PVI.

CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman

Agenda Item #9.1 – Reading Supervisor: Ms. Keri Ramsay provided a written ELA update.

Agenda Item #9.2 – Reading Supervisor, Ms. Keri Ramsay and Ms. Shavonne Liddic, Mathematics Supervisor, provided a presentation on some of the memories from the Summer Reading and Math Camp. Ms. Ramsay stated that we have been connecting with the National Library theme – “every hero has a story.” Decorations were donated from a conference attended by Mr. Newman and Mr. Krebs and she extended a thank you to them. A video of various activities held was provided including Super Hero Challenge, Mad Science assembly, guest readers, dress like your hero, perfect attendance rewards, and various physical activities where reading and mathematics were involved. Ms. Ramsay and Ms. Liddic stated that the students enjoyed and appreciated being part of the camp. Ms. Geary thanked all involved.

Agenda Item #9.3 – Mr. Newman provided information regarding PDE's School Performance Profile. He stated that as of this morning the information was to be released September 29, 2015 but as of 3:54 PM this afternoon, he received word from PDE that it is on hold because of data issues. Mr. Newman will keep the Board updated.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Mr. Joshua Krebs

Mr. Peeters motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to approve Agenda Item #10 as follows:

Approval of #10.1 – 2015-2016 Field Hockey Volunteers:

- A. Field Hockey:
 - Volunteer: Brittany Angelica
 - Volunteer: Alexandria DiMarco

Approval of #10.2 – 2015-2016 Boys Soccer Volunteer:

- A. Boys Soccer:
 - Volunteer: Chris Lusto

Approval of #10.3 – 2015-2016 Event Admission Fees:

Annual Event Ticket and Entrance Price Approval Form
For the School Year: 2015 - 2016

Athletic Contests:

Monroe County average ticket prices:

Adults___\$4___ Students___\$2___ Senior Citizens___\$2___

Note: Students free w/ID @ Stbg, ES North, ES South

This year's ticket price for home contests: *(Night Games in stadium)*

Varsity - Adults___\$4___ Students___\$2___ Senior Citizens___Card___

JV - Adults___\$2___ Students___\$1___ Senior Citizens___Card___

9th - Same as JV

This year's ticket price for home contests: *(Games after school in stadium)*

Varsity - Adults___\$2___ Students___\$1___ Senior Citizens___Card___

JV - Adults___\$2___ Students___\$1___ Senior Citizens___Card___

9th - Same as JV

Recommended ticket prices for next year's home contests: *(Night games in stadium)*

Varsity - Adults___\$4___ Students___\$2___ Senior Citizens___Card___

JV - Adults___\$2___ Students___\$2___ Senior Citizens___Card___

9th - Same as JV

Note: See proposal on Student entrance @ end of document

(Games after school in stadium)

Varsity - Adults___\$2___ Students___\$1___ Senior Citizens___Card___

JV - Adults___\$2___ Students___\$1___ Senior Citizens___Card___

9th - Same as JV

High School Drama Productions:

Monroe County average ticket prices:

Adults__\$10__ Students__\$5__ Senior Citizens__\$8__

Note: Only 1 response (ESS and ESN)

This year's ticket prices for the drama production:

Adults__\$6__ Students__\$5__ Senior Citizens__

Recommended ticket prices for next year's drama production:

Adults__\$6__ Students__\$5__ Senior Citizens__

High School Musical Productions

Monroe County average ticket prices:

Adults__\$10__ Students__\$5__ Senior Citizens__\$8__

Note: Only 1 response (ESS and ESN)

This year's ticket prices for musical productions:

Adults__\$5__ Students__\$3__ Senior Citizens__

Recommended ticket prices for next year's Musical productions:

Adults__\$8__ Students__\$5__ Senior Citizens__

Note: This is what the prices were before last year.

Middle School Drama/Musical Productions:

This year's ticket prices for middle school drama/musical productions:

Adults__\$5__ Students__\$3__ Senior Citizens__\$3__

Recommended ticket prices for next year's MS Drama/Musical productions:

Adults__\$5__ Students__\$3__ Senior Citizens__\$3__

Intermediate / Elementary School Drama Productions:

This year's ticket prices for middle school drama productions:

Adults__\$3__ Students__\$1__ Senior Citizens__\$2__

Recommended ticket prices for next year's school drama productions:

Adults__\$3__ Students__\$1__ Senior Citizens__\$2__

High School Band Productions:

Monroe County average ticket prices:

Adults__\$3__ Students__ Senior Citizens__

Note: Only 1 response (ESS and ESN)

This year's ticket prices for band productions:

Adults__Free Students__Free Senior Citizens__Free

Recommended ticket prices for next year's band productions:

Adults__Free Students__Free Senior Citizens__Free

High School Chorus Productions:

Monroe County average ticket prices:

Adults__\$3__ Students__ Senior Citizens__

Note: Only 1 response (ESS and ESN)

This year's ticket prices for chorus productions:

Adults__Free__ Students__Free__ Senior Citizens__Free__

Recommended ticket prices for next year's chorus productions:

Adults__Free__ Students__Free__ Senior Citizens__Free__

Other requested Event Ticket and/or Entrance Prices:

(Not sure if all of these events happen any more)

HOMEcomings DANCE 8.00

ANOTHER NOT SO SILENT NIGHT	10.00	
ITALIAN FEAST	7.00 ADULT	3.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12
MULTI MEDIA MAYHEM	7.00	
PROM FASHION SHOW	5.00	
PDR VIDEO CONTEST	8.00	
MOCK CONCERT	7.00	
GONG SHOW	5.00	
FBLA PANCAKE BREAKFAST	5.00 ADULT	3.00 STUDENTS
SUMMER SOUND OFF	7.00 ADULT	2.00 STUDENTS

Proposal for student entrance into sporting events

***All PV High School and MS Students** will get in free to all regular season home games with their school ID. Failure to present school ID, the PV student(s) will be required to pay the student price of \$2. Non-PV students will pay the student price of \$2.

***All PV Elementary Students** will get in free to all regular season home games if accompanied by an adult. The elementary student can present his/her student ID or the accompanying adult can present his/her driver's license to confirm residency at the ticket window. Failure to present ID and be accompanied by an adult, the PV elementary student(s) will be required to pay the student price of \$2.

Approval of #10.4 – Intramural Advisors: Girls' Lacrosse 9/14/2015 - 3/7/2016 (T,TH,F)

Advisor - Toni Bush

Co-Advisor - Beth Green

Co-Advisor - Gerald Lopez

Approval of #10.5 – 2015-2016 Marching Band Assistant: Courtney Munier

Approval of #10.6 – Memorandum of Understanding between Pleasant Valley School District and the Pennsylvania State Police as per the attached.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda Item #10.7 – Informational items: District events from August 28, 2015 – September 10, 2015 were included on the agenda.

BUILDING REPORTS –

Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress – an informational report was provided. In addition, he stated that the annual bear paw painting took place where over 100 students participated. Mr. Gress stated that opening staff day went well and all are looking forward to the opening of school.

Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. Rocco Seiler – an information report was provided. In addition, Mr. Seiler stated that all are excited to start the school year. He said that the “meet your principal” day as well as meeting with parents, went well.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School: Mr. Todd VanNortwick – an informational report was provided. In addition, Mr. VanNortwick introduced and welcomed Cassandra Herr as Assistant Principal at PVI. He said that it was a great three days which included “finding your classroom day” and all are excited to begin the school year. He wished his colleagues a great school year.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Ms. Erica Greer – an informational report was provided. In addition, Ms. Greer highlighted that kindergarten orientation went well as well as “find your classroom day.” The parents met the teachers and the bus ride was held and very well-attended. Ms. Greer thanked Mr. Krebs for bringing Dr. Riccomini in for mathematics instruction.

Ms. Geary thanked all who volunteered to participate in the funnel cake stand at the West End Fair which is a huge fundraiser for our PTOs and buildings.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Mr. Wunder motioned, seconded by Ms. Micklos to approve agenda item #12 as follows:

Approval of #12.1 – Cafeteria Accounts Payable:

Cafeteria Accounts Payable for July 31, 2015: Total amount: \$55,534.15; Bills payable for July 2015: Total amount: \$1,900.85

Approval of #12.2 – The following contracts:

- A. Monroe County Conservation District/Monroe County Environmental Education Center and PVSD for the 2015-2016 school year. Cost:
 - Kindergarten - Winter Bird Feeding - \$3.00/student.
 - First Grade - Kettle Creek Classroom visit and field trip - \$110/class.
- B. Mad Science of Lehigh Valley. Cost: \$95 per participant. Eight week after-school program to be held at Pleasant Valley Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year.
- C. Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab. Cost: \$2,000.00. The lab will provide workshops for the week of December 1, 2015 thru December 4, 2015 at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.
- D. Pennsylvania Department of Education - Bureau of Special Education - School-Based Access Program (SBAP) for the 2015-2016 school year.
- E. Pennsylvania Department of Education - Bureau of Special Education - School-Based Administrative Claiming Program (ACP) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approval of #12.3 – Letter of Agreement For Title I Services with Colonial Intermediate Unit#20. Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2015 and terminate on June 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda Item #12.4 – Informational items included:

- A. Student Activity Accounts
 - Beginning Balance, July 1, 2015: \$250,066.75
 - Receipts: \$425.01
 - Expenditures: \$13,427.24
 - Ending Balance, July 31, 2015: \$237,064.52
- B. District Investment Report for July 31, 2015

SOLICITOR: Daniel Corveleyn, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Wunder commented on the “Meet Your Teacher” day at PVE and said all staff was enthusiastic and student-centered. He congratulated all and wished all good luck on opening day.

Mr. Borger thanked the Board for their support in allowing students to attend sporting events at no charge and stated it is a good thing for the students.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hoffman motioned, seconded by Mr. Serfass to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting: September 10, 2015 @ 8:00 PM