PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the January 23, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 2-13-2025

CALL TO ORDER:
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on January 23, 2025 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ryan O'Keefe 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. Matthew Walters, Mr. Michael Galler, Mr. Ryan O'Keefe, Mr. Robert Clark, Mr. Norm Burger, Mrs. Diane Serfass, Mr. John Gesiskie. Absent: Mrs. Melanie Zipp.

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. Jason Van Voorhis, Director of Instructional Technology & Innovation, Mr. Randy Smale, Director of Operations, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. James Korcienski, Director of Athletics.
Building Administrative staff in attendance: Ms. Sarah Adams, Mrs. Sabrina Albright, Mr. Tim McCutchan, Mrs. Josephine Fields, Mr. Ramon Rodridguez, Mr. Brian Boylan, Mr. Jeremy Byrd, Ms. Amber Chiafulio, Ms. Ariella Mease.
School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:
President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on January 23, 2025 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.

FBLA Presentation: Ms. Mira Giunta presented a video of the conference ceremony participants and their standings in their particular area. Dr. Konrad congratulated all students who participated and thanked Ms. Amanda Giunta for all her work in helping to achieve the success of the FBLA students.

Student Government President Mira Giunta: Ms. Giunta reported on activities and events at the high school:

- The PVHS Debate team competed in the Eastern Pennsylvania Championships, placing fifth!
- The Pleasant Valley Scholastic Scrimmage Team had a great finish to the season, placing third in the EPC.
- The Scholastic Scrimmage team ended their run in the PBS league after losing in the quarterfinals. Clark Po was selected to be on the PBS All-Star team to compete alongside the highest-scoring member of every quarterfinal team.
- The high school concert band and chorus had their concerts in December.
- The Pleasant Valley National Honor Society chapter held their annual Slime a Teacher assembly, with proceeds going to Toys for Tots.
- Our FBLA chapter had a fantastic turnout at the Region 21 Leadership Conference with over forty of our members qualifying to compete at the State Leadership Conference in Hershey.
- LVHN brought in distracted driving simulators for our students to try which was a great lesson in safety.
- Today, Mr. Boylan released the first episode of the PVHS podcast, "The Bear Cave!" He interviewed some seniors, members of the art honor society, the PVHS drama club, and golf team member Lydon Patascher.
- Winter Pep Rally for the boys basketball hall of fame night to be held tomorrow night.

Student Highlights – Board Appreciation – Secondary:
Middle School Principal Tim McCutchan thanked the Board for their dedication and all they do in creating a future for students. A video was shown where students expressed their appreciation to the School Board. High School Principal Brian Boylan expressed his thanks to the Board for their support especially for their support of PVTV.

Students 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 – Adelaine Gerstner, Brynley Keegan, Archer Franklin; PVI – Noah Coogan, Melinda Elston, Chelsea Salerno; PVMS – Quinn Randis, Joslynne Franco, Ethan Sealy; PVHS – Asher Nikoden, George Massi, Brian Correla, Noah Dolan; PVBA – Amelia Bentzoni. Principals also took this opportunity to recognize their employees of the month for the months of December and January: PVE – Alison Hudzinski, Kelly Collins, Rheannon Parker, Karina Martin; PVI – Thomas Dudley, Gina Belanger, April Evans, Kyle Earling; PVMS – Melanie Bankus, Doreen Dunlap, Roxanne Scott, David Diehl; PVHS – Timothy Hinton, Scott Lee, Amanda Altemose, Sharon Graver. The principals also highlighted events held at their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Response to Community Questions – Dr. Konrad responded to one community question submitted by Mr. Ron Reynolds of Chestnuthill Township. Mr. Reynolds questioned the status of forming a citizens' advisory committee. Dr. Konrad stated that this was discussed at the working session meeting held on January 9th and on January 10th the policy was discussed with superintendents within Intermediate Unit 20 to gain insight into the structure of the meetings to ensure that there is time for information to be shared and for community members to provide input. A draft of Policy 905 was provided to the Board and will be added to the Board agenda on February 13th for a first reading. Discussion about forming a Citizen's Advisory Committee can hopefully take place by the end of February.

In recognition of School Director Recognition Month, Dr. Konrad expressed his gratitude for the Board's dedication and hard work in supporting our schools and read the following proclamation from the Pennsylvania School Board Association:

> WHEREAS, the role of locally elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and
> WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed public education in the forefront of our educational systems; and
> WHEREAS, locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this nonpaid, volunteer public service commitment; and
> WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth; and
> FURTHER RESOLVE that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this commonwealth.
> Unanimously approved July 18, 1985
> Reaffirmed - December 4, 2024
> Pennsylvania School Boards Association Governing Board
> Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Board Secretary
Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on January 9, 2025; approval of the Board Meeting Agenda of January 23, 2025.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED
Abstained on Minutes: Mr. Burger 7-0-1 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)**:**
Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, commented regarding a dual enrollment grant.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass
Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #4.A. – Accounts Payable, as attached:
Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Accounts Payable January 23, 2025
Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement December 2024.
Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Asset Cost Summary December 2024.
Approval of Agenda item #4.E. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues December 2024.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass**: Mrs. Serfass spoke about the 2024-2025 SkillsUSA District Competition held recently. A video was shown highlighting the competitors in their program area. She recognized the first and second place winners and stated that they will be going to the state competition in April.

B. **Colonial IU20 – Mr. Michael Galler:** No report.

C. **PSBA Legislative Liaison Report –** No report.

D. **Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Kresge:** Mrs. Kresge reminded all that a curriculum overview was presented at the January 9th working session and that the presentation can be found on BoardDocs.

E. **Finance Committee –** No report.

F. **Athletic Committee – Mr. Ryan O'Keefe:** Mr. O'Keefe referred to the Athletics Update contained on the agenda: Congratulations to Lady Bear Wrestlers that made the podium at the High School Coal Cracker Tournament on January 18th. He wished good luck to the Varsity Cheerleaders as they head to Reading, PA on January 30th and 31st to compete in the PIAA State Competition. Mr. O'Keefe also recognized the 2024 Lehigh Valley Scholar Athletes, Briana Palmeri and Zachary Prator. In addition, Mr. O'Keefe stated that the coaches' mid-season report will be provided at the next Board meeting. Also, he encouraged all to attend All Star Night to be held Friday night.

G. **Policy Committee –** No report. Mrs. Kresge stated that there are two policies on the agenda this evening for a second reading and approval.

H. **Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger:** Mr. Burger stated that since the last Board meeting, the design team met today to discuss the high school renovation and contracts. Mr. Burger stated that design meetings are scheduled for February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, and May 22nd.

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

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

Mr. Gesiskie announced that the Hall of Fame event will be held at half time during the basketball game tomorrow evening with a reception for Board members and new inductees at 4:30 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS – Dr. James Konrad:
Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Agenda item #7.A. – Superintendent items:
Approval of Agenda item #7.B. – 2025-2026 School Year One-Page Calendar – DRAFT as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #7.C. – Policies for a Second Reading and Approval, as provided:
1. Policy 204 Attendance
2. Policy 335 Family and Medical Leaves

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS – Dr. James Konrad:
Addendum item #8.A. – Informational: 2025-2026 Arrival and Dismissal Times Final Draft, as provided. Mr. O'Keefe thanked Dr. Konrad for polling teachers on this draft.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer
Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Personnel Items:
Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Change to Assignment – Long Term Substitute:

1.	Name:	Lance Soodeen
	Position:	Science Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: $52,642

	Effective Date:	January 21, 2025 - end of the 2024/2025 school year
	Previously Approved:	January 9, 2025

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

1.	Club Activity:	School Counseling Department Chair 6-12
	Advisor:	Brian Morgan
	Dates:	August 23, 2024 – January 10, 2025
	Salary:	$1,348.50
	Salary:	$5,150.00 (prorated)

Approval of Agenda item #9.D. – Rescind Sabbatical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	1169
	Type:	Study
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Semester(s):	2nd Semester of the 2024-2025 school year
	Previously Approved:	October 10, 2024

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

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

1.	Employee ID:	4980
	Position:	Social Worker
	Building:	n/a
	Intermittent Dates:	January 2, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Agenda item #9.F. – Informational: Resignations:

1.	Name:	Deborah Rivera
	Position:	Long Term Substitute – Grade 6
	Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	January 24, 2025

Agenda item #9.G. – Informational: Volunteer: Angela Bond.

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to approve Addendum item #10.A. – Personnel Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #10.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff – Long Term Substitute (pending receipt of required paperwork):

1.	Name:	Logan Dickman
	Position:	Grade 6
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	B, Step 1: $52,642
	Effective Date:	January 27, 2025 - May 23, 2025

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

1.	Name:	Sandra Hughes-Green
	Sport:	Girls Lacrosse
	Position:	Jr. High Assistant
	Level:	1
	Salary:	$2,800.00
2.	Name:	Nicole Secara
	Sport:	Softball
	Position:	JV Assistant
	Level:	1
	Salary:	$2,332.00 (split stipend)
3.	Name:	Tristan Dorn
	Sport:	Boys Lacrosse
	Position:	Jr. High Assistant
	Level:	2
	Salary:	$2,842.00

Approval of Addendum item #10.D. – Supplemental contracts: Non-Athletic:

1.	Position:	After-School Tutor
	Name:	Amy Hetherington
	Building:	PVMS

	Salary:	$35.00 per hour
2.	Club/Activity:	School Counseling Department Chair 6-12
	Advisor:	Payton Gregory
	Dates:	January 13, 2025 - end of the 2024/2025 school year
	Salary:	$1,470.82

Approval of Addendum item #10.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:	Volleyball
	Advisor:	Kristen Ferris
	Dates:	February 3, 2025 - March 14, 2025
	Day(s):	Monday - Friday
	Times:	2:45 PM - 5:00 PM
	Building:	PVMS
2.	Club/Activity:	Volleyball
	Co-Advisor:	Arianna Weaver
	Co-Advisor:	Katie Frankunas
	Volunteer:	Drew Dymond
	Volunteer:	Joseph Akob
	Volunteer:	John Gesiskie
	Volunteer:	Kathleen Gesiskie
	Dates:	March 10, 2025 - May 29, 2025
	Day(s):	Monday and Thursday
	Times:	6:45 PM - 9:15 PM
	Building:	PVMS and PVHS

Approval of Addendum item #10.F. – Memoranda of Understanding, as provided.

1. MOU between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Educational Support Professionals Association (Non-Instructional, FID and Safety days).
2. MOU between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Educational Association (Family Medical Leave Act ~ FMLA).
3. MOU between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Educational Association (Personal Day).
4. MOU between Pleasant Valley School District and Pleasant Valley Educational Association (Classroom Coverage).

Approval of Addendum item #10.G. – Affiliation Agreement, as provided: Liberty University, Inc.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED
Abstained on Addendum item #10.E.2.: Mr. Gesiskie 7-0-1 CARRIED

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

1.	Employee ID:	3983
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVIS
	Days:	Thirty-five (35)
	Dates:	December 26, 2024 - February 16, 2025

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard –
Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #11– Curriculum & Staff Development items:
Approval of Agenda item #11.A. – Field Trip – 6th Sense Competition:

1.	Organization/Grade	PVMS – 6th Sense Team
	Teacher(s) Involved	Nadia Gauronsky
	Destination	Tamaqua Area School District
	Purpose	6th Sense Academic Competition
	Date(s)	March 18 & 19, 2025 ~ 6:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	No. of District Buses Needed	1
	Cost for Buses	$1,128.06
	Cost Per Student	$0.00
	Cost For District	$1,128.06
	Budgeted	Middle School Budget

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard –
Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Galler to approve Agenda item #12– Curriculum & Staff Development Addendum items:
Approval of Addendum item #12.A. – 2025-2026 Pleasant Valley Middle School Program of Studies and 2025-2026 Pleasant Valley High School Program of Studies, as provided:

1. 2025-26 PVM Program of Studies
2. 2025-26 PVH Program of Studies

Prior to the vote, Mr. Gesiskie raised several questions about graduation requirements; the number of dropped classes; class electives; and resources available. Mr. Boylan and Dr. Howard addressed the issues raised and lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Galler commented about the Criminal Justice Program within our district and the background of the teacher. He also spoke about the program at MCTI. Dr. Howard stated that this is a course and spoke about the credentials needed to teach the course. Further discussion was held.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale –
Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Keefe to approve Agenda item #13– Operations Items:
Approval of Agenda item #13.A. – Facility Usage Request, pending resolution and notification of any conflicting scheduling as recommended by the Director of Operations:

A.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Schedule ID Number	14439/14440/14441
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Lower Athletic Fields
	Purpose	WESL Travel/Intramural Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	March 17, 2025 through November 26, 2025 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM March Dates: 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 April Dates: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30 May Dates: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 June Dates: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 July Dates: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31 August Dates: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 September Dates: 2 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 October Dates: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 November Dates: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Schedule ID Number	14442/14443/14444
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Lower Athletic Fields
	Purpose	WESL Travel/Intramural Practice and Games
	Dates/Times	March 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM March Dates: 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 April Dates: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 May Dates: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 June Dates: 1, 7, 8, 14, 21, 22, 28, 29 July Dates: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 August Dates: 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 September Dates: 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 27, 28 October Dates: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 November Dates: 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

C.	Organization	Boy Scouts of America
	Schedule ID Number	14458
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
	Dates/Times	February 1, 2025 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	Requestor	Sally Helfrich
	Attendance	90
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS – (Agenda item #14)
The January 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 #15.A. – Business Management Items:
Approval of Agenda item #15.B. – Cafeteria Fund as provided:

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for January 23, 2025.
2. Cafeteria Fund Asset Cost Summary – December 2024.

Approval of Agenda item #15.C. – The following contracts, as provided:

1. James DoorCheck - Rekey existing interior doors at PVE, PVI, PVM and Admin - Total Cost $349,913.50 - To be paid from PCCD Grant and Capital Reserve
2. Generation E-Sport - Gaming Concepts Fundamentals for 2025-2026 Curriculum - Terms: 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 Total Cost: $3,500.00

Approval of Agenda item #15.D. - Resolution for the 2024 Property Tax Rebate Program, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #15.E. – Advertisement of Sealed Proposals for the following items:

1. RFP for Internal Connections - eRate
2. RFP for PVE Carpet Project

Approval of Agenda item #15.F. – Payment from Bond Fund, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #15.G. – Settlement and Release Agreement 24-25 SA-17.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Gesiskie raised concern about Agenda item #15.C. – Contracts. Dr. Howard addressed the concerns and discussion was held.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED
Voting No on Agenda item #15.C.: Mr. Gesiskie 7-1 CARRIED

Agenda item #15.H. – Student Fundraiser Report as provided.

Agenda item #15.I. – informational: Student Activities Account as provided.

Agenda item #15.J. – Informational: District Investment Report as provided.

ADDENDUM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale
Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Addendum item #16.A. – Business Management Addendum Items:
Approval of Addendum item #16.B. – Pleasant Valley School District Tax Collector Compensation Resolution for the 2026-2027 through 2029-2030 season, as provided.

Approval of Addendum item #16.C. - The following Contracts as provided:

1. NWEA - MAP Growth Foundation Science. Terms 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2028. Total Cost: $204,437.50
2. NWEA - MAP Reading Fluency. Terms 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2028. Total Cost: $63,000.00.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Gesiskie questioned Addendum item #16.B. –Tax Collector Compensation Resolution for which Mrs. Kresge explained the process. He also questioned Agenda item #16.C. – contracts. Dr. Howard addressed the questions and lengthy discussion was held.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald commented on the recent enforcement of immigration laws by the current administration in Washington D.C. He stated that his office will be monitoring the issue and we will comply with the law.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS – Agenda items/Non-Agenda items:
Ms. Lynette Possinger, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about her child being placed in virtual classes.

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about the budget and the burden on taxpayers. She also expressed her opinion about funds being used for teachers outside of our district.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:
Mr. O'Keefe addressed community involvement to possibly be held at the work session meetings. He also addressed students being assigned to virtual classes and discussion was held.

Mr. Galler addressed the recent delays and Dr. Konrad addressed the issues and circumstances involved with the delays in opening of school and the need for virtual instruction days including busing issues and the temperature. Mr. Galler also addressed miscommunication with regard to negotiations. He explained the process including early bird negotiations which was suggested this past summer and again at the end of the summer but were refused by union leadership stating that they wanted to go forward with full negotiations. Mr. Galler stated that this issue was discussed at the September 12th Board meeting. He said a meeting was held recently regarding negotiations which went well.

Mr. Gesiskie commented on the recent delays addressing the buses and also the handling of food for students caused by delays in opening. He also questioned ELA programs and visiting other schools. He expressed concern about training for new programs and costs involved. Dr. Howard and Dr. Konrad addressed his concerns and lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Gesiskie also commented about students being assigned to virtual classes. Dr. Howard addressed teachers being held at their current districts.

Mr. Burger stated that the 250th anniversary of Monroe County is coming up in 2026 and offered meetings with administrators and/or staff to talk about ideas, etc.

Mr. Walters commended FBLA students for their success. He also said that the individuals in charge of the Facebook pages regarding questions and answers for PVE and PVI are doing a great job.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:
Dr. Konrad made the following remarks:

- Thank you to everyone who reported on FBLA this evening and the progress it is making and also the wonderful things happening in our buildings.
- Congratulations to all students who competed in the SkillsUSA. Twelve of our PV students placed – five in 1st place, five in 2nd place and two in 3rd place.
- December Administrative Employee of the month was PVMS Principal Tim McCutchan and support staff was Bookkeeper Holly Wilds. January Administrative Employee of the month was Accountant Marcia Taylor and support staff was Administrative Secretary Cindy Johnson.

President Kresge announced that the Board will be going into executive session immediately following this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Board of Education Reorganization meeting:
February 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM