

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the November 25, 2024

Board Approved 12-5-2024

Board of Education Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on November 25, 2024 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Danielle Lukashewski 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. Michael Galler, Mr. Matthew Walters, Mr. Ryan O’Keefe, Mr. Robert Clark, Mrs. Melanie Zipp, Mr. Norm Burger, Mrs. Diane Serfass. Absent: Mr. John Gesiskie.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lori Fulmer, Director of Human Resources, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Chuck Tomori, Technology Coordinator, Mr. Randy Smale, Director of Operations, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. Robert Miller, Chief of School Police/Security.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Mr. Roger Pomposello, Mrs. Sabrina Albright, Mr. Tim McCutchan, Mrs. Josephine Fields, Mr. Ramon Rodridguez, Ms. Amber Chiafulio.

School Solicitor in attendance: Tim Gilsbach, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on November 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.

PSBA Senior Director of Member Outreach: Ms. Becky Dussinger, PSBA Senior Director of Member Outreach, shared the criteria established by Pleasant Valley School District in order to receive the designation for Great Public Schools. Pleasant Valley School District is recognized among the Pennsylvania public schools that provide students with access to rigorous programming, are community-centric, demonstrate financial well-being, and display resilience. Ms. Dussinger congratulated the district on receiving this designation.

NCC President Dr. David Ruth: Dr. Ruth thanked Dr. Konrad and the Pleasant Valley School District for the incredible partnership with Northampton Community College. He updated all on enrollment, academic and support services and programming offered at the college as well as the strategic plan all in an effort to improve student success.

Student of the Month –

The student of the month event was presented by principals, assistant 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 – Amari Williams, Emory Tworowski, Dennis Torres; PVI – Bryce Delfino, Kaylee Kocher, Kohlby Polchik; PVMS – Camryn Scheffner, Meghan Worden, Peyton Anderton; PVHS – Shelby O’Neill, Hunter Russell, Areli Ramirez, Ali Snyder. Principals also took this opportunity to recognize their employees of the month: PVE – Nancy Harkins, Desiree Murray; PVI – Laura Ammermann, Jodi Swanson; PVMS – Diane Dudak, Mark Sandt; PVHS – Suzanne Hunsicker, Michael Borger.

Superintendent’s Response to Community Questions – Dr. Konrad stated that a question was posted by Donna Yozwiak, Chestnuthill Township, regarding championship jackets for the FBLA Club. He stated that the current FBLA advisor said they were not interested in jackets. Dr. Konrad stated that we consistently promote FBLA and acknowledge all accomplishments of this chapter.

President Sue Kresge stated that Agenda items #11.B. and #12.B. have been removed from the agenda and that a presentation will be given in the near future. Solicitor Tim Gilsbach explained the issue according to School Code.

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

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on November 14, 2024; approve the Board Meeting Agenda of November 25, 2024 amended as follows: Removal of Agenda items #11.B. and #12.B.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 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. Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed opinion about term limits for elected officials.

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concerns and opinions regarding community surveys; transparency; taxpayer input; term limits for elected officials.

Ms. Fernandez, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about Policy 005.

Ms. Donna Deihl, Eldred Township, questioned if the board needed to follow the rules of PSSA.

Ms. Shantelle Davis, Chestnuthill Township, questioned procedures for determining salaries in the District.

Ms. Janet Dooner, Polk Township, expressed opinion regarding term limits for elected officials.

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. – Accounts Payable November 25, 2024

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement October 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Asset Cost Summary October 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #4.E. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues October 2024.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Tim Gilsbach Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass:** Mrs. Serfass stated that the next meeting is scheduled for December 8th
- B. Colonial IU20 – Mr. Michael Galler:** Mr. Galler stated that a report will be submitted after meeting in December.
- C. PSBA Legislative Liaison Report – Mrs. Melanie Zipp:** No report.
- D. Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Kresge:** Mrs. Kresge stated that two presentations were held at the last working session meeting. She posed several questions regarding curriculum which Dr. Howard addressed.
- E. Finance Committee – Mrs. Diane Serfass:** Mrs. Serfass stated that finances are covered under Agenda items #16 and #17.
- F. Athletic Committee – Mr. Ryan O’Keefe:** Mr. O’Keefe congratulated student athletes who signed on National Signing Day. He also addressed the need for coaches to use TeamSnap. Mr. O’Keefe wished all winter athletes good luck.
- G. Policy Committee – Mrs. Melanie Zipp:** Mrs. Zipp stated that there are policies on the agenda for a first reading and second reading.
- H. Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger:** Mr. Burger provided an update:
 - Design Team met with township supervisors on November 19th to provide plan updates; received approval of the PVHS renovation.
 - The Design Team met this date to review project status and discuss pending renovation proposals.
 - High School renovation proposals are due December 11th; a Design Team meeting is scheduled for December 12th to begin bid submissions analysis.

- Design Team plan to present its renovation contractor recommendations to the Board on December 16th.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS – Dr. James Konrad:

Dr. Konrad addressed the process for policy changes and ultimate approval. In particular he clarified that PSBA provides a legal review on a monthly basis and read updates from PSBA concerning Policy #005. Dr. Konrad also reminded all about the process for submitting community questions.

Mr. Clark motioned, seconded by Mr. O’Keefe to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Superintendent items and Addendum item #8. Superintendent Addendum items:

Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – Act 93 Contract Agreement effective for four (4) years from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

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

1. Policy 218 Student Discipline
2. Policy 338 Sabbatical Leave
3. Policy 338.1 Compensated Professional Leave
4. Policy 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education

Approval of Agenda item #7.D. – Homebound Instruction. Per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School:

<u>Student No.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
HB11192404-I	Medical, retroactive to 11/19/2024

Approval of Agenda item #8.A. – Policy Discontinued: Per PSBA, Policy 211 Student Accident Insurance was discontinued. We have this insurance policy coverage in-house. Policy will be discontinued as of November 21, 2024, after board approval.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #7.E. – Informational: Policies Reviewed and First Reading:

No changes were recommended by the Superintendent to the following policies reviewed on November 19, 2024. The revision date only will be updated on these policies. Unless otherwise required or requested, each policy will be reviewed again per the policy review cycle.

1. Policy 214 Class Rank
2. Policy 219 Student Complaint Process
3. Policy 223 Use of Motor Vehicles
4. Policy 224 Care of School Property
5. Policy 228 Student Government
6. Policy 230 Public Performance by Students
7. Policy 231 Social Events
8. Policy 235 Student Rights and Responsibilities
9. Policy 235.1 Surveys

First Reading

1. Policy 212 Reporting Student Progress
2. Policy 245 Student Identification Cards

Addendum item #8.B. – Informational: First Reading of Policies, as provided:

First Reading

1. Policy 005 Organization - Updated for legal purposes
2. Policy 823 Opioid Antagonist - This policy was formerly titled Naloxone. Act 135 of 2022 updated the definitions and terminology for drug overdose medication and the state statute now uses the term opioid antagonist.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. O’Keefe to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Personnel Items:

Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Hiring of Support Staff:

1.	Name:	Stephanie Lewis
	Position:	Food Service Employee (9:15 AM - 1:15 PM)
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	\$13.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Jennifer Green (change of assignment)

2.	Name:	Kristina Singer
	Position:	Monitor (10:00 AM - 1:45 PM)
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$11.81 per hour
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Nikki Haden-Coar
3.	Name:	Laurie Rubin
	Position:	Food Service Employee (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$13.14 per hour
	Effective Date:	December 3, 2024
	Replace:	Lisa Costenbader (change of assignment)

Approval of Agenda item #9.C. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic:

1.	Name:	Jillian Janotti
	Sport:	Cheerleading
	Position:	JV Assistant Coach
	Level:	3
	Salary:	\$5,150.00 (prorated)
2.	Name:	James Frable
	Sport:	Wrestling
	Position:	JH Assistant Coach
	Level:	1
	Salary:	\$4,264.00

Approval of Agenda item #9.D. – Supplemental Contracts – Athletic Non-Coaching:

	Name	Season	Level	Salary
1.	Patrick Luchowski	Winter	Varsity	\$45.00 per event
2.	Patrick Luchowski	Winter	JV	\$40.00 per event
3.	Patrick Luchowski	Spring	Varsity	\$45.00 per event
4.	Patrick Luchowski	Spring	JV	\$40.00 per event
5.	Patrick Luchowski	Substitute for all seasons for 2024-2025 school year	Substitute for all levels for 2024-2025 school year	
6.	Shaina Gill	Winter	Varsity	\$45.00 per event
7.	Shaina Gill	Winter	JV	\$40.00 per event
8.	Shaina Gill	Substitute for all seasons for 2024-2025 school year	Substitute for all levels for 2024-2025 school year	

Approval of Agenda item #9.E. – Intramural Advisors:

If the intramural runs at least 9 weeks and a total of 54 hours, one stipend of \$1,270.00 will be distributed. In the event the intramural does not meet the 54-hour requirement, payment will be distributed using the hourly intramural rate of \$21.00 per hour per the Supplemental Contract.

1.	Club/Activity:	PVHS and PVMS Indoor Field Hockey
	Main Advisor:	Corin Oweremohle
	Supporting Advisor:	Joelle McKeever
	Supporting Advisor:	Cory McKeever
	Supporting Advisor:	Lauren Black
	Dates:	December 2, 2024 - March 26, 2025
	Day(s):	Monday and Wednesday
	Times:	5:45 PM - 8:15 PM or 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
	Building:	PVES

Approval of Agenda item #9.F. – Rescind Hiring:

1.	Name:	Ashley Izarek
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Previously Approved:	November 14, 2024

Approval of Agenda item #9.G. – Affiliation Agreement between Pleasant Valley School District and Northampton Community College as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #9.H. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Roland Steele
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	October 31, 2024, November 4, 2024 and November 5, 2024

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #9.I. – Informational: Family & Medical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	5072
	Position:	Police Officer
	Building:	N/A
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	November 1, 2024 and November 4, 2024

Agenda item #9.J. – Informational: Volunteers:

- 1. Patricia Zale
- 2. Kasi Pohorence
- 3. Wendy Reagle
- 4. Robert Gerstner
- 5. Dakota Lucas
- 6. Kyle Packel

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Addendum item #10.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #10.B. – Hiring of Support Staff:

1.	Name:	Erika Studley
	Position:	Monitor (10:45 AM - 2:30 PM)
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$11.81 per hour
	Effective Date:	December 9, 2024
	Replace:	Lauren Granger

Approval of Addendum item #10.C. – Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic:

1.	Name:	Laurie Koonce
	Position:	Detention Monitor
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$27.00 per hour
2.	Name:	Andrea Filachek
	Name:	Lalena Cordova
	Name:	Jacqueline Hardy
	Position:	After-School Tutor
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$35.00 per hour
3.	Name:	Nicholas Farkas
	Name:	Heather Pomposello
	Name:	Laura Ammermann
	Name:	Crystal Hicks
	Name:	April Evans
	Name:	Gena Orlowski
	Position:	After-School Tutor
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	\$35.00 per hour

4.	Name:	Loretta Snyder
	Position:	After-School Tutor
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	\$35.00 per hour

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Addendum item #10.D. – Informational: Resignations:

1.	Name:	Moriah Flyte
	Position:	Biology Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	January 20, 2025

Addendum item #10.E. – Informational: Family and Medical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	1620
	Position:	Secretary
	Building:	Admin
	Intermittent Dates:	October 28, 2024 - October 27, 2025
2.	Employee ID:	4855
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Eighteen (18)
	Dates:	November 13, 2024 - December 12, 2024
3.	Employee ID:	4672
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Intermittent Dates:	November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard – No report.

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale –

Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #14.A. – Operations Items: Approval of Agenda item #14.B. – Facility Usage Request, pending resolution and notification of any conflicting scheduling as recommended by the Director of Operations:

A.	Organization	PV Bruins Wrestling
	Schedule ID Number	14229
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School New Gym, Lobby and Concession Stand
	Purpose	PV Bruins Girls Tournament
	Dates/Times	December 28, 2024 8:00AM – 2:00PM
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	14257/14258
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Gym, Cafeteria/Stage
	Purpose	PVE & PV Girls Basketball Kids Night Out
	Dates/Times	February 15, 2025 6:00PM – 8:00PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	55
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	14259
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Gym
	Purpose	PV Girls Basketball Youth Camp
	Dates/Times	June 9, 10, 11, 12, 2025 9:00AM – 12:00PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower

	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	14260
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Main Gym
	Purpose	PV Girls Basketball Youth Camp
	Dates/Times	June 9, 10, 11, 12, 2025 9:00AM – 12:00PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	14271
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Old Gym
	Purpose	Meet Your Friends Night
	Dates/Times	December 6, 2024 2:30PM – 4:00PM
	Requestor	Richanna Russ
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	14309/14310
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girls Basketball Team Breakfast
	Date/Times	December 2, 2024 10:00AM – 11:30AM December 21, 2024 10:00AM – 11:30AM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	60
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	14312
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girls Basketball Team Meal
	Dates/Times	January 31, 2025 7:00PM – 8:30PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Girls Basketball
	Schedule ID Number	14313
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girls Basketball Senior Night Team Dinner
	Dates/Times	January 20, 2025 5:30PM – 7:00PM
	Requestor	Andrea Hower
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
I.	Organization	Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA
	Schedule ID Number	14329
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girl Scout Meeting

	Dates/Times	December 4, 2024 through June 4, 2025 6:30PM – 7:30PM December Dates: 4, 11, 18 January Dates: 8, 15, 22, 29 February Date: 5, 12, 19, 26 March Dates: 5, 19, 26 April Dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 June Date: 4
	Requestor	Amanda Atwal
	Attendance	14
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

Approval of Agenda item #14.C. – PV Cubs Shed to be placed on property for equipment and supplies for athletes. This shed will be placed behind the concession stand by the stadium.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS – (Agenda item #15)

The November building reports were attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #16.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #16.B. – Cafeteria Fund as provided:

- 1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for November 25, 2024
- 2. Cafeteria Fund Asset Cost Summary – October 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #16.C. – Payment from Bond Fund, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #16.D. – Travel Accident & Sickness Insurance Coverage:
Great American Insurance Company/AG Administrators - Cost: \$1,060.00 for Travel Accident and Sickness Insurance Coverage Policy for GAPP Germany Trip: 06/22/2025 - 07/08/2025.

Approval of Agenda item #16.E. – Participation in the Northampton/Monroe/Pike County 2025-2026 Joint Purchase Bid Paper and Janitorial Paper Supplies.

Approval of Agenda item #16.F. - Settlement and Release Agreement 24-25 SA-13.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #16.G. – Student Fundraiser Report as provided.

Agenda item #16.H. – informational: Student Activities Account as provided.

Agenda item #16.I. – Informational: District Investment Report as provided.

ADDENDUM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Addendum item #17.A. – Business Management Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #17.B. –The following Contracts as provided:

- 1. Daryl Cobb Children's Book Author PVES Assembly on 02-25-2025. Total Cost: \$1,550.00 to be paid from Title 1.
- 2. Queue Entertainment LLC - DJ Services for 2025 Prom on May 10, 2025. Total Cost: \$3,750.00.
- 3. PowerSchool - Digital Document Delivery Subscription - Terms: 11/1/2024 to 06/30/2026 Total Cost: \$7,651.00.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Tim Gilsbach, Esq. – No report.

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

Ms. Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed opinion about community input regarding curriculum.

Ms. Linda Zak, Ross Township, expressed concern about resignations; cyber school; grievances; number of administrators; PV Bears Academy; grant writers.

Mr. Hector Ramrez, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion that this meeting be held in a larger room.

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern and opinion about negotiations; financial burdens on taxpayers; transparency; community input.

Ms. Theresa Pesce, Eldred Township, expressed concern about removing items from the agenda.

Ms. Nadene Calhoun, Ross Township, expressed opinion about taxpayer input on issues.

Ms. Janet Dooner, Polk Township, expressed concern about the non-display of the FBLA Title Recognition banner.

Ms. Courtney Corsimo, Ross Township, expressed concern about term limits for elected officials.

Ms. Anthony, Polk Township, expressed concern about raises and improvements in the building.

Ms. Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the venue for this meeting and items removed from the agenda.

Mr. John Kurczeski, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Doug Altemose, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the Superintendent's contract and burden on the community.

Ms. Carrie Strohl, Ross Township, expressed concern about the Superintendent's contract.

Ms. Janice Griffith, Ross Township, expressed concern about term limits for elected officials; Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Arthur Wahl, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the Superintendent's contract; burden on taxpayers.

Mr. Alex Camererei, Polk Township, expressed concern about the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Hector Ramrez, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion about the Sunshine Act.

Solicitor Tim Gilsbach clarified the Sunshine Act relating to adding and/or removing items from an agenda.

Ms. Mercedes Reed, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion about the District; Superintendent's contract.

Ms. Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed opinion about the Superintendent's contract; burden on taxpayers; role of teachers.

Ms. Alyssa Grieco, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the Sunshine Act and Board policy.

Ms. Shantelle Davis, Chestnuthill Township, expressed opinion about elected officials; transparency.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

President Sue Kresge addressed several concerns expressed this evening including determining salaries which are done through collective bargaining as well as tax increases throughout the years.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:

Dr. Konrad clarified procedures followed for board meetings stating, among other things, that they are not a forum for a Q&A session. He encouraged all to attend the working session meetings which are held once a month. He also encouraged all to visit our website highlighting his presentation given at the last Board meeting and reminded all about the opportunity to ask questions online which are addressed at Board meetings.

Dr. Konrad made the following remarks:

- Thank you to John Dickson from Toys for tots who donated hundreds of books for students at PVE.
- Congratulations to PVMS teacher Sara Markowski who was awarded 93.5 WSBD Teacher of the Month for November.
- Thank you to Jason Van Voorhis, Randy Smale, Bruce Coffman and Keith Kuehner for setting up projectors in this room.
- Congratulations to Chief Robert Miller and secretary Lorraine McCutchan who were recognized as Employees of the Month.
- Opportunity to serve students a Thanksgiving Day feast held last week by administration with the Lunch and Leadership Program. Thank you to food service workers and Whitsons for providing students with breakfast and lunch.
- Attended the high school play *Get Smart*, which was a wonderful performance.
- Pleasant Valley School District has been awarded a \$1 million dollar Public School Facility Improvement Grant to be used toward the high school renovation project.

Dr. Konrad wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Board of Education Reorganization meeting:
December 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM