PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Minutes of the March 27, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

Board Approved 4-10-2025

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

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, Ms. Julie Harris, Director of Special Education, Mr. James Korcienski, Director of Athletics, Ms. Bernadette Fierro, Curriculum Supervisor, Mr. Jonathan Ayre, Curriculum Supervisor.
Building Administrative staff in attendance: Mrs. Sabrina Albright, Mrs. Josephine Fields, Mr. Ramon Rodridguez, Mr. Roger Pomposello, Mr. Tim McCutchan, Ms. Ariella Mease, Mr. Jeremy Byrd.
School Solicitor in attendance: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Notification of Executive Session:
President Sue Kresge announced that an executive session was held on March 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.

Nomination for Representative to Serve on Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board:
Mrs. Kresge requested the nomination of Mr. Robert Clark to serve on the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board with the nominee's name to be placed on the ballot.
Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve the nomination of Mr. Robert Clark to serve on the Colonial IU 20 Board for a three year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

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 – Danielle Bauer, Henry Satterthwaite, Paisley Hall; PVI – Lindsey Heckman, A'miyah Roldan, Elyza Paez; PVMS – Paulie Alvarez, Aurora DeVatt, Zoe Portillo Ramirez; PVHS – Julianna Meehan, Gavin Bates, Emely Hernandez, Danielle Boland. Principals also took this opportunity to recognize their employees of the month for the month of March: PVE – Candice Bustos, Madeline Imparato; PVI – Leticia DiPipi, Robbin Serfass; PVMS – Richard Rimple, Shelley Kuehn; PVHS – Steven Krechel, Lee Ann Jacobson. The principals also highlighted events held at their respective buildings.

Dr. Konrad addressed the request to purchase middle school furniture that is on the agenda this evening. He stated that as discussed and presented at the last working session, the need for updating the furniture at the middle school is part of our capital improvement priority list for the District. He said that the majority of this purchase will be paid for with Ready to Learn Grant funds and explained that the decision to allocate these funds is to improve the learning environments for our students. Dr. Konrad addressed safety concerns for furniture that is old and in the future, enhancing the furniture in both the intermediate and the elementary schools will be looked into using grant money in order to save taxpayers from additional expenses. In this case, we saved taxpayers $719,000. Dr. Konrad also addressed the gaming furniture from ESports which ties into our STEM focus and stated that the $800/chair quote has been replaced with a new quote of $267/chair.

Superintendent's Response to Community Questions – Dr. Konrad addressed six questions submitted by the community. Ms. Donna Yozwiak, Chestnuthill Township, questioned the JC Mills sign and if it will be placed back outside. Dr. Konrad stated that although the sign will not be placed outside, it will continue to be referred to as the JC Mills Wing and is part of the Pleasant Valley High School. He stated that there is a plaque dedicating the wing to JC Mills that is located inside the doors. Ms. Yozwiak also questioned the School Safety and Mental Health Grant Program and its use. Dr. Konrad stated that it will be used for a behavioral analyst for our students and to rekey the school buildings. Questions submitted by Ms. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township were with regard to the Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Konrad stated that the Steering Committee met in September and February which students attended. Ms. Hopely also questioned damage to the tennis courts. Dr. Konrad explained that the damage was done by the recent high winds and that we are currently in contact with a company to assess the damage. He said that practice will be held at Pocono Mountain West and all home games have been scheduled away. Ms. Janet Dooner, Polk Township, questioned Boundless Federal Funding. Dr. Konrad stated that this vendor assists the District with using E-Rate money which are funds that are used to pay for technology equipment, supplies, etc. and they reimburse the District 80% of large technology purchases.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Tammy Smale, Board Secretary
Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Burger to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on March 13, 2025; approval of the Board Meeting Agenda of March 27, 2025 amended as follows: Change to Addendum item #16.B. – ESports Chairs with logo – $9,687.50 should be changed to ESports Chairs without logo - $3,207.60.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED
Abstained on Minutes: Mr. Gesiskie, Mrs. Serfass 6-0-2 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, questioned furniture purchase and disposal of old furniture; several questions on the Comprehensive Plan.

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 March 27, 2025
Approval of Agenda item #4.C. – Trial Balance/Financial Statement February 2025.
Approval of Agenda item #4.D. – Asset Cost Summary February 2025.
Approval of Agenda item #4.E. – Condensed Board Summary II/Expenditures and Revenues February 2025.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – Mr. Fitzgerald provided an update on the negotiating team engaging in discussion with PVEA. He stated that the contract expires on June 30th and that discussions have been collaborative and will continue.

Mrs. Kresge stated that with regard to the Citizens Advisory Committee, 36 applicants signed up to be on the committee. Discussion was held on determining the process for selecting members to sit on the committee. Mrs. Kresge proposed that twelve individuals be selected based on the township they live in and randomly selected at a public meeting and once individuals are selected, a topic can be chosen. Further discussion was held about the process and Mr. Galler stated that the 36 applicants should be broken down by how many are current parents, graduates, business owners, and retirees so that the community can be equitably represented. He said that those numbers should be given at the next meeting. Mrs. Zipp discussed the process for choosing topics and discussion was held. Mr. Gesiskie is the chairperson of the committee and stated that at the next Board meeting the committee will be selected including two Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Monroe Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Diane Serfass**: Mrs. Serfass stated that the next meeting is scheduled for April 7th.

B. Colonial IU20 – **Mr. Michael Galler:** Mr. Galler stated that a report will be submitted at the next Board meeting. He stated that recently Dr. Wolfel, Dr. Bartak and others including students, attended the PA IU Directors Summit in Harrisburg and that the attendance of students made a positive impact and set a precedent.

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

D. Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Kresge: Mrs. Kresge addressed the Ready to Learn Grant and stated that we receive over 3.5 million dollars in the state grant and this money has specific things that it can be used for and must be spent each school year by June 30th. She referred to the request for furniture on the agenda this evening and stated that this purchase is coming out of the grant and if we do not use it we will lose it. She spoke of various items that this grant money has been used for such as the reading program, teacher supplies, among other things.

E. Finance Committee – Mrs. Diane Serfass: Mrs. Serfass made all aware that when we use grant money and using a percentage of capital fund reserve, it reduces expenses and money does not come from taxpayers. She said that financial matters will be addressed later on in the agenda.

F. Athletic Committee – An informational report was attached to the agenda.

G. Policy Committee – Mrs. Melanie Zipp: Mrs. Zipp stated that Policy 915.1 is on the agenda for a first reading.

H. Capital Improvement Plan Report – Mr. Norm Burger: Mr. Burger stated that the High School Renovation Team met and discussed the renovation and related contracts. Schedule review took place as well as the future impacted areas including the auditorium and the bus parking. Temporary storage locations and contract worker protocol was discussed. Mr. Burger stated that the next meeting is scheduled for April 24th and additional meetings are scheduled for May 22nd, June 19th July 24th, and August 28th.

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

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

K. Chestnuthill Township Park – Mrs. Susan Kresge: Mrs. Kresge stated that the Township Manager Mr. David Albright, has approached us asking for security to help close the gate each evening at Chestnuthill Park at 10:00 PM. She mentioned that they have been cooperative for our cross country participants to use the course at the Park at no charge as well as permits for the high school renovation project. Discussion was held and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that an authorizing resolution should be presented at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Kresge announced that the 12th annual Economic Outlook Summit is scheduled for May 16th at Kalahari Resort if anyone is interested.

SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS – Dr. James Konrad:
Agenda Item #7.A. – Informational – March Enrollment Report, as provided.

ADDENDUM – SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS – Dr. James Konrad:
Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to approve Addendum item #8.A. – Superintendent Addendum Items:
Approval of Addendum item #8.B. – Resolution for America250PA, as provided:

- Semi – quin – centennial – 250th anniversary of America's Founding
- America 250 PA is a commission that will oversee the 250th-anniversary celebration on July 4, 2026
- Created by the legislature and governor back in 2018
- Goal is to plan events, programs, and projects within all of PA's 67 counties
- Emphasis on utilizing this historical moment, our past, and our future
- Eyes of the nation will focus on PA and Philadelphia as the birthplace of democracy
- Mrs. Fields will be spearheading efforts within our district

Approval of Addendum item #8.C. – Homebound Instruction. Per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days.
Pleasant Valley High School:

Student No.	Reason
HB03242505-H	Medical, retroactive to 03/24/2025

Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to add language to the Resolution for America250PA as follows: The addition of the Monroe County Commissioners to be an additional addressee to receive a copy of the Resolution.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Action on the motion made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Gesiskie to approve Addendum items #8.B. and #8.C. was then taken:

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Addendum item #8.D. – Informational: Policy for a First Reading, as provided:

1. Policy 915.1 School District Logo - Updated the Policy - As discussed at 2/27/25 Working Session Meeting. Rough draft of bear on policy, final bear is being designed by Bay Images (Item 15.C. Contract)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer
Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #9.A. – Personnel Items:
Approval of Agenda item #9.B. – Hiring of Professional Staff:

1.	Name:	Lucy Meyer
	Position:	Special Education Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Salary:	M/30, Step 12: $77,742 *(based on existing salary matrix, subject to revision upon ratification of the new CBA)*
	Contract:	PE
	Effective Date:	August 20, 2025
	Replace:	New Position

Approval of Agenda item #9.C. Hiring of Support Staff:

1.	Name:	Katie Shillady
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Salary:	$26,914
	Effective Date:	March 31, 2025
	Replace:	Joann Micelli
2.	Name:	Stephanie Noto
	Position:	Building Secretary
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	$33,605
	Effective Date:	TBD
	Replace:	Samantha Grando

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

1.	Name:	Taylor Lenahan
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	March 14, 2025
2.	Name:	Sharon Wawrzeniak
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	March 12, 2025
3.	Name:	Christine Abrams
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	Five (5)
	Dates:	March 3, 2025 - March 7, 2025

4.	Name:	Monica Ezzell
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 10, 2025
5.	Name:	Diane Graziano
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	February 24, 2025
6.	Name:	Desiree Kresge
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 5, 2025 (1/2) and March 11, 2025 (1/2)
7.	Name:	Erika Studley
	Position:	Monitor
	Building:	PVIS
	Number of Days:	One (1)
	Dates:	March 10, 2025
8.	Name:	Laurie Rubin
	Position:	Food Service Employee
	Building:	PVES
	Number of Days:	One-half (1/2)
	Dates:	March 12, 2025

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

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

1.	Employee ID:	2805
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Fifty-one (51)
	Dates:	March 20, 2025 - end of the 2024/2025 school year (June 4, 2025)
2.	Employee ID:	2124
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Number of Days:	Twenty-five (25)
	Dates:	April 30, 2025 - end of the 2024/2025 school year (June 4, 2025)

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

1.	Name:	Mariclaire Hosking
	Position:	Paraprofessional Associate
	Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	end of the 2024/2025 school year

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

1. Shawna Bond
2. Jennifer Cabral
3. Lucas George
4. Angelica Newell
5. Amber Uhler

ADDENDUM – HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Lori Fulmer

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

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

1.	Name:	Dawn Sarnelli
	Position:	Custodian
	Building:	PVES

	Salary:	$19.21
	Effective Date:	June 9, 2025
	Replace:	Thomas O'Leary

Approval of Addendum item #10.C. – Change to Current Assignment:

1.	Name:	John Portorreal
	Current Position:	Security Officer
	Current Building:	PVHS
	New Position:	Custodian
	New Building:	Floater
	Salary:	$19.21
	Effective Date:	April 14, 2025
	Replace:	James Russi (change of assignment)

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

1.	Name:	Brent Dorshimer
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	Varsity Event Worker
	Salary:	$45.00 per event
2.	Name:	Brent Dorshimer
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	JV Event Worker
	Salary:	$40.00 per event
3.	Name:	Brent Dorshimer
	Season:	Spring
	Level:	MS Event Worker
	Salary:	$35.00 per event
4.	Name:	Brent Dorshimer
	Season:	Substitute for all seasons for 2024-2025 school year
	Level:	Substitute for all levels for 2024-2025 school year

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

1.	Position:	After-School Tutor
	Name:	Athena Yeager
	Building:	PVIS
	Salary:	$35.00 per hour

Approval of Addendum item #10.F. – Sabbatical Leave:

1.	Employee ID:	2409
	Type:	Medical
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVES
	Semester(s):	March 17, 2025 - end of the 2024/2025 school year

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

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Addendum item #10.H. – Informational: Retirement:

1.	Name:	Shannon Mackes
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVHS
	Effective Date:	end of the 2024/2025 school year

Addendum item #10.I. – Resignation:

1.	Name:	Victor Quesada
	Position:	Teacher
	Building:	PVMS
	Effective Date:	end of the 2024/2025 school year

Addendum item #10.J. – Volunteers:

1. Danielle Temos
2. Vanessa Jo Montgomery

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard –
Mr. Burger motioned, seconded by Mr. Walters to approve Agenda item #11.A. – Curriculum & Staff Development items:
Approval of Agenda item #11.B. – 2025-2028 PVSD Comprehensive Plan, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #11.C. – 2025 PV Cub Summer Academy, as provided.

Approval of Agenda item #11.D. – Field Trip – Spring Reading Challenge – PVMS Students, Easton HS on Thursday, April 10, 2025 for PV Middle School students to participate in the Spring Reading Challenge. Advisors - Valerie Palmieri, Roberta McMaster, Loretta Snyder; Reading Challenge Coordinator - Alex Gibb.

Approval of Agenda item #11.E. – Textbook Discard – PVI: Discard of out-of-date, unused iReady Classroom books and teacher manuals from PVI.

Approval of Agenda item #11.F. – Textbook Discard - PVHS: Discard of out-of-date textbooks from PVHS.

Mr. Gesiskie referred to the Comprehensive Plan and questioned if challenges were met from the prior Plan. Mr. Gesiskie also questioned scoring data and step up programs which Dr. Howard, Curriculum Supervisors and Dr. Konrad addressed the concerns and questions and lengthy discussion was held. There being no further discussion, the following action was taken.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

ADDENDUM – CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Rae Lin Howard –
Mr. Gesiskie motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Agenda item #12 – Curriculum & Staff Development Addendum items:
Approval of Addendum item #12.A. – Field Trip – Scholastic Scrimmage: Addendum for the field trip to Colonial IU 20 on Friday, March 28, 2025 for PV High School students to participate in the Scholastic Scrimmage with Advisor - Michelle Piontkowski.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

OPERATIONS SERVICES: Mrs. Tammy Smale –
Mr. Galler 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	Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA
	Schedule ID Number	14702
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Cafeteria
	Purpose	Girl Scout Troop 50327 Meeting
	Dates/Times	September 4, 2025 through May 28, 2026 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. September Dates: 4, 11, 18, 25 October Dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November Dates: 6, 13, 20 December Dates: 4, 11, 18 January Dates: 8, 15, 22, 29 February Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 March Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 April Dates: 9, 16, 23, 30 May Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28
	Requestor	Kaylin Pysher
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
B.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	14697
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria

	Purpose	Football Team Meals
	Dates/Times	September 4, 2025 September 18, 2025 October 9, 2025 October 23, 2025 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Requestor	Erica Smith
	Attendance	120
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply
C.	Organization	Pleasant Valley Football
	Schedule ID Number	14732
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Old Gym
	Purpose	Mandatory Parents Football Meeting
	Dates/Times	May 13, 2025 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Requestor	Erica Smith
	Attendance	300
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

BUILDING REPORTS – (Agenda item #14)
The March building reports were attached to the agenda for informational purposes.

Mr. Gesiskie commented on several items contained in the building reports including monitoring, purchase of instruments at PVI, chaperones, new staff members, and invitations to events for the Bears Academy students. Principals addressed the comments and/or items questioned for their respective buildings.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale
Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Agenda item #15.A. – Business Management Items:
Approval of Agenda item #15.B. – Cafeteria Fund as provided:

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

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

1. IntegraOne - Microsoft Server Standard Edition with Software Assurance. Term: 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026. Total Cost: $3,864.00
2. IntegraOne – HP Aruba Wireless Controllers with 5 years Network Central Subscription and Hardware Warranty. Total Cost: $42,385.74. eRate Cost: $33,908.59 PV Cost: $ 8,477.15
3. IntegraOne – HP Aruba Wireless Networking Access Points with 5 years Aruba Central AP Foundation Subscription and Installation. Total Cost: $393,077.22. eRate Cost: $314,461.78 PV Cost: $78,615.44
4. MasterLibrary - Facilities Use Scheduling and Maintenance Ticketing System Subscription plus startup fee. Terms: 07/01/2025 - 6/30/2026 Total Cost: $10,100.00
5. Streamside Solutions - HVAC Scheduling and Monitors Software Subscription plus startup fee Cost: $4,540.00

Approval of Agenda item #15.D. – Purchase of two (2) UTVs for Athletic Trainers from Azzy Powersports for a total of $15,642.99 to be paid from St Luke's Sponsorship.

Approval of Agenda item #15.E. – Advertisement for sealed bids and request for proposal for Antracite Coal.

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

Mr. Gesiskie questioned Agenda item #15.B. which Mrs. Smale addressed. He also questioned decrease in amounts of spending on IntegraOne contracts as well as the MasterLibrary contract which Mr. Van Voorhis addressed followed by discussion.

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

Agenda item #15.G. – Informational: Student Fundraiser Report as provided.

Agenda item #15.H. – Informational: Student Activities Account as provided.

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

ADDENDUM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Tammy Smale
Mr. Walters motioned, seconded by Mrs. Zipp to approve Addendum item #16.A. – Business Management Addendum Items:
Approval of Addendum item #16.B. – Purchase of new furniture for PV Middle School from Premier Environments KI Option Total Cost: $935,824.60:

Student Furniture: $687,138.19 (funding source RTL grant)
Music Room Furniture: $22,467.81 (funding source RTL grant)
Teacher Furniture $216,531.00 (funding source capital reserve funds)
ESports Chairs without Logo: $3,207.60 (funding source RTL grant) (without logo)

Approval of Addendum item #16.C. – The following contract, a provided, pending Solicitor review:

1. Bay Image – 10ft x 40ft Wall Mural for PV High to be delivered in summer 2027. Total Cost: $5,300.00 to be paid for by the Class of 2024.

Approval of Addendum item #16.D. – Student Placements:

1. Student 24-25 B-24 - Berks County Intermediate Unit
2. Student 24-25 C-25 - Chester County Intermediate Unit #24

Mr. Gesiskie expressed concern about Addendum item #16.B. and questioned other ways grant money could be used. Dr. Howard clarified that the grant money is used to support many things. Mrs. Kresge questioned the Bay Image contract regarding a warranty, modesty panels contained in the teacher portion of the contract, as well as freight charges. Dr. Howard, Mr. Ayre and Mrs. Smale addressed the concerns expressed. Dr. Howard explained the process that is involved with the purchase of the furniture as well as teacher involvement. She stated that any old furniture is repurposed, sold or donated. Mrs. Kresge said that the grant money was used for the reading program and we are anticipating doing a math program using grant money as well. Discussion was held on the use of the grant money. Mr. Burger questioned the use of residual money based on the plan moving forward which Dr. Howard addressed. There being no further discussion, the following action was taken:

VOICE VOTE: 8-0 CARRIED

SOLICITOR: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq. – No report.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS – Agenda items/Non-Agenda items:
Mrs. Denise Hopely, Chestnuthill Township, questioned budget items as well as asking several questions concerning the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion and concerns about grant money allocation; timeline for technology refresh; status of tiles at the high school; Keystones; and the Citizens Advisory Committee selection process.

Mrs. Anne Gravell, Polk Township, expressed concerns about the Citizens Advisory Committee; reading program; tax increase and burden on taxpayers.

Mr. Ron Reynolds, Chestnuthill Township, questioned the anticipated math program and expressed concern about the iReady program.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS:
Mr. Gesiskie congratulated Ms. Mackes and Ms. Hosking on their retirement. He questioned the Student Advisory Committee meeting schedule which Dr. Konrad addressed. Mr. Gesiskie addressed the Citizens Advisory Committee and selection of committee members. Discussion was held. Mrs. Zipp shared her research of other school districts regarding, among other things, the amount of people selected for a committee. She also commented about the reading program and stated that progress of the program will not take place right away. Mr. Burger commented the importance of having structure in a committee and explained the process and intent of the Committee.

Mrs. Kresge questioned receipt of materials for the reading program which Ms. Fierro addressed.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:
Dr. Konrad addressed the Citizens Advisory Committee and some concerns expressed including attendance at meetings whether or not you are part of the Committee. He expressed his pride for students, dedicated teachers, administrative staff, and the Board. He also announced the March Administrative Employees of the Month were PVE Assistant Principal Sarah Adams and Administrative Assistant Holly Tuers.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Galler motioned, seconded by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Smale, Board Secretary

Debra L. Duff, Board Recorder

Next Regularly Scheduled Board of Education meeting:
April 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM