

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

## Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 2-22-2024

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on February 8, 2024 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Laura Anglemyer followed by a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Conference Room, 2233 Route 115, Brodheads ville, PA 18322.

**Roll Call – School Board Recorder:** Ms. Debra Duff

**School Board members in attendance:** Mrs. Susan Kresge, Mr. Michael Galler, Mr. Robert Clark, Mr. Norm Burger, Mr. Matthew Walters, Mr. Ryan O’Keefe, Mr. John Gesiskie, Mrs. Diane Serfass, Mrs. Melanie Zipp.

**Administrative staff in attendance:** Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Mrs. Lori Fulmer, Director of Human Resources, 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. Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. James Korcienski, Director of Athletics, Mr. Robert Miller, Chief of School Police.

**Building Administrative staff in attendance:** Ms. Sabrina Albright, Ms. Sarah Adams, Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Mr. Brian Boylan, 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 February 8, 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.

**Student Highlights PVMS: Ms. Askins:** Ms. Askins presented a video highlighting students’ experiences and opportunities at the middle school which showcased activities and achievements including, among other things, fundraisers, dances, and activities in classrooms.

**Superintendent’s Response to Community Questions:** There were no community questions.

### **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 25, 2024; approval of the February 8, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED  
Abstained on January 25, 2024 Minutes: Mrs. Serfass 8-0-1 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):** There were no community members wishing to address the Board.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass**

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 January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Manual Checks January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024 – PSDLAF

Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Accounts Payable February 8, 2024.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. –** Mr. Fitzgerald provided an update on the regulation by the Department of Education surrounding the special education population and allowing them to continue their education through the age of 22. He said that the matter was argued that the

Department of Education was inconsistent with the law and that a decision will be made within the next couple of months that will likely have an impact on budgets in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass:** An informational report was provided.

**Colonial IU20 – Mr. Michael Galler:** An informational report was provided. Mr. Galler informed the Board that Dr. Wolfel will possibly provide a formal presentation of the 2024-2025 General Operating Budget but stated that there will be a zero increase to its member districts next school year.

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

**Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Kresge:** Mrs. Kresge stated that a student academic outcomes report will be presented at the work session meeting.

**Finance Committee – Mrs. Diane Serfass:** Mrs. Serfass stated that the Governor’s proposed budget for 2024-2025 is out and she provided funding numbers for education that are contained in the budget. She said that this will now be delegated over the next five months for passage by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Serfass indicated that information concerning Pleasant Valley finances will be presented at the work session meeting.

**Athletic Committee – Mr. Ryan O’Keefe:** Mr. O’Keefe stated that winter sports are wrapping up and banquets will be held in the coming weeks. He said that the coaches’ season wrap ups will be provided at the next Board meeting. Mr. O’Keefe reported that the first all-Girls Wrestling team will commence at the start of the 2024-2025 season. In addition, he stated that St. Luke’s physicals will be held on February 22, 2024 for spring sports and that the official start date of the spring season is March 4, 2024.

**Policy Committee – Mrs. Melanie Zipp:** No report.

**Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger:** Mr. Burger stated that a meeting was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> with the Student Advisory Committee to review the renovation design and that the feedback was positive. He said that students are excited and their suggestions will be reviewed at the next meeting. In addition, he stated that a design meeting was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> with the major focus was construction phases. Mr. Burger stated that the proposals for Geotechnical Services are due on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Future CIP meetings are scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Technology Report – Mr. Robert Clark:** No report.

**Security Report – Mr. Matthew Walters:** No report.

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

Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Superintendent Items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Second reading and approval of Policy No. 915 School Affiliated Organizations, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Permission for School Board Member John Gesiskie to attend Pennsylvania School Safety Institute: School Safety Summit on March 19, 2024 at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 at a cost of \$124.00 not including travel mileage.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer**

Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #8.A. – Personnel Items:

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	Matthew Burnett	Baseball	Varsity Assistant	L1	\$2,275.00 Split Stipend

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
1.	Michael Depalma	Girls Softball
2.	Christian Constantinou	Boys Baseball

Approval of Agenda item #8.D. – Building Volunteer: Anna Straub.

Approval of Agenda item #8.E. – Affiliation Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Pennsylvania Western University, as provided.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie questioned any movement with student teacher funding from the government. Mr. Fitzgerald addressed the question and stated that issues are being discussed.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

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

1.	Employee ID:	1489
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Thirty-eight (38)
	Dates:	January 2, 2024 – February 26, 2024

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

	Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
1.	Jacqueline Brinker	English Department Chairperson (9-12)	PVHS	January 25, 2024

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

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #9. – Curriculum & Staff Development items:

Approval of Agenda item #9.A. – Field Trips – NAHS/FBLA:

1.	Organization/Grade	National Art Honor Society – PVHS
	Teacher(s) Involved	Dan Mulligan
	Destination	Philadelphia Museum of Art / The Barnes Foundation
	Purpose	Extra-Curricular Connection to NAHS
	Date(s)	February 16, 2024
	District Buses Needed (#)	1 Bus
	Cost Per Student	\$15 – Museum Entry
	Cost For District	\$772.50
	District Cost Paid By	PVHS NAHS
2.	Organization/Grade	FBLA – PVHS
	Teacher(s) Involved	Denise Hopely
	Destination	Hershey Lodge
	Purpose	PA FBLA Interviews
	Date(s)	February 10, 2024
	District Buses Needed (#)	1 Van
	Cost Per Student	\$0.00
	Cost For District	\$370.80
	District Cost Paid By	PVHS FBLA

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale –**

Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #10. – Operations Items:

Approval of Agenda item #10.A. – Facility Usage, pending resolution and notification of any conflicting scheduling:

A.	Organization	American Cancer Society Inc.
	Schedule ID Number	13130
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Cafeteria/Stage
	Purpose	Toy Bingo Fundraiser
	Dates/Times	March 15, 2024 6:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requestor	Cory McKeever
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	13137
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Stadium
	Purpose	Football Graduation Fundraiser

	Dates/Times	May 31, 2024 5:00PM – 9:00PM
	Requestor	Erica Smith
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	13138
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Football Letter Campaign Fundraiser
	Dates/Times	May 23, 2024 6:00PM – 7:30PM
	Requestor	Erica Smith
	Attendance	54
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA
	Schedule ID Number	13145
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girl Scout Event
	Dates/Times	February 22, 2024 6:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requestor	Robbin Serfass
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	PVI Student Activities
	Schedule ID Number	12893
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Stadium, Track, Field, Concession Stand
	Purpose	PVI Annual Dodgeball Tournament
	Dates/Times	May 10, 2024 5:00PM – 9:00PM May 11, 2024 5:00PM – 9:00PM Rain Date
	Requestor	Jennifer Weaver
	Attendance	400
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	AAU Boys Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	12986
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Old Gym
	Purpose	Tryouts & Practices
	Date/Times	March 25, 2024 through May 30, 2024 6:00PM – 9:15PM March Dates: 25, 27 April Dates: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 May Dates: 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 29
	Requestor	Kyle Jones
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Schedule ID Number	13158
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Lower Athletic Field #1, 2, 3, 4
	Purpose	WESL Travel/Intramural Practice/Games
	Dates/Times	March 11, 2024 through June 11, 2024 4:00PM – 9:00PM March Dates: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28 April Dates: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30

		May Dates: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 June Dates: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Schedule ID Number	13159
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Lower Athletic Field #1, 2, 3, 4
	Purpose	WESL Travel/Intramural Practice/Games
	Dates/Times	June 12, 2024 through September 12, 2024 4:00PM - 9:00PM June Dates: 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 July Dates: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 August Dates: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 September Dates: 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
I.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Schedule ID Number	13160
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Lower Athletic Field #1, 2, 3, 4
	Purpose	WESL Travel/Intramural Practice/Games
	Dates/Times	September 13, 2024 through November 29, 2024 4:00PM - 9:00PM September Dates: 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 October Dates: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 November Dates: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
J.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Schedule ID Number	13161
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Lower Athletic Field #1, 2, 3, 4
	Purpose	WESL Travel/Intramural Practice/Games
	Dates/Times	March 9, 2024 through December 1, 2024 8:00AM - 9:00PM March Dates: 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 April Dates: 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 May Dates: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 June Dates: 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 July Dates: 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 August Dates: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 September Dates: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 October Dates: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 November Dates: 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 December Date: 1
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	200

	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
K.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	13183
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Auditorium, Lobby, Concession Stand
	Purpose	Girls Basketball End of Year Banquet
	Dates/Times	February 26, 2024 6:30PM – 8:30PM February 27, 2024 6:30PM – 8:30PM
	Requestor	Andres Hower
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
L.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	13184
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Classroom K-5
	Purpose	Community Connections Cookie Baking
	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

Prior to a call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie questioned requests by outside organizations. Mr. Smale addressed the question explaining the process and that billing is done through the business office.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Michael Simonetta**

Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #11.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #11.B. – Cafeteria Fund as provided:

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for February 8, 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #11.C. – Surplus Sale/Disposal as provided: List of items as obsolete and/or unnecessary and authorizes the administration to dispose of the same which may include auctioning the items herein through an approved auction site or disposing of property/items deemed not to have any value. For the property noted herein the Administration plans on utilizing the online auction site govdeals.com.

Approval of Agenda item #11.D. – Advertisement of Sealed Proposals for the following item: RFP for Internal Connections – eRate.

Approval of Agenda item #11.E. – Payment from Capital Reserve as provided – 306,630.07.

Approval of Agenda item #11.F. – The following contracts:

1. D’Huy Engineering, Inc. – Engineering retainer services for 3 years. Total Cost: \$1,800.00 plus hourly rate and other fees per month.

VOICE VOTE: 9-0 CARRIED

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS – Agenda items/Non-Agenda items:** There were no community members wishing to comment.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Galler congratulated PV students and MCTI as a whole for their accomplishments at the SkillsUSA awards.

Mr. Gesiskie questioned the D’Huy contract surrounding grants. Mr. Simonetta addressed the question. Mr. Walters commented about maximizing our potential to get grants.

Mr. Burger referred to the Governor’s budget proposal and the allocation to increase funding for Career and Technical schools. He stated that he is disappointed in the number and encouraged all to advocate for Career and Technical Schools.

Mrs. Kresge thanked all involved with the successful Hall of Fame event.

**SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:**

Dr. Konrad thanked PVE teachers Joan Bumbulsky and Anne Gordon for bringing forth the idea of a book vending machine to benefit our students at PVE. He said that their initiative has resulted in securing funds from a grant and generous donations from our supportive community to purchase the machine and supplies. Dr. Konrad stated that this project will enhance the educational experience for our students and promote a love for reading. He extended his gratitude to all donors for their generous contributions: Gower Funeral Home, Matrix Behavior Solutions LLC, Blue Ridge Cable Technologies, ESSA Bank & Trust, William H. Kresge Funeral Home, Heller’s Gas Inc., and miscellaneous cash donations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:  
February 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM