

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2024

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met for their organizational meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Pro Tempore Curt Harvey, Mrs. Jodie Hitchcock, Mr. Duane Marcy, Mr. Josh Peyton & Mrs. Margaret Struna.

Treasurer Tom Brockway swore in newly re-elected Board Members Curt Harvey and Margaret Struna.

President Pro Tempore Harvey asked for nominations for the office of President for 2024. Mrs. Struna moved to nominate Mrs. Hitchcock as President of the Board. There were no other nominations from the Board. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton Yes, President Pro Tempore Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Brockway swore in Mrs. Hitchcock as Board President.

Newly appointed President Hitchcock took over leading the meeting.

President Hitchcock asked for nominations for the office of Vice President for 2024. Mr. Marcy moved to nominate Mrs. Struna as Vice President of the Board. There were no other nominations from the Board. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Struna Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Brockway swore in Mrs. Struna as Board Vice President.

President Hitchcock opened committee assignments for 2024 to discussion and the following appointments were made as follows:

Athletic Council - Mr. Harvey
Agricultural Advisory Board - Mr. Marcy
OSBA Legislative Liaison - Mrs. Struna
Alternate OSBA Legislative Liaison - Mr. Peyton

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

Student Achievement Liaison - Mr. Marcy
Liaison to Village Council - Mr. Harvey
Local Recreation Groups Liaison - Mrs. Hitchcock
Public Relations Representative - Mr. Peyton
J. Wendell Marvin Scholarship - Mrs. Struna
Audit Committee - Mrs. Hitchcock

Mrs. Struna made a motion to approve committee appointments for 2024. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes and President Hitchcock Yes. Motion passed.

Superintendent Christopher Edison asked for a combined vote on the remaining agenda items A-Q. There were no objections from the Board. Mr. Edison then made the following recommendations to the Board:

- A. Regular meetings of this Board of Education during calendar 2024 will be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room, except for the following dates: The June meeting will take place on June 24, 2024; and the November meeting will take place the 3rd Monday, November 18, 2024.
- B. Compensation for the members of this Board of Education be established at \$125.00 per meeting with a maximum number of 40 meetings.
- C. Authorization of signatures:
 - C1. The Board establish signature authorization of checks, warrants, contracts, etc., by the Treasurer, President, and Superintendent as appropriate and in accordance with law.
 - C2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign purchase orders, certificates, and applications as appropriate for all Federal, State, and Local operations and programs with additional stipulation that Activity Fund purchase orders also be signed by the Building Principal.

- D. The Board resolve to operate through calendar year 2024 under Robert's Rules of Order, existing Board policy, and within compliance of State and Federal law.
- E. The Board establish a Board Service Fund with the amount of that fund being established in the appropriations document in accordance with the law.
- F. The Board authorizes the withdrawal of funds from General Deposit and Payroll Accounts.
- G. The Board authorizes continued membership in the Ohio School Boards' Association and maintain its subscription to the "Briefcase."
- H. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to request advances and tax settlements for the year 2024 at the earliest possible dates and inform the Board of the amounts and dates of same at its regular meetings.
- I. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to borrow money as might be necessary up to the limits of tax settlements and inform the Board of the same at its regular meetings.
- J. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations as bills are received and after merchandise has been received in acceptable condition or services have been completed to satisfaction.
- K. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to invest funds from any and all sources in order to secure maximum interest with the Treasurer informing the Board at its regular meetings.
- L. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to secure personnel for the operation of the school district with such recommendations coming before the Board for affirmation.
- M. The Board reaffirm bonds in the amount of \$20,000 each for the Treasurer and Superintendent and \$5,000 for the President of the Board.

- N. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President to serve as its Records Commission for 2024.
- O. That the Board designates the Treasurer to attend, on behalf of the Board, the public records training which is required by House Bill 9.
- P. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to serve as the Board designee to preside over suspension appeals.
- Q. That the Board authorize the Superintendent to utilize the services of Ennis & Britton, Squire Patton Boggs, Brickler & Eckler and Christopher Altier as Legal Counsel for the school district.

Mrs. Struna made a motion to approve agenda items A. through Q. with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.

There was no other organizational business.

At 5:20 pm Mr. Peyton moved to adjourn the organizational meeting with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.