

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the July 20, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 8-10-2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on July 20, 2023 and was called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Ann Gravell followed by a moment of silence. Mrs. Kresge offered condolences for Gloria Myler and her family, a bus driver who passed away tragically. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Conference Room, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Roll Call – School Board Recorder: Ms. Debra Duff

School Board members in attendance: Mrs. Sue Kresge, Mr. Michael Galler, Mr. Todd Kresge, Mr. Norm Burger, Ms. Teresa Greggo, Mrs. Melanie Zipp, Mr. Delbert Zacharias, Mr. Robert Clark, Mrs. Diane Serfass.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager Ms. Lori Fulmer, Supervisor of Human Resources, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mrs. Lori Hagerman, Curriculum Supervisor, Bernadette Fierro, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction-Secondary, Mr. Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Mr. Bob Miller, Chief of School Police/Security, Mr. James Korcienski, Athletic Director, Mr. Randy Smale, Director of Operations, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Mr. Brian Boylan, Mr. Jason Van Voorhis, Ms. Sabrina Albright, Mr. Roger Pomposello.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on July 20, 2023 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.

Superintendent's Response to Community Questions:

Dr. Konrad addressed a question concerning security in our schools. He stated that safety is always our number one priority and our administrative team and police department discuss our responses and ways to continuously improve school safety measures. Dr. Konrad reminded all that communication of specific actions are not shared with the community for safety reasons. Increased security is placed in the buildings and meetings are held on a monthly basis to reflect on safety issues.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Tammy A. Smale, Board Secretary

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on June 29, 2023; approve the Board Meeting Agenda of July 20, 2023, as amended: Removal of Agenda item #8.H.1. and Agenda item #13.F.; addition of Agenda item #9.G.1.and 2.; amendment to Agenda item #13.H. to include severance in the amount of 35% of the 2023-2024 salary and ninety (90) days of health insurance coverage.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Galler referred to Agenda item #13.G. and questioned it being brought back to the table. Mrs. Zipp stated that she requested it be placed on the agenda and Mrs. Kresge stated that an additional presentation was given on June 29th with regard to financial aspects of the Food Service Department that was not included in the June 8th presentation. Mr. Kresge offered comments relating to this issue and Mrs. Kresge stated that this item will be discussed under Agenda item #13.G. and is not part of the motion on the table.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on the June 29, 2023 Minutes:
Mr. Clark, Mrs. Serfass 7-0-2 CARRIED
(Abstention forms attached)

President Kresge announced the meeting procedures and an opportunity was given for Pleasant Valley citizens to address the Board on agenda items:

Pleasant Valley Citizens – (Agenda items):

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion and concern about eliminating the food service director.

Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about the food services department being outsourced.

Jim Serfass, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his concerns and opinions about Agenda item #13.G. being placed on the agenda; accuracy of numbers; outsourcing in general; cafeteria employees.

Beth Archangel, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concern about the issue of outsourcing food services; expenses for equipment; choice of the food service management company.

Janet Dooner, Polk Township, expressed concern about outsourcing food services being brought before the Board again; cafeteria employees.

Judy Bertsch, Eldred Township, expressed her concern and opinion about contracting out food services and eliminating the food service director.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass

All invoices for payment on this agenda have been reviewed by Board officers/Board members and approved by the Treasurer.

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #4.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Manual checks June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Manual checks June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 - PSDLAF.

Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Accounts Payable July 20, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.E. – Accounts Payable June 30, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.F. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement June 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.G. – Asset Cost Summary June 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.H. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues June 2023.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

Other: Mrs. Kresge recommended switching the last two agenda items to reflect the public comment section being placed before the Board of Directors comment section. All Board members agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass: Mrs. Serfass informed all of a personnel change for the 2023-2024 school year.

Colonial IU20 - Mr. Michael Galler: An informational report was provided.

PSBA Legislative Liaison Report – Mrs. Melanie Zipp: No report.

Education Committee – Mrs. Sue Kresge: No report.

Finance Committee – Mr. Norm Burger: No report.

Athletic Committee – Ms. Teresa Greggo: No report.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Diane Serfass: Mrs. Serfass stated that policies for a first reading are included on the agenda this evening.

Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger: Mr. Burger provided a timeline of the RFP schedule for architects/design team proposals:

- Issue RFP to architects – 6/12/2023;
- Proposals due at 2:00 PM on 7/19/2023;
- Committee review of proposals – 7/25/2023;
- Interviews by Committee – 8/2/2023;

- Review RFP results with Operations Committee 8/15/2023;
- Board action on Committee’s architect recommendation – 8/24/2023.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. James R. Konrad –

Agenda item #7.A. – Informational: First Reading of Policies:

1. Policy 111 Lesson Plans
2. Policy 137 Home Education Programs - Updated per PDE
3. Policy 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students - Updated per PDE
4. Policy 137.2 Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students - New Policy
5. Policy 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students - New Policy
6. Policy 304.1 Supplemental Contracts
7. Policy 304.2 Supplemental Contracts - Position Employment
8. Policy 335 Family and Medical Leaves
9. Policy 622 GASB Statement 34
10. Policy 627 Contracts
11. Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings
12. Policy 915 School-Affiliated Organizations

Ms. Greggo raised questions concerning Policies 111; 304.1; 304.2; 903; and 915. Lengthy discussion was held regarding these policies. Dr. Konrad stated that adjustments will be made as discussed and all policies will be placed on the next agenda for a second reading.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Jordan Cook
	Position:	Industrial Arts
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$47,357
	Contract:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Richard Petrushka
2.	Name:	Jillian Hein
	Position:	Speech/Language Therapist
	Building:	Districtwide
	Salary:	M, Step 1: \$54,057
	Contract:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	New Position
3.	Name:	Alexander Mountain
	Position:	English
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	M, Step 9: \$57,457
	Contract:	PE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Bernadette Fierro (due to change of assignment)
4.	Name:	Rheannon Parker
	Position:	Kindergarten
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	B, Step 2: \$47,757
	Contract:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Cassandra Crawford
5.	Name:	Nicole Spohn
	Position:	Learning Support
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$47,357
	Contract:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Sarah Brodsky

6.	Name:	Erin Steiner
	Position:	School Counselor
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	M/54, Step 2: \$71,957
	Contract:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Sarah Talianek

Agenda item #8.C. – Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Jessica Jennings
	Position:	Health Room Technician
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$31,267
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

.Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Education Association.

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – Change to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Daisy Genovese
	Current Position:	English Teacher
	New Position:	Dean of Students
	Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Tricia Hernandez
	Position:	Special Education Teacher
	Current Building:	PVHS
	New Building:	PVIS
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
3.	Name:	Amy Hetherington
	Position:	Math Teacher
	Current Building:	PVHS
	New Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
4.	Name:	Trevor Kresge
	Current Position:	5 th Grade Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	New Position:	K-5 Cyber Teacher
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
5.	Name:	Richard Rimple
	Current Position:	Science Teacher
	New Position:	Dean of Students
	Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2

Approval of Agenda item #8.F. – Salary Adjustment:

1.	Name:	Donna Lamb
	Position:	Custodian
	Approved Salary:	\$18.29 per hour
	Date Approved:	June 29, 2023
	Correct Salary:	\$18.74 per hour

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Title Change: Lori Hagerman from Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction to Reading Supervisor, effective July 1, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #8.H. – Recall and Remove from Support Staff Furlough List:

1.	Name:	Removed
2.	Name:	Jennifer Figueroa
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

3.	Name:	Leslie Jacobson
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
4.	Name:	Amy Eckert
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

Approval of Agenda item #8.I. – Supplemental Contracts – Athletic (pending receipt of required paperwork):

Appointment herein and the District’s obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions approved in this motion(s) is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor’s Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved herein shall be paid a pro-rata amount of the stipends herein based on the percentage of the season/activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Joseph Anderton	Baseball	Varsity Head Coach	L1	\$6,100.00
2.	Toni Bush	Girls Lacrosse	Varsity Head Coach	L6+	\$7,150.00
3.	James Weiss	Wrestling	Varsity Head Coach	L1	\$6,450.00
4.	Steve Caffery	Softball	Varsity Head Coach	L6+	\$7,150.00
5.	Mark Allison	Boys Tennis	Varsity Head Coach	L6+	\$5,450.00
6.	Laura Ammermann	Boys Tennis	JV Assistant	L2	\$3,650.00
7.	Gail Urland	Girls Tennis	JV Assistant	L1	\$3,550.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.J. – Supplemental Contracts – Athletic Non-Coaching (2022-2023):

Appointment herein and the District’s obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions approved in this motion(s) is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor’s Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved herein shall be paid a pro-rata amount of the stipends herein based on the percentage of the season/activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Jonathon Lopez	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	(per event pay)

Approval of Agenda item #8.K. – Supplemental Contracts – Athletic Non-Coaching (2023-2024):

Appointment herein and the District’s obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions approved in this motion(s) is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor’s Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts

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	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	James Percey	Fall	Event Manager	\$610.41
2.	James Percey	Winter	Event Manager	\$610.41
3.	James Percey	Spring	Event Manager	\$610.41
4.	James Percey	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	(per event pay)
5.	Bron Leupold	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	(per event pay)
6.	Bron Leupold	Baseball	Varsity Scorekeeper	\$40.00 (per event)
7.	Bron Leupold	Boys Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
8.	Bron Leupold	Girls Basketball	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
9.	Bron Leupold	Boys Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)
10.	Bron Leupold	Girls Basketball	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)
11.	Bron Leupold	Boys Basketball	Freshman Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
12.	James Igoe	Boys Basketball	JH Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
13.	James Igoe	Girls Basketball	JH Scoreboard Operator	\$30.00 (per event)
14.	James Igoe	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	(per event pay)

Approval of Agenda item #8.L. – Athletic Volunteers:

	Name	Sport
1.	Joe Bush	Girls Lacrosse

Approval of Agenda item #8.M – Student Activities:

Any club/activity not on the supplemental contract cannot exceed \$500.00 and must maintain 10 participants.

1.	Club/Activity:	Music Honor Society
	Advisor:	James DeVivo
	Dates:	October 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023
	Day(s):	Varies
	Times:	Varies
	Building:	PVHS
	Received in HR Office:	June 20, 2023

Approval of Agenda item #8.N. – Building Volunteers:

1. Kristin Hall
2. Kathleen Phillips
3. Robert Velazquez

Approval of Agenda item #8.O. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Alison Ackerman
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One-half (½)
	Dates:	June 15, 2023
2.	Name:	Doreen Dunlap
	Position:	Secretary
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	June 21, 2023
3.	Name:	Roland Steele

	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Three and one-half (3½)
	Dates:	June 7, 2023; June 8, 2023; June 12, 2023 and June 21, 2023 (½)
4.	Name:	Gerald Wollett
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	June 15, 2023 and June 20, 2023 – June 22, 2023

Approval of Agenda item #8.P. – Termination due to expired clearances: Employee #4595.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Agenda item #8.E.4.: Mr. Kresge (Abstention form attached)

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Addendum item #9.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #9.B. – Hiring of Act 93 Security Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Robert Mahady
	Position:	Police Officer
	Salary:	\$26.28 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

Approval of Addendum item #9.C. – Change to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	Donna Lamb
	Position:	Custodian
	Current Building:	PVIS/Floater
	New Building:	PVIS
	Effective Date:	July 24, 2023

Approval of Addendum item #9.D. – Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	James Russi
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS/Floater
	Salary:	\$18.74 per hour
	Effective Date:	July 24, 2023

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic:

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	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Kris Gratalo	Wrestling	JH Assistant	L2	\$3,650.00
2.	Damarcus George	Boys Soccer	Varsity Assistant	L1	\$4,550.00

Approval of Addendum item #9.F. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching:

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agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the CDC, the Governor’s Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved herein shall be paid a pro-rata amount of the stipends herein based on the percentage of the season/activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Beth Green	Girls Soccer	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
2.	Beth Green	Girls Soccer	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)
3.	Beth Green	Field Hockey	Varsity Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 (per event)
4.	Beth Green	Field Hockey	JV Scoreboard Operator	\$35.00 (per event)

Approval of Addendum item #9.G. – Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork): Note: These individuals, if approved, are added to the Agenda in part because they will then notify their schools which will start the notice period and allow them to start as soon as possible.

1.	Name:	Jennifer Barnish
	Position:	Mathematics
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	B, Step 5: \$49,657
	Contract:	PE
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Amy Hetherington
2.	Name:	Paul Nembhard
	Position:	Art
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	B, Step 3: \$48,257
	Contract:	TPE
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	George Boudman

Prior to the vote, Mrs. Kresge clarified Addendum item #9.B. that during negotiations for Act 93, security was placed within that agreement and that this is not an Act 93 position.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard -

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #10. – Curriculum & Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #10.A. – Field Trip – 2024 MiniTHON Summit:

1.	Organization/Grade	MiniTHON Leadership Team / Grades 9-12
	Teacher(s) Involved	Susanne Rasely Philipps
	Destination	Hershey Lodge
	Purpose	2024 MiniTHON Kick-off Summit
	Date(s)	August 11, 2023
	District Buses Needed (#)	Yes (1 van)
	Cost for Buses	\$741.60 (to be paid by Leo Club)
	Cost per Student	None
	Cost for District	None

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard -

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #11. – Curriculum & Staff Development Addendum items:

Approval of Addendum item #11.A. – PVHS Program of Studies Addendum.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #12. – Operations Items: Approval of Agenda item #12.A. – Facility Usage Request pending resolution and notification of any conflicting scheduling as recommended by the Director of Operations:

A.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	12112
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Football Pregame Sandwiches
	Dates/Times	September 8, 2023 through October 27, 2023 Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. 09/08/2023, 09/22/2023, 09/29/2023 10/13/2023, 10/20/2023, 10/27/2023
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	12113
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Thursday Football Team Dinners
	Dates/Times	August 31, 2023 through October 26, 2023 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 08/31/2023 09/14/2023, 09/28/2023 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	70
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	12114
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Football Practice Field
	Purpose	Varsity Football Game Clothing Stand
	Dates/Times	August 25, 2023 through October 27, 2023 Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 08/25/2023 09/08/2023, 09/29/2023 10/20/2023, 10/27/2023
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	4
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	12115
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Stadium
	Purpose	JV/Freshman Football Game Snack Stand
	Dates/Times	September 2, 2023 through October 16, 2023
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	3
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Items #13.B. through Agenda item #13.E.:

Approval of Agenda item #13.B. – Cafeteria Fund as provided:

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for July 20, 2023.
2. Asset Cost Summary – June 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #13.C. – The following contracts:

1. PA Treatment and Healing Agreement to provide Act 48 Alternative Education Services for the 2023-2024 School Year as required. Cost: Not to exceed \$105/day
2. NuChem Water Treatment at PVHS - Terms: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Cost: Year 1: \$2,376.19 Year 2 & 3: \$2,447.48 per year.
3. NuChem Water Treatment at PVMS – Terms: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Cost: Year 1: \$688.52 Year 2 & 3: \$709.18 per year.
4. NuChem Water Treatment at PVI - Terms: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Cost: Year 1: \$1,390.08 Year 2 & 3: \$1,431.78 per year.
5. NuChem Water Treatment at PVE - Terms: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Cost: Year 1: \$2,104.39 Year 2 & 3: \$2,167.52 per year.
6. NuChem Water Treatment at Polk - Terms: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Cost: Year 1: \$787.71 Year 2 & 3: \$811.34 per year.
7. Flocabulary - Renewal for Pleasant Valley Intermediate School to be paid with 2023-2024 Title I Funds. Term 8/17/2023 - 8/16/2024. Total Cost: \$3,383.21.

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – Letter of Agreement with Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 to provide Title I instructional services to non-public schools for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$42,693.14.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Approval of Agenda item #13.F. – Removed.

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Item #13.G. – School Cafeteria Services: Option 2: Projected Loss/Deficit to the District of (\$279,602).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Pleasant Valley School District approve the District Run food/cafeteria services for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Galler suggested giving the cafeteria a chance for one year and expressed that he will be voting no on outsourcing food services. Mr. Kresge recommended giving the cafeteria a chance and revisit after a year and also spoke about funding. Mr. Burger addressed the influence of the state budget and the impasse on the education budget; the benefit of the costs of food bought in larger quantities; the impact of capital projects and the ability to attain a better borrowing rate if we are operating without a deficit. He also addressed the ability to terminate outsourcing after one year if the District is not satisfied. Mr. Zacharias expressed concern about not being involved in the RFP process. Ms. Greggo expressed concern about numbers presented as well as days of service and enrollment contained in the contract which Mrs. Smale addressed at length. Further discussion was held about issues raised as well as the operations of the Food Service Management Company.

Mrs. Kresge took this opportunity to dispel certain misinformation that was posted on Facebook and provided correct information including the agenda item being brought back before the Board; budget items pertaining to copier use charges; non-profit organizations and working with a deficit; and personnel issues; other administrative issues; shortage of staff and suggested these posts are a form of cyberbullying. Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald addressed the issue of a previous agenda item being brought back to the table. He stated that under Roberts Rules, a new Board meeting is viewed as a different legislative session which would allow for agenda items to be brought back to the table. Dr. Konrad spoke about the rationale for outsourcing food services and the financial impact if we continue with the district run program.

Mrs. Serfass spoke about decisions made collectively as a Board and changes that needed to be done in order to improve the operations of the District, food services being the last to be looked at. She said that looking to the future and after running the program into a deficit, changes are necessary to be fiscally sound while still serving the nutritional needs of our students and maintaining our staff. Mrs. Serfass explained the classification of food services as an Enterprise Fund which are made to be either break even funds or profitable funds. She said that per PDE, if the fund is in a deficit the general fund is required to make the fund whole each year upon independent audit. Mrs. Serfass stated that all facts and figures have been presented by the Business Manager and hopes that the Board can make a good sound decision for both our students and taxpayers.

ROLL CALL: 4-5 NOT CARRIED
Voting No: Mr. Burger, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Serfass, Mrs. Zipp

Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Item #13.G. – School Cafeteria Services: Option 1: Guarantee Profit/Return to the District of \$25,634.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Pleasant Valley SD approve Whitsons Nutrition, LLC to provide food service management services pending final review by Administration and the PA Department of Education, effective for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the Business Manager.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Kresge expressed concerns about not being involved in the choice of the management company. Mr. Burger commented about conditions made by other companies and further discussion was held.

ROLL CALL: 5-4 CARRIED
Voting No: Mr. Galler, Ms. Greggo, Mr. Kresge, Mr. Zacharias

Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Item #13.H. – Act 93 Position Elimination of the Act 93 Director of Food Services and further, approve the layoff of Beverly Hendricks, Food Services Director, effective July 31, 2023 amended to include severance pay of 35% of the 2023-2024 salary and ninety (90) days of health insurance coverage.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #13.I. – Informational: Student Fundraiser Report as provided.

Agenda item #13.J. – Informational: Student Activities Account:

Beginning Balance: June 1, 2023: \$154,028.60
Receipts: \$3,303.71
Expenditures: (\$4,946.75)
Ending Balance: June 30, 2023: \$152,385.56

Agenda item #13.K. – Informational: District Investment Report as provided.

ADDENDUM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #14.A. – Business Management Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #14.A. – The following contracts:

1. Rachel's Challenge - Anti-Bully Event Program to be paid with Title IV Funds - Total Cost: \$8,700.00
2. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Multiple associate teachers for direct, one-on-one services in various locations. Effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Total costs shall not exceed \$417,781.80.
3. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - To provide a Special Education Teacher for homebound instruction. Terms: 6/12/2023 - 8/17/2023 Total Cost: 57.72 per hour up to 110 hours plus mileage.
4. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 – To provide an associate teacher for direct, one-on-one services for students attending the Extending School Year Program at the Colonial Academy. This contract will be in effect from July 11, 2023 through July 27, 2023. Total Cost not to exceed \$4,642.02.
5. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Secure an LPN or RN to administer medication for Pleasant Valley School District students while attending Community Based Instruction and/or field trips. Cost: \$60.00 per hour for LPN or RN. Effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - To provide online professional development for technology staff with CBT Nuggets Online Trained subscription. Terms: 8/30/2023 - 8/30/2024. Total Cost \$554.00 per license for 5 licenses, not to exceed \$2,770.00.
7. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - To provide the following web-based curriculum licenses. Symbolstix License cost: \$154.99 per license for 5 licenses, Total: \$774.95. Unique Learning license cost: \$699.99 per license, for 5 licenses, Total \$3,499.95. Shall not exceed \$4,274.90 and is in effect for the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Will provide psychiatric evaluations as requested for the 2023-2024 school year. Rates of services are as follows:
 - a. Psychiatric Evaluation - \$321.46
 - b. Psychiatric Amendment - \$128.58
 - c. Fee for No Show Appointment - \$128.58
 - d. Fee for Cancellation - Less than 48 Hours' Notice - \$128.58
9. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 - Cost: \$6.39 per month, for 12 months, not to exceed \$76.68, plus a fee of \$1.21 per minute for interpreting services in collaboration with Transperfect. Effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Kresge expressed his disagreement with the approval of a food services management company.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS – Agenda items/Non-Agenda items:

Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, recognized and expressed positive comments about the hiring of individuals this evening.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about procedures for public participation at Board meetings as well as interaction with the community.

Jim Serfass, Chestnuthill Township, expressed disappointment about the approval of a food service management company.

Janet Dooner, Polk Township, clarified discussion about Policy 915. She apologized for social media posts and expressed concern about outsourcing.

Ann Gravell, Polk Township, reiterated comments made about the food services approval and expressed her opinion about outsourcing.

Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about communication between the District and the community.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about communication and the issue of outsourcing.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:

Dr. Konrad addressed enrollment numbers increasing as well as school performance and increased opportunities for students. He spoke about opportunities for community members to address the administration and Board. He addressed false information contained on social media and reiterated that the administration and Board are here to serve the students and community. He spoke about helping and supporting each other by working together to problem solve as opposed to “challenging” each other.

Dr. Konrad congratulated the Future Business Leaders of America students and club advisor Denise Hopely whose chapter placed 3rd at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA last month. He said that PV placed 3rd Domestically/Internationally in the United States for National Champion Chapter Gold Level. Also Dr. Konrad recognized John Onubogu and Jonathan Petzold who earned 10th place honors in the International Business competition. In addition, Dr. Konrad thanked Pocono Whitewater Rafting for providing four free passes for our high school students for the upcoming school year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next scheduled Board of Education meeting:
August 10, 2023 @ 7:00 PM