

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheads ville, PA 18322

Board Approved 1-9-2025

Minutes of the December 16, 2024
Board of Education Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on December 16, 2024 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Janet Dooner 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. Matthew Walters, Mr. Norm Burger, Mr. Ryan O’Keefe, Mrs. Diane Serfass, Mr. John Gesiskie, Mrs. Melanie Zipp, Mr. Robert Clark. Absent: Mr. Michael Galler.

Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. James Konrad, Superintendent, Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Tammy Smale, Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Jason Van Voorhis, Director of Instructional Technology & Innovation, Mr. Randy Smale, Director of Operations.

Building Administrative staff in attendance: Mr. Brian Boylan.

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. (Virtual)

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on December 16, 2024 immediately prior to this special meeting for the purposes of personnel matters including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; and legal issues.

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

Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Board Meeting Agenda of December 16, 2024.

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 and non-agenda items:

Pleasant Valley Citizens –

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions about the plans for the high school renovation project; finance for the project; burden on taxpayers.

Ms. Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed her opinion about the high school renovation project relating to investments; transparency.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale – Presentation of the Pleasant Valley High School Renovation Project. Mrs. Smale introduced Ms. Kim LaBrake, Senior Project Manager of CHA Solutions. Ms. LaBrake explained the bidding process making sure all contractors met qualifications in bid documents. She reviewed the bids for five contracts: General Contractor, Mechanical Contractor, Electrical Contractor, Plumbing Contractor, and Environmental Abatement Contractor. She stated that the total contracts came in below budget. Ms. LaBrake thanked the Board, Design Committee, and Architects and the Board was given the opportunity to ask questions which Ms. LaBrake addressed. Discussion was held.

Mrs. Tammy Smale reviewed the financing for the project including grants, capital reserve allocation, bonds, and investments. She said that the amount remaining to finance is \$43,121,571 and explained the budget plan which will have very little or no impact to the taxpayers and will be fully funded by the 2025-2026 school year. Discussion was held. The following action was taken:

Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mrs. Serfass to approve Agenda item #4.C. – Resolution to Award Construction Contracts: Under Section 751 of the Public School Code and after tally, review, and recommendation and after due consideration of all bids, the Board awards construction contracts for the Project to the contractors and to accept the unit prices and allowances as submitted on its respective bid form as follows:

General Construction Contract to Lobar, Inc.	\$38,261,500.00
Mechanical Construction Contract to Myco Mechanical, Inc.	\$13,894,000.00

Plumbing Construction Contract to Myco Mechanical, Inc.	\$ 5,551,000.00
Electrical Construction Contract to Wind Gap Electric, Inc.	\$ 14,288,370.00
Environmental Abatement Contract to Sargent Enterprises	\$ 576,324.00
Total Cost With Recommended Alternates:	\$ 72,571,194.00

ROLL CALL: 8-0 CARRIED

Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda items #4.D., #4.E., #4.F., and #4.G.:

Agenda item #4.D. – CHA Construction Management Fee at a fixed amount of \$3,102,900.00.

Agenda item #4.E. – Change Order #1 - Add - KCBA Architects – Pleasant Valley High School Renovation Project – Additional Services for Design and Scope - Total Cost: \$200,000.00.

Agenda item #4.F. – Accept the Commissioning Verification Authority / Testing Adjusting Balancing Services (CVA/TAB) Contract for a Not to Exceed Cost of \$200,000.00 to Butler Balancing Inc. Co., Inc.

Agenda item #4.G. - Increase the Geotechnical Investigation/Construction Testing Special Inspection Services: Contract for a Not to Exceed Cost of \$200,000.00 to Kleinfelder, Inc.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald wished all a happy holiday.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Burger wished all a happy holiday and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Kresge wished all a blessed holiday season.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:

Dr. Konrad thanked everyone who contributed to getting the high school renovation project off the ground. He extended a special thank you to the Board, Assistant Superintendent Rae Lin Howard, Business Manager Tammy Smale, Former Business Manager Michael Simonetta, Director of Operations Randy Smale, High School Principal Brian Boylan, and Curriculum Supervisor Jonathan Ayre. In addition, Dr. Konrad extended his gratitude to CHA and KCBA Architects for their countless hours of planning. He said the bids came in \$15,485,443 less than projected and this savings will help ensure moving forward and seeing the vision come to life with an upgraded school building that will serve our learners for many years to come.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Clark motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting:
January 9, 2025 7:00 PM