

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the August 24, 2023

Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 9-7-2023

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on August 24, 2023 and was called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Randy Smale 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:** 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, Reading Supervisor, 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, Ms. Deena Boyne, Supervisor of Transportation and Student Operations.

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

**School Solicitor in attendance:** Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

## **Notification of Executive Session:**

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on August 15, 2023 prior to the District Planning Meeting and on August 24, 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. Mrs. Kresge also announced that the Board will be returning to executive session immediately following this meeting.

**Recognition** – President Sue Kresge stated that this evening, on behalf of the Pennsylvania School Board Association, a School Board Director is recognized for his years of service. She stated that School Board service is and has been a crucial part of our nation’s legacy and its commitment to public education and that the consummate school director is described as an ethical, principled individual with a deep desire to serve. Mrs. Kresge stated that PSBA has been acknowledging the contributions of dedicated local school directors with long-term service for almost 40 years. The Honor Roll is the Association’s way of thanking those individuals who exemplify leadership by giving unselfishly of their time and talents for the betterment of public schools. Mrs. Kresge recognized Mr. Delbert Zacharias for being part of this rich legacy. She congratulated him and presented him with a plaque acknowledging his eight years of School Board service.

## **Superintendent’s Response to Community Questions:**

Dr. Konrad addressed three questions received by the community. With regard to AP classes conflicting with band, he stated that only one out of 13 AP classes offered conflicts with 3<sup>rd</sup> period when band is offered. Dr. Konrad commended the high school team to insure that there are as few conflicts as possible. With regard to a question about code of conduct and vaping, Dr. Konrad stated that violations of the student code of conduct are unacceptable forms of student behavior and he outlined three categories of misbehavior and the processes followed for such misbehavior. Dr. Konrad stated that regarding vaping in the school, multi all-in-one smart sensor, health, safety, and vape device sensors have been installed in our schools. He said that five additional Security guards and another police officer have been hired and that bathrooms and hallways are monitored as well as the use of metal detectors. In addition, he stated that First Student has been instructed to sit younger students in the front of the bus. Dr. Konrad encouraged parents/guardians to help keep students safe by communicating with building administration. Dr. Konrad addressed a comment about the communication regarding Find Your Classroom Day. He stated that the school sent out a phone blast, email, or letters mailed home to Pleasant valley families notifying them about this optional day for students and parents. He said teachers and administrators will be present to assist any students on the first day of school. Dr. Konrad also announced the open house schedules in each building and

encouraged all families to attend. All buildings are holding open houses from 5:00-7:00 PM – PVE September 6<sup>th</sup>, PVI September 5<sup>th</sup>, PVM September 12<sup>th</sup>, and PVH September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Presentation:** Mrs. Smale provided a review and timeline of the Architect RFP selection process as well as a summary of all fees proposed. The PVSD Planning Committee expanded to a Committee of the Whole (COW) including Dr. James Konrad, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Mr. Mike Simonetta, Mr. Randy Smale, Mrs. Diane Serfass, Mr. Todd Kresge, Mr. Norm Burger, Mrs. Sue Kresge, Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Mr. Brian Boylan, Mr. Jason Van Voorhis, and Mrs. Tammy Smale to review the 5 proposals received. Three firms were selected to be interviewed and the Committee discussed the presentations to select one firm for recommendation. After completing the RFP process, proposal reviews, interviews, and discussion, the Committee of the Whole recommended KCBA Architects be awarded the architectural services contract which is on the agenda this evening for Board approval.

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

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on August 10, 2023; approve the Board Meeting Agenda of August 24, 2023 amended to reflect the addition to Agenda item #14.B. to include the following language: Subject to review and approval by the Solicitor’s office.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that the RFP that was provided to the architectural firms included a model contract and his office is comfortable with the language; however, numbers in the contract still need to be reviewed and therefore the caveat was added to the above motion.

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):**

Donna Yozwiak, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the High School handbook relating to the Bear Facts newspaper.

**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 Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #4.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:

Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Accounts Payable August 24, 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement July 2023.

Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Asset Cost Summary July 2023.

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

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass:** No report.

**Colonial IU20 - Mr. Michael Galler:** No report.

**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:** Ms. Greggo provided updates as reported by Athletic Director Jim Korcienski including:

- The second year of a three year Hudl contract which will be utilized through one to one video conferences available to all coaches in addition to the use of cameras and videos from the past.
- Fall sports are beginning with 385 participants.
- Best wishes to all fall events/activities and everyone involved.

**Policy Committee – Mrs. Diane Serfass:** Mrs. Serfass stated that policy approval is included on Agenda item #7.A. this evening.

**Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger:** Mr. Burger stated that the committee met to discuss ideas previously presented and also those who submitted proposals a list can be formulated for discussion with the selected architect in September.

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

Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Ms. Greggo to approve Agenda item #7. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.A. – Second Reading and Approval of Policy No. 808 Food Services, as provided.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer**

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items: Approval of Agenda item #8.B. – Hiring of Administrative Staff (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Raberta Hans
	Position:	Special Education Supervisor
	Salary:	\$84,600
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Marcie Holderman
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching: 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.	Michelle Piontkowski	Boys Soccer	Varsity Scoreboard	\$40.00 per event
2.	Michelle Piontkowski	Boys Soccer	JV Scoreboard	\$35.00 per event
3.	Michelle Piontkowski	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	Per event pay

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Michelle Piontkowski	Scholastic Scrimmage Advisor	PVHS	\$2,000.00
2.	Daisy Genovese	Class Advisor ☐☐☐ Senior	PVHS	\$2,000.00
3.	Holli Freeman	Dance Club Advisor	PVHS	\$1,625.00
4.	Dan Mulligan	Drama Director	PVHS	\$2,887.00
5.	Donna Morris	Drama Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
6.	Marcie Mulligan	Drama Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
7.	Maricatherine Garr	Envirothon Advisor	PVHS	\$1,625.00
8.	Denise Hopely	FBLA Advisor	PVHS	\$2,887.50
9.	Donna Morris	FBLA Assistant Advisor	PVHS	\$2,021.25
10.	Craig Morris	FBLA Assistant Advisor	PVHS	\$2,021.25
11.	James DeVivo	Jazz Band	PVHS	\$1,625.00
12.	Dan Mulligan	Musical Director	PVHS	\$2,887.50
13.	Donna Morris	Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
14.	Marcie Mulligan	Musical Assistant Director	PVHS	\$2,021.25
15.	Elaine Cucci	SADD Advisor	PVHS	\$812.50 Split stipend
16.	Suzanne Hunsicker	SADD Advisor	PVHS	\$812.50 Split stipend
17.	Craig Morris	Stage Manager	PVHS	\$2,887.50
18.	Holli Freeman	Stage Manager Assistant	PVHS	\$2,021.25

Approval of Agenda item #8.F. – Athletic Volunteer: Benjamin Conklin – Football.

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

1.	Name:	Gerald Wollett
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One and one-half (1-1/2)
	Dates:	June 27, 2023 and June 28, 2023 (1/2)

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIEDD

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Janis Gaglione	Teacher	PVMS	On or Before October 16, 2023

**ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer**

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

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

1.	Name:	Nikki Haden-Coar
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$11.53 per hour
	Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

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

1.	Name:	Francesco Franzese
	Position:	Full-Time Security Officer ~ ten (10) months
	Hours per Week:	35½ hours per week
	Salary:	\$16.30 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
2.	Name:	Kristia Weiss
	Position:	Full-Time Security Officer ~ ten (10) months
	Hours per Week:	35½ hours per week
	Salary:	\$16.30 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	MaryAnn Peleschak
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate

Current Building:	PVES
New Building:	PVMS
Effective Date:	August 23, 2023

Approval of Addendum item #9.E. – Supplemental Contracts: Athletic Non-Coaching: 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.	Bob VanDerheyden	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	Per event pay
2.	Mike Wassuta	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	Per event pay
3.	Mike Walters	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	Per event pay
4.	Arianna Weaver	Fall/Winter/Spring	Sub	Per event pay
5.	Arianna Weaver	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Line Judge	\$35.00 per event
6.	Kelsey Tompkins	Girls Volleyball	Varsity Line Judge	\$35.00 per event

Approval of Addendum item #9.F. – Athletic Volunteer: Bob VanDerheyden – Football.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard -**

Dr. Howard noted the following changes that need to be made to the handbooks:

1. All clubs that are struck through – remove the strike. They will stay in the handbooks until the Supplemental Contract is updated.
2. In the handbook of ALL buildings - Under Code of Conduct, above Level 1 infractions – remove the statement, "All Level 1 offense infractions will be completed through teacher/parent conversation."

Ms. Greggo motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #10. – Curriculum & Staff Development items including changes noted above:

Approval of Agenda item #10.A. – 2023-2024 PVSD Handbooks, as provided:

1. PVE 2023-24 Student-Parent Handbook
2. PVI 2023-24 Student-Parent Handbook
3. PVM 2023-24 Student-Parent Handbook
4. PVH 2023-24 Student-Parent Handbook
5. 2023-24 K-12 Technology Handbook

Prior to the vote, Ms. Greggo clarified the course of Journalism contained in the Program of Studies relating to the Bear Facts newspaper. She also referred to the Supplemental Contract relating to the issue. Brief discussion was held. Mr. Kresge stated that he is not comfortable with all the changes and that he would be voting No.

VOICE VOTE: 8-1 CARRIED

Voting No.: Mr. Kresge

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

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

Approval of Addendum item #11.A. – Field Trip:

1.	Organization/Grade	HS – Marching Band
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	West End Fair
	Purpose	Performance
	Date(s)	August 21, 2023
	District Buses Needed (#)	2 Plus Band Trailer and Truck
	Cost Per Student	None

	Cost For District	\$310.36
	Date Submitted to Assistant Superintendent's Office	August 10, 2023

Prior to the vote, Mr. Galler and Mr. Burger expressed concern about not receiving this request in a timely manner.

VOICE VOTE: 8-1 CARRIED

Voting No.: Mr. Burger

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale**

Mr. Kresge motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to approve Agenda item #12. – Operations Items:

Approval of Agenda item #12.A. – Facility Usage Request:

A.	Organization	Boy Scouts of America
	Schedule ID Number	12263
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Cub Scout Scrapbooking Fundraiser
	Dates/Times	September 9 <sup>th</sup> , October 14 <sup>th</sup> , November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Dawn Phillips
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Boy Scouts of America
	Schedule ID Number	12264
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Cub Scout Scrapbooking Fundraiser Set Up
	Dates/Times	September 8 <sup>th</sup> , October 13 <sup>th</sup> , November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Requestor	Dawn Phillips
	Attendance	2
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Pleasant Valley All Sports Club
	Schedule ID Number	12269
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Library
	Purpose	PVASC Monthly Meetings
	Dates/Times	September 2023 through August 2024 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. September Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> October Date: 2 <sup>nd</sup> November Date: 6 <sup>th</sup> December Date: 4 <sup>th</sup> January Date: 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> March Date: 4 <sup>th</sup> April Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> May Date: 6 <sup>th</sup> June Date: 3 <sup>rd</sup> July Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> August Date: 5 <sup>th</sup>
	Requestor	Denise Smale
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	American Cancer Society Inc.
	Schedule ID Number	12307
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Relay for Life Monthly Meetings
	Dates/Times	September 2023 through April 2024 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. September Date: 20 <sup>th</sup> October Date: 18 <sup>th</sup> November Date: 15 <sup>th</sup>

		December Date: 20th January Date: 17th February Date: 21st March Date: 20th April Date: 17th
	Requestor	Cory McKeever
	Attendance	25
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	West End Little League
	Schedule ID Number	12353
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Softball Field
	Purpose	WELL Instructional Softball
	Dates/Times	August 2023 through October 2023 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. August Dates: 28, 29, 30, 31 September Dates: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 October Dates: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	West End Little League
	Schedule ID Number	12354
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Softball Field
	Purpose	WELL Instructional Softball
	Date/Times	September 2023 through October 2023 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. September Dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale –**

Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Items:

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

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for August 24, 2023.
2. Asset Cost Summary – July 2023.

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

1. Johnson Controls - Combo Fire and Burglar Alarm Monitoring for Polk Elementary - Total Cost: \$675.00 per year - Terms: 07/01/2023-06/30/2026.
2. TuWay Communications - Purchase additional radios for Security. Total Cost: \$5,898.28

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund per attached - \$60,103.02.

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Agreement to Wrap Band Trailer as provided: Mutual Agreement between St. Luke’s and Pleasant Valley School District to wrap the new band trailer in agreed upon design, to be paid using St. Luke’s Pro/Olympic Athlete Sponsorship.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

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

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

Beginning Balance: July 1, 2023: \$202,670.01  
Add Receipts: \$1,093.40

Less Expenditures: (\$283.55)  
Ending Balance: July 31, 2023: \$203,479.86

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

**ADDENDUM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale**

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

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – Design Services for PVHS Renovations: Agreement with KCBA Architects to provide design services in accordance with the terms of the attached contract document for the Pleasant Valley High School Renovation Project, subject to Solicitor’s review and approval. The contract fee for this project is \$3,550,000.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.** – Mr. Fitzgerald stated that we are awaiting the new School Code bill especially with regard to charter school language.

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

John Gesiski, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about certain language in the handbooks as well as his opinion on decision-making.

Donna Yozwiak, Chestnuthill Township, questioned if the Bear Facts newspaper will continue.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Galler wished all a successful and prosperous school year.

Mr. Burger stated that the State Senate has announced that they will be convening after September 3<sup>rd</sup> and that there is some optimism that a fiscal resolution will be reached by the end of the month.

**SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:**

Dr. Konrad addressed concerns about the Bear Facts newspaper being eliminated. He stated that it is not being eliminated but is being modernized and moving to digital format. He said to make sure that information the public receives on social media, etc. is true.

Dr. Konrad thanked the building administration and staff for the success of the Meet the Principal and Find Your Classroom event. He thanked support staff for preparing our buildings over the summer to get us ready for opening day. With regard to setting up PowerSchool accounts, Dr. Konrad stated that as of today, 2,295 parent accounts have been set up in PowerSchool and encouraged parents to sign up if they haven’t done so already. He noted the new food options that cafeteria workers will be providing this school year and menus will be available on each building web page as well as the district website. He said that this year breakfast and lunch will be served for all students starting with the first day of school. Dr. Konrad thanked all staff for working together in preparing and creating inviting learning environments for our students. He expressed that all are excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Kresge wished all a great opening day for the 2023-2024 school year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, M. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Zacharias to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

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