

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the January 25, 2024

Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 2-8-2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on January 25, 2024 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:03 PM. Mrs. Kresge offered condolences for the passing of Mr. Chris Becker, a teacher at PVE, and asked all to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Madeline Worden 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. Susan Kresge, Mr. Robert Clark, Mr. Norm Burger, Mr. Matthew Walters, Mr. Ryan O’Keefe, Mr. John Gesiskie, Mrs. Melanie Zipp. Absent: Mr. Michael Galler, Mrs. Diane Serfass.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lori Fulmer, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Michael Simonetta, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Mr. James Korcienski, Director of Athletics.

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

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on January 25, 2024 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 further announced that the Board will be convening an executive session immediately following this meeting.

January Students of the Month

The student of the month event was presented by principals and teachers recognizing students nominated by their teachers. They read statements of praise and accomplishments of their respective students who received the honor of being named Student of the Month. Students recognized along with their families were: PVE – Juliet McCall, Nissi Godbless-Adjei, Alexa Padilla; PVI – Connor Long, Cameron Wood, Gil Portillo Ramirez; PVMS – Brady Fleming, Jonathan Rendano, Joseph Herold; PVHS – Angelina Brown, Benjamin Jochen, Mira Giunta, Madison Dorshimer; PV Bears Academy – Damoy Anderson. Principals also took this opportunity to recognize their employees of the month for the months of December and January: PVE – Kacey Schaeffer, Heather Richards, Jessica Colon, Kathleen Maltez; PVI – Lauren Cieslak, Wendy Daricek, Jenny Kuntz, Lyn Ower Mohle; PVMS – Richard Rimple, MariClaire Hosking, Stefanie Santiago, Thomas Krock; PVHS – Jamile Ferrara, Glenda Martini, Derek Strohl, Natalie Alvarez. Building administrators also highlighted some great things happening at their respective schools.

Good News: FBLA Advisor Denise Hopely – Mrs. Hopely shared the news that for the first time in PV FBLA history they won 3rd place nationally/internationally in the competition in Atlanta. Mira Giunta, President, and Sarah McGraw, Secretary, presented the banner representing the 3rd Place International Championship Chapter award to Dr. Konrad and the Board of Education.

Senior Class President Madeline Worden – Ms. Worden highlighted activities and events at the high school:

- This week is MiniThon Kickoff Spirit week.
- The start of the activity bus affording students the opportunity to do more after school.
- Scholarship opportunities as made aware by the guidance office.
- Recognition of Senior Accomplishments such as college acceptance, scholarships, enlistments, and future endeavors.
- The competitive basketball teams.
- Military representatives and college admissions personnel visit.
- Plans in moving forward with the Capital Improvement Project contained on the website.
- Congratulations extended to FBLA and Mrs. Hopely for a successful Sock Drive.
- The Girls’ Basketball team held a Schyler Strong Night in honor of Schyler Herman, a PV student who passed away from Leukemia.

- January 26th – MiniThon Kickoff Assemblies.
- February 2nd – Ground Hog Day.
- February 9th – FBLA to host a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross.
- February 18th – Prom Fashion Show hosted by the Senior Class.

Superintendent’s Response to Community Questions: Dr. Konrad responded to three community questions. Two were regarding the Singer Scholarship and he stated that counselors are scheduled for a January 30th training and Dr. Avery will provide the next steps after the training. The third question was regarding Cyber enrollment numbers. Dr. Konrad stated that cyber numbers skyrocketed when COVID hit and are substantially lower because we moved from VLN to Edgenuity as well as adding excellent staff to support our cyber students. He said that reaching out to families who have left our district is ongoing and the PV Bears Academy principal and staff continue to reach out to families. He spoke about the graduation rate as compared to CCA and that the Academy is working to improve the program. Dr. Konrad stated that included on tonight’s agenda is the PV Bears Academy Grades K-5 Proposal to have our Pleasant Valley teachers teach the students.

Board Appreciation – PVMS & PVHS – Mrs. Fields, PV Middle School Assistant Principal, thanked the Board for all that they do for the school district and students. A video was presented which included a song written by student Brooke Burke sung by students thanking the Board. Buttons designed by student Kellen Hinton were presented to the Board. Mr. Ayre and Mr. Boylan, PV High School Co-principals, showed their appreciation through a video created by PVTV thanking the Board for all they do.

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

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on January 11, 2024; approve the Board Meeting Agenda of January 25, 2024.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

President Sue 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):

Ms. Alexandria Gibb, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about a recent retirement.

Mr. Vinny Rufo, Ross Township, commented about the girls’ wrestling program and expressed his opinion in support of the program.

Ms. Tara Hyland, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion in support of a girls’ wrestling program.

Ms. Trista Vanderah, Polk Township, expressed her opinion in support of a girls’ wrestling program.

Ms. Lily Decker, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion in support of a girls’ wrestling program.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Robert Clark

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

Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Accounts Payable January 25, 2024.

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

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

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

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Other: Mr. Gesiskie requested clarification of funds used to repair the walls in the middle school which Dr. Konrad addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute – No report.

Colonial IU20 – No report.

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

Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Kresge: Mrs. Kresge followed up on her previous question about attendance numbers in the Learning Recovery Program as provided by Dr. Howard and stated that numbers have improved.

Finance Committee – No report.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Ryan O’Keefe: Mr. O’Keefe stated that the Teacher Mentor Night was a success and Senior Night Recognition was held. He also stated that the coach’s report is included on the agenda.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Melanie Zipp: Mrs. Zipp stated that Policy #915 is on this evening’s agenda for a first reading.

Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger: Mr. Burger clarified information reported by The Times News regarding unneeded portions of JCM during the high school renovation and stated that any decision on its use and/or disposition is being deferred. Mr. Burger updated recent events including a design update briefing by D’Huy and KCBA; submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Budget Office for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant; data collection regarding the current student drop-off and pick-up traffic flow at the high school; land development requirements meeting with Chestnuthill Township; briefing to high school personnel on the current design; design meeting held on requirements; Environment Consultant RFP replies due on January 26th; review of the design of athletic areas is ongoing; and a request for proposal for Geotechnical Services is being prepared. Mr. Burger stated that the next Capital Improvement meeting is scheduled for February 8th.

Technology Report – Mr. Robert Clark: Mr. Clark stated that the new PV website is underway.

Security Report – Mr. Matthew Walters: An informational report was provided.

Hall of Fame Report – Mr. John Gesiskie: Mr. Gesiskie stated that the Hall of Fame is scheduled for January 26th at 4:30 PM where five individuals will be honored. He said that information regarding the Hall of Fame is on our website.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Dr. James Konrad

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #7. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.A. – Sanctioning Girls’ Wrestling Team.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie expressed concern about the program. He stated that our focus should be on one team at a time and that he spoke to other schools regarding club teams and suggested to compete with other teams before sanctioning this program. Lengthy discussion was held with comments by Mr. O’Keefe, Mrs. Kresge, and Mr. Korcienski regarding, among other things, the number of coaches needed and the co-ed program. Mr. Korcienski expressed his support for the program and is in favor of moving forward. Mr. James Weiss also offered his support for the program and explained the questions about coaches needed. He stated that we do have a sufficient number of coaches.

ROLL CALL: 6-1 CARRIED
Voting No: Mr. Gesiskie

Agenda item #7.B. – Informational: The January enrollment report was provided.

Agenda item #7.C. – Informational: First Reading of Policy #915 School-Affiliated Organizations.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp 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:	Cathleen Schultz
	Position:	School Counselor
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	M, 12 Step 14: \$80,757 Prorated
	Contract Type:	PE
	Effective Date:	March 18, 2024
	Replace:	Susan Scully

Approval of Agenda item #8.C. – Hiring of Professional Staff Long Term Substitute (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Bonita White
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	8, Step 1: \$49,857 Prorated
	Effective Date:	January 18, 2024 – end of 2024-2025 school year
	Replace:	Employee #1169

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

1.	Name:	Matthew Kuhn
	Position:	Information Systems Technician
	Salary:	\$45,877 Prorated
	Effective Date:	February 12, 2024
2.	Name:	Kelly Shane
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$26,257 Prorated
	Effective Date:	February 12, 2024

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

	Name	Sport	Position	Level	Salary
1.	Todd Urland	Girls Lacrosse	JV Assistant	L1	\$4,550.00

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

1.	Club/Activity:	Homebound Instruction
	Advisor:	Jamile Ferrara
	Start Date:	October 23, 2023
	Maximum Hours per Week:	Five (5) hours
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$26.00 per hour

Approval of Agenda item #8.G. – Affiliation Agreement as provided between Pleasant Valley School District and Wilkes University on behalf of Passan School of Nursing.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Alyssa Grieco	Girls’ Lacrosse JV Assistant Coach	N/A	January 5, 2024
2.	Jennifer Mulder	Social Studies Department Chairperson	PVI	January 18, 2024
3.	Ambrosia Sprintz	Food Service Employee	PVMS	January 8, 2024

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Addendum item #9.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

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

1.	Name:	Scott Lee
	Position:	Security Officer
	Building:	Districtwide
	Salary:	\$16.30 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Melissa Bruckman
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	January 29, 2024
2.	Name:	Stephanie Flyte
	Position:	Food Service Employee

	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
3.	Name:	Jennifer Green
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
4.	Name:	Elizabeth Hardy
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$12.82 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
5.	Name:	Ashley Gullans
	Position:	Building Secretary
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$32,786 (prorated)
	Effective Date:	TBD

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

1.	Name:	Shelley Kuehn
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVMS/PVHS (50/50)
	Effective Date:	February 1, 2024
2.	Name:	Maryann Peleschak
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Current Building:	PVMS
	New Building:	PVIS
	Effective Date:	February 1, 2024

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Michael Simonetta	Business Manager	Districtwide	June 30, 2024
2.	Laura Anglemyer	Teacher	PVMS	February 16, 2024

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard

Mr. Clark motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to approve Agenda item #10.A. – Curriculum & Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #10.B. – Field Trips:

A.	Organization/Grade	Math 24 Competition Qualifiers / Grades 4 & 5
	Teacher(s) Involved	Evelyn Beautz
	Destination	Colonial IU 20
	Purpose	Math Tournament Competition
	Date(s)	May 7, 2024
	District Buses Needed (#)	1 minibus
	Cost per Student	None
	Cost for District	\$309.00
	District Cost Paid By	PVI Budget for Field Trips
B.	Organization/Grade	HS Band / Grades 9-12
	Teacher(s) Involved	James DeVivo
	Destination	Hershey Park
	Purpose	Performance/Competition for Concert and Jazz Bands
	Date(s)	May 3, 2024
	District Buses Needed (#)	3 plus band trailer/driver
	Cost per Student	\$100 (Fundraising)
	Cost for District	\$2781.00 (Transportation)
	District Cost Paid By	HS Budget for Field Trips
C.	Organization/Grade	HS Student Government / Grades 9-12
	Teacher(s) Involved	S. Hunsicker / E. Cucci
	Destination	Mountain View Jr/Sr HS, Kingsley, PA

	Purpose	Quest for Leadership Region H Conference
	Date(s)	March 15, 2024
	District Buses Needed (#)	1
	Cost per Student	Total Admission \$660 - paid by Student Govt.
	Cost for District	\$849.75 plus tolls – also paid by Student Govt.
	District Cost Paid By	NA
D.	Organization/Grade	Envirothon
	Teacher(s) Involved	Maricatherine Garr
	Destination	Camp Mt. Luther, Mifflinburg, PA
	Purpose	PA State Envirothon Competition
	Date(s)	May 22, 2024 (if qualified at Monroe Cty Competition)
	District Buses Needed (#)	0 - will be provided by Monroe Cty. Conservation District
	Cost per Student	None
	Cost for District	None
	District Cost Paid By	NA
E.	Organization/Grade	HS Ski Club
	Teacher(s) Involved	Mark Rehrig
	Destination	Elk Mountain Ski Area
	Purpose	Students develop kinesthetic awareness & exercise
	Date(s)	February 16, 2024
	District Buses Needed (#)	1
	Cost per Student	\$70-\$80 per student
	Cost for District	\$775.88
	District Cost Paid By	Ski Club

Approval of Agenda item #10.C. – 2024-2025 Program of Studies for Pleasant Valley Middle School and Pleasant Valley High School, as provided with some finalization of substantive language still needed.

Approval of Agenda item #10.D. – 2024-2025 PV Bears Academy Proposal as presented at the January 11, 2024 Work Session Meeting and as included on this agenda, that students be instructed by Pleasant Valley Bears Academy staff moving forward.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Michael Simonetta –

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #11. – Operations Items: Approval of Agenda item #11.A. – Facility Usage:

A.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	13087
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girls Basketball Team Dinner
	Dates/Times	February 1, 2024 7:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requestor	Jill Gamble
	Attendance	26
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Boy Scouts of America
	Schedule ID Number	13092
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Pack 99 Pinewood Derby
	Dates/Times	February 3, 2024 10:00AM- 2:00PM
	Requestor	Sally Helfrich
	Attendance	90
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Boy Scouts of America
	Schedule ID Number	13091
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Pack 99 Pinewood Derby Snow Date
	Dates/Times	February 4, 2024 2:00PM – 6:00PM
	Requestor	Sally Helfrich
	Attendance	90
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

D.	Organization	PV Bruins Wrestling
	Schedule ID Number	13100
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Cafeteria
	Purpose	Full Team End of Year Banquet
	Dates/Times	March 8, 2024 6:00PM – 7:00PM
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	350
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Elementary PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13101
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Cafeteria
	Purpose	PVE Basket Raffle
	Dates/Times	March 23, 2024 1:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requestor	Kristen Pierri
	Attendance	250
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	13099
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Auditorium
	Purpose	Mandatory Parent Football Meeting
	Date/Times	May 6, 2024 6:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requestor	Erica Smith
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Cheerleading
	Schedule ID Number	13102
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Auditorium/Lobby
	Purpose	End of Year Banquet
	Dates/Times	February 24, 2024 4:00PM – 9:00PM February 25, 2024 4:00PM – 9:00PM Snow Date
	Requestor	Dawn Hahn
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13107
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Old Gym
	Purpose	6 th and 7 th Grade Winter Dance Date Change
	Dates/Times	February 9, 2024 6:00PM – 8:30PM February 23, 2024 6:00PM – 8:30PM Snow Date
	Requestor	Richanna Russ
	Attendance	150
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
I.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13108
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Classroom H-9
	Purpose	Hair Braiding/Barber
	Dates/Times	February 13, 2024 2:30PM – 4:30PM
	Requestor	Richanna Russ
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
J.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13109
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Classroom K-10
	Purpose	Cooking
	Dates/Times	March 12, 2024 2:30PM – 4:30PM
	Requestor	Richanna Russ
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
K.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13110
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Front Lobby

	Purpose	Flower Planting
	Dates/Times	May 7, 2024 2:30PM – 4:30PM
	Requestor	Richanna Russ
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
L.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Softball
	Schedule ID Number	13113
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Bingo for Pleasant Valley High School Softball
	Dates/Times	March 3, 2024 10:00AM – 4:00PM March 10, 2024 10:00AM – 4:00PM Snow Date
	Requestor	Steve Caffrey
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
M.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Baseball
	Schedule ID Number	13115
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Old Auditorium
	Purpose	Parent Meeting for Baseball Team
	Dates/Times	March 9, 2024 9:30AM – 11:30AM
	Requestor	Tara Bordick
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
N.	Organization	PVE PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13117
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Gym, Cafeteria/Stage, Front Lobby
	Purpose	Set Up for Raffle on 3-23-2024
	Dates/Times	March 22, 2024 4:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requester	Kristen Pierri
	Attendance	25
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
O.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Cheerleading
	Schedule ID Number	13119
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym, Lobby, Concession Stand
	Purpose	Spring Craft Fair
	Dates/Times	April 14, 2024 7:00AM – 5:00PM April 21, 2024 7:00AM – 5:00PM Snow Date
	Requestor	Dawn Hahn
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS (Agenda item #12) – Building reports were provided for the month of January.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

Mr. O’Keefe motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to approve Agenda item #13.A. – Business Management Items:

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

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for January 25, 2024.
2. Cafeteria Fund Asset Cost Summary – December 2023.

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

1. Colonial Intermediate Unit # 20 - One-on-one Autistic Support services for a PVSD Student. Total Cost: not to exceed \$27,078.45 Terms: January 2, 2024 until the end of the 2023-2024 school year
2. ABCYA - 1 year subscription - School Access Edition for PVE. Total Cost - \$1,999.00
3. PowerSchool - Special Programs for an additional student count - Total Cost- \$2,325.09
4. PowerSchool - Performance Matters for an additional student count - Total Cost- \$3,712.41

Approval of Agenda item #13.D. – 2023 Property Tax Rebate Program: Resolution for Senior Tax Rebate 2023, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #13.E. – Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement – The Board of School Directors authorizes Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 1636 Route 209 in Chestnuthill Township and identified as parcel ID 02.9.1.41-1 setting the assessment of the aforementioned property at \$618,200 for tax year 2024 (school tax year 2024-25) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the assessment pursuant to applicable law.

Approval of Agenda item #13.F. – Student Placement:

- Student 23-24 M-17 – Montour School District, effective 12/1/2023.

Approval of Agenda item #13.G. – Payment from the 2018 Bond Fund as provided - \$20,294.97.

Approval of Agenda item #13.H. – Payment from Capital Reserve as provided - \$311,773.51.

Approval of Agenda item #13.I. – 2023-2024 Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment Bid:

A breakdown by sport is attached:

BSN	\$705.27
Pyramid	\$323.85
Riddell	\$128.00
Scholastic Sports	\$1,303.60
Sportsman	\$6,262.41
Triple Crown Sports	\$969.00

Spring 2023-2024 Athletic Bid Total: \$9,692.13

Approval of Agenda item #13.J. – Memorandum of Understanding as provided between Star Community Health – Mobile Dental Van and Pleasant Valley School District for Grades K-12 School Dentist – Term is for one year from January 1, 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #13.K. – Advertisement for Sealed Bids for Fall Athletic Supplies and Equipment.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

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

Agenda item #13.M. – informational: Student Activities Account as provided.

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

ADDENDUM – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta

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

Approval of Addendum item #14.B. – Acceptance of bid award for HVAC Districtwide Replacement Project to Element Environmental Solutions, Inc., for Asbestos, PCB & Lead Abatement Indoor Air Quality Testing for the Pleasant Valley High School Additions and Renovations Project in the base bid amount of \$16,255.00 from D'Huy Engineering Inc. Project to be paid from 2018 Bond Funds.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

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

Ms. Alexandria Gibb, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the high school for hosting middle school students' visit today.

Ms. Karen Long, Eldred Township, expressed concern about retirements and change of assignments for teachers.

Ms. Emily Fox, Ross Township, thanked the Board for approving the girls' wrestling program.

Ms. Marlan Gonzalez, Polk Township, expressed her gratitude about the girls' wrestling program.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Gesiskie questioned a social worker position; status of the Night of Unity; and security of school emails. He also commented on receiving anonymous letters. Mr. Fitzgerald addressed school emails and stated that they are not private. With regard to anonymous letters, he encouraged all to include names on letters addressed to administration and/or Board. Dr.

Konrad addressed anonymous letters received and encouraged all to address their concerns in person or via phone call, email and/or letter. Mr. Fitzgerald addressed the fear of some about retaliation and stated that there are laws that protect against retaliation.

Mr. Burger addressed the mistrust in the school district and stated that there are many community members among others that keep working to come together.

Mrs. Kresge thanked Ms. Anglemyer for her years of service and congratulated her on her retirement. She also acknowledged the retirement of Mr. Simonetta, Business Manager and thanked him for moving the district forward financially.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:

Dr. Konrad addressed the issue of teachers leaving the district and stated that this is not unique to Pleasant Valley. He said he takes pride in our administrative team and exit interviews are held and feedback provided to the Board. Dr. Konrad congratulated high school students who competed at the SkillsUSA event and stated that 19 of our students competed with 13 students placing 1st to 3rd at the competitions. In addition, he congratulated PVHS student Ryan Fernandez who received her Gold Medal at the District Award Ceremony for the SkillsUSA District Pin Design Contest. Dr. Konrad stated that the new edition of the High School Bears Facts is on our website. He thanked teaches and paraprofessionals for pivoting to supporting students during our flexible instructional days last week. He also thanked the Director of Operations Randy Smale and custodial and maintenance staff for the cleaning up during these past storms.

Dr. Konrad extended his appreciation to Business Manager Michael Simonetta and congratulated him on his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
February 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM