

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the August 10, 2023

Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 8-24-2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on August 10, 2023 and called to order by Vice President Michael Galler at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Todd Kresge followed by a moment of silence. 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: Mr. Michael Galler, Mr. Todd Kresge, Mr. Robert Clark, Mr. Norm Burger, Ms. Teresa Greggo, Mr. Delbert Zacharias, Mrs. Melanie Zipp, Mrs. Diane Serfass. Absent: Mrs. Susan Kresge.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Business Manager, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Randy Smale, Director of Operations, Ms. Bernadette Fierro, Curriculum Supervisor, Mr. Alex Sterenchock, Network Administrator, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. Robert Miller, Chief of School Police.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Mr. Brian Boylan, Ms. Josephine Fields, Ms. Sara Adams, Ms. Sabrina Albright.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

Vice President Michael Galler announced that an executive session was held on August 10, 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 the question regarding the policy meeting held on July 6th. He stated that the administration met to discuss suggested policy changes and Mrs. Serfass participated. He noted that this was not a public meeting.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on July 20, 2023; approve the Board Meeting Agenda of August 10, 2023 amended as follows: Correction to Addendum item #9.D.1. – Change rate from \$11.24 per hour to \$11.53 per hour; addition of Addendum item #9.N.1. & 2. – Hiring of Professional Staff; addition of Addendum item #9.O.1. & 2. – Hiring of Support Staff; addition of Addendum item #9.P. – Change to Current Assignment.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Mr. Galler 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 concern about administrative salary increases.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #4.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Manual Checks July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Manual Checks July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 – PSDLAF

Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Accounts Payable August 10, 2023.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mrs. Diane Serfass – Mr. Kresge reported on the status of projects.

Colonial IU20: Mr. Galler – No report.

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

Education Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Norm Burger – Mr. Burger stated that with the Governor’s signature, most of the state’s education funding has been released with the exception of money for Level Up supplementary payments and school mental health grants. These funds are frozen until the General Assembly passes the fiscal budget to authorize the spending.

Athletic Committee: Ms. Teresa Greggo – No report.

Policy Committee: Mrs. Diane Serfass – Mrs. Serfass said that policies are on the agenda under Agenda item #7.C., D., and E.

Capital Improvement Plan Report: Mr. Norm Burger – Mr. Burger stated that the Capital Improvement Committee held interviews with architects’ final proposals on August 9th. He said that an update will be presented at the next Operations meeting on August 15th.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. James Konrad

Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Superintendent items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Student for Early Admission to Kindergarten. Per policy 201 and Administrative Regulations 201-AR-1, parents submitted a written request before the May 1st deadline requesting early admission. Child met with school counselor who administered a battery of tests. The child passed the mental capacity; emotional stability; social maturity and physical readiness for the school program. Child was observed in the classroom joining class on the carpet, sitting quietly and began writing name on whiteboard as instructed. Student was able to participate and follow directions from the teacher. Principal and staff at Pleasant Valley Elementary recommends that this child be able to begin Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023. Superintendent agrees with the findings. PVE-EKA02

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Second Reading and Approval of Policies as provided:

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 915 School-Affiliated Organizations

Prior to the vote, Mr. Kresge stated that he would be voting No on Policies #335 and #915. Ms. Greggo stated that she would be voting No on Policy #335. Lengthy discussion was held regarding Policy #915 concerning activities and athletic awards and recognitions. It was ultimately agreed to approve Policies #111 through #627. A motion was on the table to approve Policy #915 but after further discussion it was agreed to abandon the motion and revisit the policy.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED
Voting No on Policy #335: Mr. Kresge, Ms. Greggo 6-2 CARRIED

Agenda item #7.D. – Informational: First Reading of Policy as provided:

1. Policy 808 Food Services

Agenda item #7.E. – Informational: Policy Reviewed with No Changes as provided: No changes were recommended to the following policy that was reviewed on July 20, 2023. The revision

date only will be updated on the policy. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle.

1. Policy 903 Public Participation

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items: Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff:

1.	Name:	Bernard Gardzalla
	Position:	Music Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	M, Step 14: \$76,057
	Contract Type:	PE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Deborah Loughren
2.	Name:	Michael Weiss
	Position:	English Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$47,357
	Contract Type:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Daisy Genovese (due to change of assignment)

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – Hiring of Support Staff (pending receipt of Required Paperwork):

1.	Name:	Joann Gantt
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$11.53 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Sharon Wawrzeniak
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$11.53 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Recall and Removal from Support Staff Furlough List (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Kimberly Tinker
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Diana Graziano
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
3.	Name:	Melissa Schimminger
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

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

1.	Name:	Jillian Hein
	Position:	Speech/Language Therapist
	Approved Salary:	M, Step 1: \$54,057
	Date Approved:	July 20, 2023
	Correct Salary:	M, Step 1: \$51,557

Approval of Agenda item #8.F. – Salary Increase: A 3.5% increase above the 2022-2023 salary for the Superintendent, Dr. James Konrad, which is consistent with the group raises afforded to the Act 93 Administrative group.

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Salary Increase: A 3.5% increase above the 2022-2023 salary for the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, which is consistent with the group raises afforded to the Act 93 Administrative group.

Approval of Agenda item #8.H. – Supplemental Contracts – Athletic:

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.	Drew Dymond	Girls Volleyball	JH Assistant Coach	L6+	\$3,950.00
2.	Michael Adames	Football	JH Assistant Coach	L1	\$4,050.00
3.	Danielle Henry	Girls Basketball	JV Assistant	L1	\$4,800.00

Approval of Agenda item #8.I. – Supplemental Contracts – Athletic Non-Coaching:

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	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Kaitlin Freeman	Girls Basketball	JH Scorekeeper	\$25.00 per event
2.	Kaitlin Freeman	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	per event pay
3.	Mike Walters	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
4.	Mike Walters	Football	JV Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
5.	Mike Walters	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
6.	Mike Walters	Football	JH Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
7.	Andrew Krock	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
8.	Andrew Krock	Football	JV Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
9.	Andrew Krock	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
10.	Andrew Krock	Football	JH Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
11.	Michelle Piontkowski	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
12.	Michelle Piontkowski	Football	JV Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
13.	Michelle Piontkowski	Football	JH Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
14.	Michelle Piontkowski	Cross Country	Varsity Timer	\$35.00 per event
15.	Michelle Piontkowski	Boys Soccer	Varsity Scorekeeper	\$40.00 per event

16.	Michelle Piontkowski	Boys Soccer	JV Scorekeeper	\$30.00 per event
17.	Holli Freeman	Football	Varsity Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
18.	Holli Freeman	Football	JV Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
19.	Holli Freeman	Football	Freshman Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
20.	Holli Freeman	Football	JH Chain Crew	\$30.00 per event
21.	Holli Freeman	Boys/Girls Basketball	Secondary Clock Operator	\$40.00 per event
22.	Holli Freeman	Boys/Girls Lacrosse	Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 per event
23.	Holli Freeman	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	per event pay

Approval of Agenda item #8.J. – Supplemental Contracts: Non-Athletic:

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	Name	Position	Salary
1.	Melissa Kern	Language Arts Department Chairperson (K-2)	\$1,137.50 split stipend
2.	Susan Price	Language Arts Department Chairperson (K-2)	\$1,137.50 split stipend
3.	Kelly Williams	Language Arts Department Chairperson (3-5)	\$2,275.00
4.	Diane Dudak	Language Arts Department Chairperson (6-8)	\$2,275.00
5.	Jacqueline Brinker	Language Arts Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
6.	Christie Doll	Mathematics Department Chairperson (K-2)	\$1,137.50 split stipend
7.	Stacey Meckes	Mathematics Department Chairperson (K-2)	\$1,137.50 split stipend
8.	Tracy Pio	Mathematics Department Chairperson (3-5)	\$2,275.00
9.	Sara Markowski	Mathematics Department Chairperson (6-8)	\$2,275.00
10.	Derek Strohl	Mathematics Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
11.	Danielle Lukashewski	Science Department Chairperson (3-5)	\$2,275.00
12.	Chris Lesoine	Science Department Chairperson (6-8)	\$2,275.00
13.	Maricatherine Garr	Science Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
14.	James Ward	Social Studies Department Chairperson (9-12)	\$2,275.00
15.	Dan Mulligan	Art Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
16.	Susanne Rasely-Philipps	ESOL Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
17.	Ashley Thompson	Family & Consumer Science Department Chairperson (6-12)	\$2,275.00
18.	Alexandria Gibb	Gifted Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
19.	Dawn Kieffer	Health Services Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
20.	Christine Konstantopoulos	Health/Physical Education Department Chairperson (K-5)	\$2,275.00
21.	Kelsey Tompkins	Health/Physical Education Department Chairperson (6-12)	\$2,275.00
22.	John DeVivo	Music Department Chairperson (K-5)	\$2,275.00
23.	James DeVivo	Music Department Chairperson (6-12)	\$2,275.00

24.	Julie Romanisko	School Counseling Department Chairperson (K-5)	\$2,275.00
25.	Kerry Freeman	Special Education Department Chairperson (6-12)	\$2,275.00
26.	Jodi Kresge	Speech Department Chairperson (K-12)	\$2,275.00
27.	Sean Crosby	Stream Department Chairperson (K-6)	\$1,137.50 split stipend
28.	Christianna Johnson	Stream Department Chairperson (K-6)	\$1,137.50 split stipend
29.	Liliana Lear	Word Language Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00

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

1.	Name:	Donna Lamb
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Four (4)
	Dates:	July 17, 2023 - July 20, 2023
2.	Name:	Colleen Schmidt
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	May 16, 2023

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED
 Abstained on Agenda item #8.J.26.: Mr. Kresge 7-0-1 CARRIED (Abstention form attached)

Agenda item #8.L. – Informational: Family and Medical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	2523
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Ten (10)
	Dates:	August 23, 2023 - September 8, 2023
2.	Employee ID:	4395
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Nineteen (19)
	Dates:	July 26, 2023 - August 6, 2023 and August 16, 2023 - August 28, 2023

Agenda item #8.M. – Informational: Resignation:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Heather Zingales	Building Secretary	PVMS	August 16, 2023

Agenda item #8.N. – Informational: Retirement:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Gayle Markowski	Teacher	PVHS	July 31, 2023

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

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

1.	Name:	John Portorreal
	Position:	Full-Time Security Officer ~ ten (10) months
	Hours per Week:	35 1/2 hours per week
	Salary:	\$16.30 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Rahim Sabovic
	Position:	Full-Time Security Officer ~ ten (10) months
	Hours per Week:	35 1/2 hours per week
	Salary:	\$16.30 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

3.	Name:	Paul Waked
	Position:	Full-Time Security Officer ~ ten (10) months
	Hours per Week:	35 1/2 hours per week
	Salary:	\$16.30 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

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

1.	Name:	Victor Quesada
	Position:	Science Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	M, Step 12: \$62,657
	Contract Type:	PE
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Paige Saffioti (change of assignment)
2.	Name:	Jamie Cunningham
	Position:	5 th Grade Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	B, Step 12: \$58,457
	Contract Type:	PE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Trevor Kresge (change of assignment)
3.	Name:	Nicole Secara
	Position:	5 th Grade Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$47,357
	Contract Type:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Paige Saffioti (change of assignment)

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

1.	Name:	Linnette Molinuevo
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$11.53 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Karina Martin
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Recall and Removal from Support Staff Furlough List (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Emilia Ringwelski
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Shantel Gatton
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	Step 1: \$26,257
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

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

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	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Robert Kays III	Wrestling	Varsity Assistant Coach	L1	\$4,800.00
2.	Daniel Bradley	Cross Country	JH Assistant Coach	L1	\$2,700.00
3.	Kara Sterner	Cross Country	JH Assistant Coach	L1	\$2,700.00
4.	Kristen Ferris	Girls Volleyball	JH Assistant Coach	L1	\$3,400.00
5.	Alyssa Grieco	Girls Lacrosse	JV Assistant Coach	L1	\$4,550.00
6.	Taylor Womack	Volleyball	JV Assistant Coach	L1	\$4,550.00

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

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	Name	Sport	Position	Salary
1.	Robert Constantinou	Football	Varsity Announcer	\$40.00 per event

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

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	Name	Position	Salary
1.	Denise Hopely	Business Education Department Chairperson (7-12)	\$2,275.00

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

1.	Name:	Arianna Weaver
	Position:	Math Teacher
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Carlene Altemose
	Current Position:	Custodian
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	New Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	Step 10: \$31,521

Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
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Approval of Addendum item #9.N. – Hiring of Professional Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Julie Valenzuela
	Position:	Special Education Teacher (Life Skills)
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	M/6, Step 10: \$60,257
	Contract Type:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Gayle Markowski
2.	Name:	Melinda Benson
	Position:	Art Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: \$47,357
	Contract Type:	TPE
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Brooke Hillegass

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

1.	Name:	Melissa L'Heureux
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
2.	Name:	Dave Morton
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

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

1.	Name:	Lidia Osman
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Current Building:	PVIS
	New Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023
	Replace:	Christina Gutierrez

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Addendum item #9.J. – Informational: Family and Medical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	3774
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Sixty (60)
	Dates:	August 28, 2023 - November 21, 2023

Addendum item #9.K. – Informational: Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	3774
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Twenty (20)
	Dates:	November 22, 2023 - January 1, 2024

Addendum item #9.L. – Informational: Retirement:

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Nancy Heckman	Paraprofessional Associate	PVES	August 18, 2023
2.	Carol Garcia	Paraprofessional Associate	PVIS	August 7, 2023

Addendum item #9.M. – Informational: Resignation:

	Name	Position	Effective Date
1.	Michael McMullen	Assistant Director of Special Education	TBD

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale –

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

Approval of Agenda item #10.A. – Textbook Discard – PV Bears Academy: Discard of outdated, unused textbooks previously used by the PV Cyber Academy under VLN as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent as provided.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale –

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #11. – Operations Items:

Approval of Agenda item #11.A. – Facility Usage:

A.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Band
	Schedule ID Number	12127
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Serve Breakfast Prior to Central Bucks & PA State Competition
	Dates/Times	September 30, 2023 and October 21, 2023 10:30AM – 12:30PM
	Requestor	Bonnie Klingel
	Attendance	80
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	12152
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Team and Coaches to eat bagged lunch prior to game
	Dates/Times	September 7, 2023 2:30PM – 3:15PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	65
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	12153
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Stadium
	Purpose	Parent Club to Sell Gear at Home Varsity Game
	Dates/Times	September 7, 2023 5:30PM – 8:30PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	4
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Cheerleading
	Schedule ID Number	12154
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Cheerleaders Cook for Football Players
	Dates/Times	August 25, 2023 12:00PM – 2:00PM
	Requestor	Dana Fishon
	Attendance	70
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	PV Clubs Football
	Schedule ID Number	12156
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Stadium, Concession Stand
	Purpose	Parents vs. Coaches Game
	Dates/Times	October 14, 2023 12:00PM – 2:30PM
	Requestor	Rebecca Tippett
	Attendance	250
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

F.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Volleyball
	Schedule ID Number	12206
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym/Lobby
	Purpose	Volleyball Pre-Season Camp
	Date/Times	August 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 2023 8:30AM – 4:30PM
	Requestor	John Gesiskie
	Attendance	46
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Volleyball
	Schedule ID Number	12235
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym Concession Stand/Lobby
	Purpose	Use Concession Stand for Home Volleyball Games
	Dates/Times	August 22, 2023 thru October 11, 2023 3:30PM – 7:30PM
	Requestor	Suzanne Ballek
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Volleyball
	Schedule ID Number	12236
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym Concession Stand/Lobby
	Purpose	Use Concession Stand for Home Volleyball Games
	Dates/Times	September 9, 2023 and October 7, 2023 11:00AM – 2:30PM
	Requestor	Suzanne Ballek
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #12.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.B. – Contracts:

1. Edpuzzle - Interactive Learning program renewal Terms: 8/1/2023 - 7/31/2024 Total Cost: \$9,725.00 to be paid with Title IV funds.
2. Christmas City Studio & ID Badger, LLC - District Employee Badge Software and Application Cost: \$2.00 per employee per year.
3. Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 - PowerSchool21 for PowerSchool Integration and Support - Total Cost: \$13,000.00
4. Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf - Student Transportation Contract - Terms 2023-2024 school year. - Cost \$8,500.00.

Approval of Agenda item #12.C. – Acceptance of bid award recommendation to Myco Mechanical for HVAC Districtwide Replacement Project in the base bid amount of \$3,074,000.00 plus the Alternate #1 in the amount of \$64,000.00 for a total of \$3,138,000.00 from D'HUY Engineering Inc. Project to be paid from ESSER III Funds.

Approval of Agenda item #12.D. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund, as provided - \$520.00.

Approval of Agenda item #12.E. – Student Placement:

- Student# 22-23-S-33 - School District of Philadelphia - Effective 01/20/2023
- Student# 23-24-C-01 - Chester County Intermediate Unit # 24 - Effective 07/01/2023
- Student# 23-24-C-02 - Cornell Abraxas - Effective 07/03/2023

Approval of Agenda item #12.F. – Procurement Card Holder: Addition of Randy Smale, Director of Operations, to the procurement cardholder list.

Approval of Agenda item #12.G. – Settlement Agreement and Release 23-24 SA-03.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #12.H. – Informational: Districtwide Staff Denim Days for School Year 2023-2024 – August 2023 through June 2024.

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to approve Addendum item #13.A.:

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – The following contract:

1. Bruce George Paving and Excavating - Extension for Snow Removal for PVE, PVI and Polk Schools - Terms 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026 - Cost \$130.00 per Truck, \$150.00 per Loader, \$150.00 per Dozer, \$150.00 per 8' Snow Blower, \$150.00 per Trucking of Snow

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

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

Danielle Serfass, Eldred Township, expressed concern and opinion about a decrease in band lessons and support for the band.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about an agenda item being brought back to the Board for approval.

Bonnie Klingel, Eldred Township, expressed concern about the band program; lack of communication; district website; and music program personnel.

Nellie Gordon, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her thoughts about the benefit of music in schools.

End of Public Comment

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Ms. Greggo questioned the status of the band trailer which Mr. Smale addressed.

Mrs. Zipp addressed comments made about bringing the food service item back to the Board for approval. She stated that the first vote was a tie therefore no decision was made and she requested it be brought before the Board for approval a second time.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:

Dr. Konrad addressed comments made concerning the band program. He stated that there is a reduction in two lessons per quarter while there being an increase in music electives.

Dr. Konrad thanked Mr. Van Voorhis for his efforts in bringing back 34 students from outside cyber programs who have enrolled in our brick and mortar. The number of students in outside cyber programs at the end of 2022-2023 was 386 and the current projection for students enrolled in outside cyber for the start of 2023-2024 is 307 students.

In addition, Dr. Konrad reminded parents/guardians to sign up for your PowerSchool account in order to access grades, attendance, demographic information, transportation, and schedules. He also stated that PTOs are looking for volunteers for the funnel cake stand at the West End Fair from August 20th through August 26th. The link is on our Facebook page.

Dr. Konrad expressed his appreciation to everyone’s hard work over the summer in order to begin the 2023-2024 school year on August 28th. He reminded all that Find Your Classroom and Meet the Principal is August 22nd and provided the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Kresge to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
August 24, 2023 @ 7:00 PM