

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 9, 2018

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following members present: President Curt Harvey, Vice President Margaret Struna, Mr. Lee Hunt, Mr. Duane Marcy and Mr. Josh Peyton.

President Harvey invited all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by each person introducing themselves.

Superintendent Mike Candela, along with Pastor Ric Harvel from the First United Methodist Church in Andover representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, presented each student of the month with a certificate. Mrs. Lori Slekar along with Mrs. Jennifer Stasiak and Mrs. Danielle Croston introduced Ja'maica Jones, March Primary School student of the month. Lilly Luce, March Middle School student of the month, and Skyler Bell, March High School student of the month were not in attendance.

Mr. Candela along with Head Wrestling Coach David Miller gave a special presentation and recognition to honor our Division III State Qualifiers in Wrestling, Jacob Edelman and Caleb Bean as well as State Champion, Gaige Willis.

Each building principal gave a brief update for their building.

Correspondence regarding a letter for a request of leave of absence from a certified staff member and from a classified staff member were reviewed. Also, a letter from the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities regarding the discontinuance of our Satellite Classroom Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year was reviewed.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Special Meeting with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Mr. Hunt discussed making an amendment to reflect that Mr. Hunt updated the Board on the progress of the school's safety committee and not Mr. Candela. Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes as amended from the March 22, 2018 Special Meeting with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Financial Reports for March with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Hunt inquired about two items of interest from off of the detailed check register report: 1.) the purchase of a flatbed in the amount of \$4,000.00 from Myers Equipment and 2.) a web hosting fee in the amount of \$150.00 from Luke Jernigan. Mr. Candela explained the \$4,000.00 was in relation to the addition of a salt spreader for one of our maintenance trucks and the \$150.00 was a reasonable quarterly fee from a local vendor for servicing the school's website. Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Payments of Bills for March with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Investments for March with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

No one spoke during the opportunity for the Public to speak on agenda items.

Under old business, Mr. Candela introduced Trustee Venie Hinson and Director Nancy Logan of the Andover Public Library, whom updated the Board on the upcoming library levy and their efforts. Upon conclusion, they presented the Board with informational pamphlets.

Mr. Candela recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations:

1. Employment Recommendations:

- a. Award contracts to the following certified personnel at the negotiated salary rate:

One year limited contract for the 2018-2019 school year:

1. Sarah Feters
2. Laura Hooper
3. Joseph Tredent

Two year limited contract for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years:

1. Thomas Mazzaro
2. Colleen Hermann
3. Amber Adley
4. Corey Sundberg
5. Jennifer Spencer

Three year limited contract for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years:

1. Erin Adame
2. Theresa Haines
3. Misty Hussing
4. Melissa Raptis
5. Jo Silvers

Award continuing contract status to the following employee who has been employed at least three of the last five years in the Pymatuning Valley Schools and who have attained the licensure requirements listed in section 7.12, "Continuing Contract" of the Ohio School Law:

1. Kerri Mullen

- b. Award contracts to the following classified personnel at the negotiated salary rate:

Three year limited contract for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years:

- 1. Tammy Lynagh
- 2. David Pienkoski
- 3. Barbara Kinnison
- 4. Jake Miller

- c. Employ the following After School Tutors at a rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective Feb. 26, 2018:

- 1. Nicole Miller
- 2. Tony Todaro

- d. Reassign Teresa Baugher to an 8 hour custodial shift effective February 26, 2018.

- e. Employ Carrie Trembly as an 8 hour custodian under a one year limited contract at a rate of \$15.82 per hour effective April 16, 2018.

- f. Approve a leave of absence for Nikki Hootman, Middle School Cook, beginning May 21, 2018 with a return date of August 13, 2018.

- g. Approve a leave of absence for Teresa Cecelic, First Grade Teacher, beginning April 12, 2018 with a return date of May 7, 2018.

- h. Approve Tom Clauser as a volunteer softball coach pending completion of Ohio and FBI criminal background check and Hannah Bilek pending completion of all coaching credentials.

Mr. Hunt inquired of Mr. Candela if he could review the evaluations of staff personnel prior to them being recommended for contract renewal. Mr. Candela mentioned to Mr. Hunt that the records of staff evaluations are available for his review at the Board Office. Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's employment recommendations 1a. through 1h. with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Marcy- Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Candela asked for a combined vote from the Board on the following recommendations 2. through 7. with no objections from the Board.

2. Approve an out-of-state field trip to the Olympic Fun Center in Hermitage, PA. on May 1, 2018.
3. Approve the tentative list of graduates of the Class of 2018, pending their completion of all high school and district requirements. (Exhibit "A")
4. Approve a Resolution terminating the United Healthcare contract and recommending the Board to pursue membership in the Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments. (Exhibit "B")
5. Approve of the disposal of the following equipment:
 - a. Television - Tag #20612
 - b. Television - Tag #20613
6. Approve a Notice to Bid for one (1) New/ In Stock 71 Passenger Bus. (Exhibit "C")
7. Accept the following donations:
 - a. The Middle School PTO donated \$3,454.47 to the MS Principal account.
 - b. The Monsanto organization donated \$2,500.00 to FFA Chapter on behalf of the family of Jamie Bullard.
 - c. The Pymatuning Valley Athletic Boosters donated \$2,117.00 to the Boys' Basketball Team. These were funds raised from the Ball Drop.
 - d. The Roaming Shores Polar Bear Club donated \$2,500.00 to the Jeffrey B. Meddock Scholarship fund.

Mrs. Struna made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 7. with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

During the time for Staff with comments, Mr. Dan Jackson thanked the Board for approving Mrs. Lynagh's contract.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mr. Marcy inquired Mr. Hendrik Wolfert about how well the Middle School PTO did at this year's Chinese Auction fundraiser. Mr. Wolfert did not have an exact figure readily at hand, but mentioned that he heard it was in the neighborhood of somewhere between \$14,000.00 and \$16,000.00. Mrs. Struna inquired Mr. Jackson if he and Coach Miller planned on jumping in the pond similar to what they did last year to make-up for missing this year's Polar Bear Plunge event due to attending the State Wrestling Tournament. Mr. Jackson replied that he promised himself he would not jump into the pond again this year after catching the flu shortly after he did that last year; however, he was happy to try something new this year by inviting the primary school students over to the high school to attend the pep assembly that honored Jacob Edelman, Caleb Bean and Gaige Willis's accomplishments at the State Wrestling Tournament. Mr. Hunt inquired about the progress being made on updating Board policies. For instance, he pointed out some discrepancies within the Table of Contents and how some sections are in pdf version and some are in word document version as they are presented on the school's website. Mr. Tom Brockway explained that he'll work with Mr. Hunt to help clean up how the Board policies are currently presented. Mr. Harvey mentioned to Mr. Wolfert that he was very happy to hear some of the positive feedback he heard about how the annual middle school overnight trip to Philadelphia and Gettysburg went. Mr. Peyton thanked the staff for their efforts.

During the time for the Public to speak, Mr. Bob Young inquired about the progress of the safety committee. Mr. Wolfert replied that the committee is still in its initial stages of assessing where they are at currently and where they are wanting go in comparison with other schools' safety measures. Mr. Young inquired if any grants were available. Mr. Hunt mentioned that federal grants were available. Mr. Jackson mentioned Ohio House Bill 318 and how the State is looking into opening up more funding for school resource officers. There was discussion amongst Mr. Hunt and Mr. Young on the progress of our own school resource officer. Mrs. Teresa Cecelic mentioned her concern of how the students are clustered together in the cafeteria at the beginning of the school day at the middle school building posing a risk in the event of a school shooting. Mr. Candela commented that preventing students from clustering together over the course of a normal school

day is largely unavoidable particularly when serving breakfast and lunch to the students. In reference to the recent school shootings, Mr. Candela inquired the safety committee to consider looking into the mental health aspect of this as well. This was followed by some discussion amongst Mr. Hunt, Mr. Wolfert and Mrs. Lisa Young about the current vacancies on the safety committee for personnel representing the emergency medical and fire & rescue agencies.

Several appointments were made for on-going committees as follows:

Agricultural Advisory Board - Mr. Marcy
Audit Committee - Mr. Harvey

Mrs. Struna made a motion to approve the committee assignments with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:16 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering an employee contract with possible action to follow. Mr. Marcy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:50 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session. Mr. Marcy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:51 pm Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Struna- Yes, Mr. Hunt-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.