

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the February 27, 2025

Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 3-13-2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was held on February 27, 2025 and called to order by President Sue Kresge at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Norm Burger 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. Ryan O’Keefe, Mr. Norm Burger, Mrs. Melanie Zipp, Mrs. Diane Serfass (virtual), Mr. John Gesiskie. Absent: Mr. Michael Galler, Mr. Robert Clark.

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, Ms. Bernadette Fierro, Curriculum Supervisor.

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

School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:

President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on February 27, 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.

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 – Hank Logan, Gabriella Baade, Yanalis St. Louis; PVI – Eva Meckes, Nico Speicher, Rori Wadiak; PVMS – Julia Place, Aubri Duben, Jazleen Greenlee; PVHS – Brooke Serfass, Alayna Boland, Cameron Hayes, Jeneria Williams; PVBA –. Principals also took this opportunity to recognize their employees of the month for the month of February: PVE – Christine Sabatini, Colleen Schmidt; PVI – Jennifer Cirba, Blaine Borger; PVMS – Kelly Sutphin, Mariclaire Hosking; PVHS – Elizabeth Negron, Susan Gimblet. The principals also highlighted events held at their respective buildings.

Superintendent’s Response to Community Questions – Dr. Konrad addressed in detail items that were brought up at the last Board meeting and subsequently posted on social media. These items were cyber classes at the high school; cyber charter schools; Seneca Valley/Edgenuity; and MCTI graduation requirements. In addition, Dr. Konrad addressed six community questions that were submitted. Donna Yozwiak, Chestnuthill Township, questioned the future location of the Chris Hixon Fitness Center, which is currently located in the JCM wing due to upcoming renovations. Dr. Konrad stated that this area is being relocated near the high school gymnasium and the fitness area will be designated in honor of Chris Hixon. Janet Dooner, Polk Township questioned the use of Google Gemini. Mr. Van Voorhis addressed this item and stated that Gemini will be accessible to teachers from grades six through 12 through the 2025-2026 school year. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, asked several questions related to financial issues which Business Manager Tammy Smale addressed. Ms. Hopely also questioned an item on this evening’s agenda regarding emergency money for Dr. Konrad and its purpose. As discussed at the working session meeting held on February 13th, this item allows Dr. Konrad to approve a change order from the General Contractor for emergency situations only during the construction project to ensure safety and efficiency.

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

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on February 13, 2025; approval of the Board Meeting Agenda of February 27, 2025, as amended: Removal of Agenda item #12.A. – 2025-2026 PVHS Program of Studies Addendum.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

Abstained on Minutes: Mrs. Serfass 6-0-1
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. Ann Gravel, Polk Township, expressed concern about Policy 905 Citizens Advisory Committees; the reading programs and costs involved; burden on taxpayers.

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about cyber school costs and on-line classes.

Ms. Deborah Modica, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about Seneca Valley; reading programs; online classes; source of funding; burden on taxpayers.

Ms. Evelyn DiNova, Chestnuthill Township, expressed concern about source of funding for caps and gowns; cyber enrollment numbers; online classes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Diane Serfass

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

Approval of Agenda item #4.B. – Accounts Payable February 27, 2025

Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement January 2025.

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

Approval of Agenda item #4.E. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues January 2025.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass: No report. Mrs. Serfass stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd.

B. Colonial IU20 – No report.

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

D. Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Kresge: Mrs. Kresge stated that the updated Comprehensive Plan (2025-2028) which is mandated by the state every three years is online for public view. Board approval will be sought at the March 27, 2025 Board meeting.

E. Finance Committee – Mrs. Diane Serfass: Mrs. Serfass stated that financial items will be covered later on in the agenda.

F. Athletic Committee – Mr. Ryan O'Keefe: Mr. O'Keefe congratulated Juliette Trout for winning the Southeast Girls Regional Wrestling title advancing to States in Hershey, PA. He also congratulated Lydon Patascher for winning the 2024 Lehigh Valley Junior Golf Tour Player of the Year award. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the PV Cheer is holding a spring craft fair on March 2nd. He also stated that spring sports begin on March 3rd.

G. Policy Committee – Mrs. Melanie Zipp: Mrs. Zipp stated that two policies are on the agenda for a first reading and one policy is on the agenda for approval.

H. Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger: Mr. Burger stated that the design team met to discuss the high school renovation and related contracts in addition to the District's overall improvement plans. He stated that there are three agreements on the agenda this evening required by Chestnuthill Township which include the Stormwater Agreement, Development Agreement, and the Deed of Consolidation. Mr.

Burger stated that design meetings are scheduled for March 27th, April 24th, and May 22nd.

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

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS – Dr. James Konrad:
Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #7. – Superintendent items:
Approval of Agenda item #7.A. – Policy for Second Reading and Approval, as provided:
1. Policy 905 Citizen Advisory Committees.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie opened up discussion on Policy 905. Lengthy discussion was held including clarification of concerns including, but not limited to, topics of discussion to be addressed at the Citizen Advisory Committee meetings. Referring to the Administrative Regulation (AR) contained on the agenda as an informational item, Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that certain language contained in the AR be revisited. Mr. Gesiskie also questioned the enrollment report referring to additional virtual credits, which Dr. Konrad clarified and discussion was held. Mr. Gesiskie also questioned classes offered by Edgenuity, which Dr. Konrad and Dr. Howard addressed. There being no further discussion, the following action was taken:

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #7.B. – Informational: Policies for a First Reading, as provided:
1. Policy 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
2. Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel

Agenda item #7.C. – Informational: February Enrollment Report, as provided.

Addendum item #8.A. – Informational: Policy 905 AR – Final Draft, as provided.

Mrs. Kresge relayed a message from Mr. Galler expressing his thanks to Chief Miller regarding Policy 805.2.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer
Mr. O’Keefe motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Personnel Items:
Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Hiring of Support Staff:

1.	Name:	Taylor Lenahan
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	\$26,914
	Effective Date:	March 3, 2025
	Replace:	New Position

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

1.	Name:	Ryan-Jon Blass
	Sport:	Boys Lacrosse
	Position:	MS Assistant Coach
	Level:	1
	Salary:	\$2,800.00

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

1.	Name:	Michael DePalma
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	Varsity Event Worker
	Salary:	\$45.00 per event
2.	Name:	Michael DePalma
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	JV Event Worker
	Salary:	\$40.00 per event
3.	Name:	Michael DePalma
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	MS Event Worker
	Salary:	\$35.00 per event

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:	Wrestling
	Advisor:	Robert Kays
	Volunteer:	James Weiss
	Volunteer:	Michael Erhardt
	Dates:	March 10, 2025 - May 22, 2025
	Day(s):	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
	Time:	3:00 PM
	Building:	PVHS
2.	Club/Activity:	Girls Soccer Summer Intramurals
	Advisor:	Tara Hyland
	Dates:	May 3, 2025 - August 14, 2025
	Day(s):	Monday - Thursday
	Time:	5:00 PM
	Building:	PVMS and PVHS

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

1.	Name:	Christine Abrams
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Six (6)
	Dates:	January 17, 2025 and January 23, 2025 - January 29, 2025
2.	Name:	Laticia Britton-Marie
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	January 27, 2025 - January 28, 2025
3.	Name:	Amy Eckert
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	January 7, 2025, January 8, 2025 and January 15, 2025
4.	Name:	Danielle Lukashewski
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	March 20, 2025 - March 21, 2025
5.	Name:	Joan Mattson
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	January 29, 2025
6.	Name:	JoAnn Miceli
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	January 14, 2025 - January 21, 2025
7.	Name:	Kristina Singer
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	February 10, 2025
8.	Name:	Dana Varone
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVES

	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	January 29, 2025 - January 30, 2025

Approval of Agenda item #9.G. – Agreement with the Pleasant Valley Education Association to resolve Grievance #22-23-02, as provided.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie expressed concern questioning the MOU including May 27th as an early dismissal for all students and professional staff. Discussion was held and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there was no admission of guilt on either side, and a decision to mutually agree to a resolution to a situation of a long standing matter was reached.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

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

1.	Employee ID:	5096
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Dates:	February 21, 2025 - March 7, 2025
2.	Employee ID:	3684
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVMS
	Intermittent Dates:	January 13, 2025 - January 12, 2026
3.	Employee ID:	4840
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVHS
	Intermittent Dates:	January 30, 2025 - January 29, 2026

Agenda item #9.I. – Informational: Retirement:

1.	Name:	Thomas O'Leary
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	June 6, 2025

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

1.	Name:	JoAnn Miceli
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Effective Date:	February 20, 2025

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

- 1. Diane DeBarry
- 2. Russell Friedman

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

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

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

1.	Name:	Isaac Blagogee
	Sport:	Track and Field
	Position:	Varsity Assistant
	Level:	2
	Salary:	\$4,734.00

Approval of Addendum item #10.C. – Supplemental contracts: Non-Coaching:

1.	Name:	Paul Nembhard
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	Varsity Event Worker
	Salary:	\$45.00 per event
2.	Name:	Paul Nembhard
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	JV Event Worker
	Salary:	\$40.00 per event
3.	Name:	Paul Nembhard
	Season:	Spring

	Level:	MS Event Worker
	Salary:	\$35.00 per event
4.	Name:	Timothy Hinton
	Sport:	Track and Field
	Position:	Statistician
	Salary:	\$550.00

Approval of Addendum item #10.D. – 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:	Girls Soccer Summer Intramurals
	Advisor:	Tara Hyland
	Dates:	March 3, 2025 –May 2, 2025
	Day(s):	Monday - Friday
	Times:	6:00 PM
	Building:	PVIS and PVMS

Approval of Addendum item #10.E. – Leave Without Pay:

1.	Name:	Amy Eckert
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	December 19, 2024
2.	Name:	Desiree Kresge
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	Three (3)
	Dates:	February 3, 2025 - February 5, 2025
3.	Name:	Erika Studley
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	February 5, 2025
4.	Name:	Joan Mattson
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Two (2)
	Dates:	February 10, 2025 - February 11, 2025

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

Addendum item #10.F. – Informational: Volunteer:
1. James Walsh II.

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard –
Dr. Howard reminded all that Addendum item #12.A. has been removed.
Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #11– Curriculum & Staff Development items:
Approval of Agenda item #11.A. – Textbook Discard - PVMS: 50 outdated (copyright 1989), unused Spanish textbooks (Spanish for Mastery 1 – Que Tal) from Pleasant Valley Middle School.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie questioned additional books on site. Dr. Howard stated that those books will be discarded as well. Mr. Burger added some explanation about the pallets of books on site.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mr. Randy Smale –
Mr. O’Keefe motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie 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	Pleasant Valley Middle School PTO
	Schedule ID Number	14524
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Front Lobby
	Purpose	Ticket Sales for Dodge Ball
	Dates/Times	March 12, 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	Requestor	Richanna Russ
	Attendance	2
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Volleyball
	Schedule ID Number	14525
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School New and Old Gym
	Purpose	Volleyball Camp
	Dates/Times	August 4, 5, 6, 2025 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
	Requestor	Allison Hoak
	Attendance	35
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	West End Little League
	Schedule ID Number	14552
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Athletic Field
	Purpose	WELL Softball 2025 Spring Season
	Dates/Times	April 1, 2025 through June 28, 2025 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM 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, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
D.	Organization	West End Little League
	Schedule ID Number	14561
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Athletic Field
	Purpose	WELL Softball 2025 Spring Season
	Dates/Times	April 5, 2025 through June 28, 2025 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM April Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 May Dates: 10, 17, 24, 31 June Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
E.	Organization	West End Little League
	Schedule ID Number	14550
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Athletic Field
	Purpose	WELL Baseball 2025 Spring Season
	Dates/Times	April 1, 2025 through June 28, 2025 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM 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, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
F.	Organization	West End Little League
	Schedule ID Number	14551
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Athletic Field
	Purpose	WELL Baseball 2025 Spring Season
	Date/Times	April 5, 2025 through June 28, 2025 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM April Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 May Dates: 10, 17, 24, 31 June Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28
	Requestor	Matt Birnbaum
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
G.	Organization	PVYA
	Schedule ID Number	14571, 14572, 14573, 14574, 14575
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Lower Athletic Field
	Purpose	PVYA Boys Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	March 3, 2025 through June 30, 2025 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM March Dates: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 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, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
H.	Organization	PVYA
	Schedule ID Number	14576, 14577
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Lower Athletic Field
	Purpose	PVYA Boys Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	March 1, 2025 through June 29, 2025 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM March Dates: 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 April Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 May Dates: 4, 11, 18, 25 June Dates: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
I.	Organization	PVYA
	Schedule ID Number	14578, 14579, 14580, 14581, 14582
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Upper Athletic Field

	Purpose	PVYA Girls Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	March 3, 2025 through June 30, 2025 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM March Dates: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 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, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
J.	Organization	PVYA
	Schedule ID Number	14583, 14584
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Upper Athletic Field
	Purpose	PVYA Girls Lacrosse
	Dates/Times	March 1, 2025 through June 29, 2025 9:00AM – 8:00PM March Dates: 1, 2, 8, 9, 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, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
	Requestor	Hope Christman
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
K.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	14590
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Mandatory Parents Football Meeting
	Dates/Times	May 13, 2025 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM
	Requestor	Erica Smith
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
L.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Wrestling
	Schedule ID Number	14591
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary School Cafeteria
	Purpose	End of Season Banquet
	Dates/Times	April 11, 2025 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
	Requestor	Trista Vanderah
	Attendance	150
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS – (Agenda item #14)

The February building reports were attached to the agenda for informational purposes. Mrs. Kresge questioned the after school tutoring numbers, which Mr. Pomposello and other principals addressed. Mr. Gesiskie expressed appreciation to Mr. Rodriguez for his involvement in the high school sports programs that 8th grade students participate in. Mr. Gesiskie also questioned the monthly video and Dr. Howard stated that they will be moving to a quarterly video. Mrs. Kresge recognized all building reports and in particular praised Mrs. Hinton’s efforts in her life skills class.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale

Mrs. Serfass motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #15.A. – Business Management Items:

Approval of Agenda item #15.B. – Cafeteria Fund as provided:

1. Cafeteria Accounts Payable for February 27, 2025.
2. Cafeteria Fund Asset Cost Summary – January 2025.

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

1. CDW – Google Gemini Education. Terms: 2-28-2025 through 2-27-2026. Total Cost: \$28,800.00 to be paid from Ready to Learn funds.

Approval of Agenda item #15.D. – 2025-2026 Monroe Career and Technical Institute Proposed Budget in the amount of \$9,470,892.82, as provided. Pleasant Valley's share of this budget will be \$1,993,787.90.

Approval of Agenda item #15.E. – 2025-2026 Colonial Intermediate #20 General Operating Proposed Budget in the amount of \$4,431,923, as provided. Pleasant Valley's contribution is not to exceed \$26,961.00.

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

Approval of Agenda item #15.G. – Superintendent on-site Authorization for PVHS Renovation: Authorization for Dr. James Konrad, in the event of an emergency, to approve change orders for the Pleasant Valley High School Renovation project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per change order with the understanding that any authorization by Dr. Konrad shall be shared with the Board at the next public board meeting. If the change order is not an emergency, it shall be provided to the Board for authorization at its next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Approval of Agenda item #15.H. – Audited Financial Statements: June 30, 2024 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Gorman & Associates, P.C., as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #15.I. – Rescind the approval of a portion of Agenda item #13.B. dated February 13, 2025 – Pyramid School Products QTY: 10 dozen Spalding Game Baseballs \$498.90 total due to a mathematical error.

Approval of Agenda item #15.J. – 2024-2025 Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment Bid: Pyramid School Products QTY: 10 dozen Spalding Game Baseballs item #WC41100HS. Cost \$89.95 per dozen – Total cost: \$899.50.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Gesiskie expressed concern about Agenda item #15.C – Gemini Contract. Mr. Van Voorhis addressed the issues and clarified its use. Mr. O'Keefe also expressed his concerns and Dr. Konrad spoke about the utilization of the program, etc. Lengthy discussion was held where Mrs. Zipp and Mrs. Kresge, among others, provided input. Mr. Gesiskie questioned Agenda item #15.G. – Superintendent on-site authorization for PVHS renovation. Discussion was held and Mr. Burger explained the reasoning behind the need for this authorization and Mrs. Serfass stated that this does not go above the budget.

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

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

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

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

ADDENDUM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale

Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve Addendum item #16.A. – Business Management Addendum Items:

Approval of Addendum item #16.B. – The following contracts, a provided:

1. Seneca Valley School District - All access to all Edgenuity Courses and MyPath K – 12 remediation/alternative education program for PV Cyber seats effective for the 2025-2026 School Year through 2029-2030, pending Solicitor review and revisions.
2. HMH Readers - Into Reading Grades K-6 and Into Literature Grade 6-10. Terms: Three Years Total Cost: \$585,579.32 to be paid with Ready to Learn grant funds.

Approval of Addendum item #16.C. – Award E-Rate Internal Connections Bid:

- PenTeleData – 1GB Point to Point connectivity from PV High School to Polk Elementary per E-rate Funding. Monthly Cost: \$680.00. Term 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2030
- PenTeleData – 10GB Point to Point connectivity from PV High School to PV Elementary School per E-rate Funding. Monthly Cost: \$1,100.00. Term 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2030

Approval of Addendum item #16.D. – Establishment of a Scholarship Agreement: Establishment of the SRP Love and Light Memorial Scholarship Fund, as provided.

Approval of Addendum item #16.E. – Rescind the approval of a portion of Agenda Item #13.B dated February 13, 2025 – Sportsman’s QTY: 12 Tennis Warm-ups with approved Embroider Full Sets \$647.40 total due. The vendor is unable to provide the product.

Approval of Addendum item #16.F. – 2024-2025 Spring Athletic Supplies and Equipment Bid: BSN Sports LLC – Men’s cotton Rich Fleece Joggers Pants with approved Logo Qty: 15. Cost: \$31.00 per jogger. Total Cost plus shipping: \$495.00. Adult Sizes: Small -2, Medium -5, Large -5 X-Large -3.

Approval of Addendum item #16.G. – Development Agreement between the Township of Chestnuthill and Pleasant Valley School District subject to final administrative and solicitor review, as provided.

Approval of Addendum item #16.H. – Stormwater Agreement between the Township of Chestnuthill and Pleasant Valley School District, subject to final administrative and solicitor review, as provided.

Approval of Addendum item #16.I. – Deed of Consolidation – High School Campus - subject to final administrative and solicitor review, as provided.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. O’Keefe requested that Addendum item #16.B.1. – Seneca Valley Contract be tabled and expressed his reasoning behind the request.

Mr. O’Keefe motioned to table Addendum item #16.B.1. – Seneca Valley Contract, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie. A voice vote was taken and the following action was taken:

VOICE VOTE: 2-5 NOT CARRIED
Opposed: Mr. Burger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Serfass, Mr. Walters, Mrs. Zipp

Dr. Howard addressed many of the concerns and discussion continued on Addendum item #16.B.1. Mr. Fitzgerald explained the term of the contract and stated that this is a series of five one-year agreements. Dr. Konrad explained the rationale behind choosing Seneca Valley. Lengthy discussion was held.

Mr. O’Keefe addressed Addendum item #16.B.2. - HMH Readers. He referred to the feedback survey and read comments. He expressed his reasoning and intention to vote No on this item. Lengthy discussion was held about this curriculum. Mr. Gesiskie discussed his concerns about the HMH Readers Contract based on his research. Mr. Pomposello commented on thoughts of the Reading Review Committee. All Board members provided comments about this item. Dr. Konrad commented that this curriculum creates an opportunity and resource for our teachers. Dr. Howard and Ms. Fierro addressed the concerns expressed and explained in detail the process for selecting this resource to, among other things, support the state standards. Mrs. Kresge expressed her thoughts in favor of the HMH contract and stated that HMH is rated very high. She spoke about the implementation and professional development that will be associated with making the program successful. Lengthy discussion was held on this curriculum.

After further discussion, Mr. Walters and Mr. Burger agreed to amend the original motion and to vote on Addendum items #16.C. through #16.I. and to vote on Addendum item 16.B.1. and Addendum item #16.B.2. separately. The following action followed on Addendum items #16.C. through #16.I.:

VOICE VOTE: 7-0 CARRIED

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Addendum item #16.B.1. – Seneca Valley Contract.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. O’Keefe asked for assurance that this item will be revisited. Dr. Konrad stated that discussion can be held over the summer to address this issue.

ROLL CALL: 7-0 CARRIED

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Addendum item #16.B.2. – HMH Readers Contract.

Prior to the call for a vote, Mr. Walters expressed his thoughts about the program and although he had some concerns, he stated that he would be voting Yes. Mr. Burger expressed his thoughts on the program and stated that this is a positive step and that he would be voting Yes in order for the District to improve and move forward. Mr. Gesiskie stated that he would be voting No based on his previously stated concerns.

ROLL CALL: 5-2 CARRIED

Voting No: Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Gesiskie

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

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

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinions about topics for the Citizen Advisory Committee such as Seneca Valley and HMH contract; Board members accessibility to the buildings; communication; cyber school and bringing students back to PV.

Ms. Ann Gravell, Polk Township, expressed her concerns about scores at PV; accountability; teacher turnover; online classes.

Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion about PV goals; employability; Seneca Valley.

Ms. Janet Dooner, Polk Township, expressed comments about the Gemini contract; communication to community about the need for online classes.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Mr. Gesiskie expressed his suggestions about the Program of Studies; congratulated the students of the month praising parents. He reminded all that petitions for elections are due March 11th.

Mr. Burger spoke about the Bears Academy and requested that a status report be provided as well as ways to promote cyber students back to Pleasant Valley. Mrs. Zipp said that a summary of the feedback from calls made to parents be provided in the report. Mr. Van Voorhis addressed some of the issues regarding choices made by parents.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:

Dr. Konrad made the following remarks:

- February Administrative Employee of the Month was PVMS Assistant Principal Ramon Rodriguez and Administrative Assistant Andrea Moore.
- Dr. Avery from the Singer Scholarship will be coming next Thursday as there are six finalists for the scholarship. Dr. Konrad wished them good luck and also thanked School Counselor Brian Morgan and Dr. Avery for this opportunity to continue at Pleasant Valley.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Zipp motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

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