

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 14, 2020

REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following members present: President Margaret Struna, Vice President Josh Peyton, Mr. Curt Harvey, Mrs. Jodie Hitchcock and Mr. Duane Marcy.

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

There was a special presentation made by Pastor Jerry Fritz on behalf of the Back-to-School Bash. Pastor Fritz mentioned that this year's Back-to-School Bash helped provide close to 475 children with essential classroom supplies. Superintendent Chris Edison and the Board thanked Pastor Fritz as well as all those who volunteered.

Each building principal gave a brief update on the activities within their respective buildings.

There was a correspondence reviewed by the Board:

a. Leave of Absence - Certified Staff

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Payments of Bills for August with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

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

During the time for the Public to speak on agenda items, PV Middle School Student Sophie Young presented her concerns on the COVID safety protocols regarding the restricted use of student lockers and as a result having to carry heavy backpacks between classes. Both Superintendent Edison and Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch, promised to look into this issue by reassessing the COVID safety protocols in order to alleviate the ill effects of our middle schoolers in having to carry heavy backpacks around.

There was no old business.

Superintendent Chris Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations and Mr. Edison asked for a combined vote from the Board on recommendations 1a through 1i with no objections from the Board.

- 1a. Employ the following Saturday School monitors at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective immediately:
  - a. Tammy Lynagh
  
- 1b. Employ the following classified substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - a. Mary Adkins
  
- 1c. Employ the following 5<sup>th</sup> day Para-Professionals and Educational Aides for the 2020-2021 school year at the current salary rates:
  - a. Emily Compan, PS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - b. Ellen Darby, MS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - c. Sonni Dye, PS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - d. Amy Jones, MS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - e. Nicole Mann, MS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - f. Janice Rumbaugh, PS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - g. Eugenia Stroeter, PS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - h. Shannon Tackett, PS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - i. MaryElise Wheeler, PS Title I, \$17.50/ hr
  - j. Nicole Bohinc, Spec. Ed. Para-Pro, \$12.63/ hr
  - k. Rebecca Burford, Spec. Ed. Para-Pro, \$13.45/ hr
  - l. Shannon Edelman, Preschool Aide, \$12.98/ hr
  - m. Tiffany French, Spec. Ed. Para-Pro, \$11.77/ hr

- n. Amy Hurst, HS SMR, \$13.40/ hr
- o. Leah Torrance, Preschool Aide, \$12.98/ hr
  
- 1d. Approve a leave of absence for Erin Adame, High School Teacher, beginning August 24, 2020 with an anticipated return date of Sept. 23, 2020.
  
- 1e. Approve Logan Drnek as a Jr. High Volunteer Football Coach.
  
- 1f. Reassign Susan Ferenchak from High School Science Teacher to Online Teacher for the SY2020-2021.
  
- 1g. Accept the resignation of Amanda Dick, Jr. High Track Coach eff. Sept. 8, 2020.
  
- 1h. Accept the resignation of Amy Moyer, Student Council Advisor eff. Sept. 8, 2020.
  
- 1i. Employ Anne Siembor under a one (1) year supplemental contract as Student Council Advisor for the SY2020-2021.

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1a through 1i with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations and Mr. Edison asked for a combined vote from the Board on recommendations 2 through 8 with no objections from the Board.

- 2. Approve the list of Open Enrollment Students for the SY2020-2021. (Exhibit "A")
  
- 3. Approve the First Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Permanent Appropriations Resolution as presented. (Exhibit "B" & "C")
  
- 4. Approve the Treasurer to establish the following fund for the FY2021 school year along with all required revenue and appropriation accounts:
  - a. Fund 572-9051 Expanding Opportunities FY2021

5. Approve a Special Needs Nursing Program Service Agreement with PSI Affiliates for SY2020-2021 effective Aug. 31, 2020 at an annual rate of \$54,000. (Exhibit "D")
6. Accept the following donations:
  - a. The Bill and Ruth Mary Service Foundation donated \$5,000 to the Primary School to benefit its students.
7. Approve the following new or revised Board policies:
  - a. Nondiscrimination, File AC (Exhibit "E")
  - b. Sexual Harassment, File ACAA & ACAA-R (Exh. "F")
  - c. Suspension and Termination of Professional Staff Members, File GCPD (Exhibit "G")
  - d. Suspension and Termination of Support Staff Members, File GDPD (Exhibit "H")
  - e. Student Discipline, File JG (Exhibit "I")
  - f. Student Absences and Excuses, File JED (Exh. "J")
  - g. Permanent Exclusion, File JEGA (Exhibit "K")
  - h. Hazing & Bullying, File JFCF & JFCF-R (Exh. "L")
  - i. Student Suspension, File JGD (Exhibit "M")
  - j. Emergency Removal of Student, File JGDA (Exh "N")
  - k. Student Exclusion, File JGE (Exhibit "O")
  - l. Public Complaints About District Personnel, File KLD & KLD-R (Exhibit "P")
  - m. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex, File ACA (Exhibit "Q")
8. Approve the following Change Orders to Phase I of the Bus and Maintenance Garage Project with Cornerstone Earthwork:
  - a. Change Order #2 (Exhibit "R")
  - b. Change Order #3 (Exhibit "S")
  - c. Change Order #4 (Exhibit "T")

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2 through 8 with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

During the time for Staff to speak, Primary School Principal Lori Slekar thanked Bill & Ruth Mary Service Foundation for the donation. High School Principal Dan Jackson let the Board know that the current Homecoming plans may change due to COVID and he thanked Amanda Dick for coaching Junior High Track as well as Andover Rotary for their contributions to High School academic achievements. High School Science Teacher Anne Siembor thanked Dan Jackson in maintaining open communications with the High School Staff during the temporary shutdown of the High School due to a recent COVID scare.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Board Member Duane Marcy thanked the staff in working together through the COVID constraints. Board Member Curt Harvey thanked everyone for helping in trying to get the schools' operations back to normal as possible. Board President Margaret Struna thanked Food Service Supervisor Jeff Richards for his work in getting all our buildings approved to offer free breakfasts and lunches for our students and thanked the Principals in acknowledging the efforts made by their staff.

During the time for the Public to speak, Mr. Rollin Spellman asked the Board to support a resolution in support of bringing back emergency and vital healthcare services to the Pymatuning Valley Community by reopening the University Hospitals Health Center of Andover which has recently closed.

Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to authorize the Treasurer to write an official letter in support of re-opening the University Hospitals Andover Health Center on behalf of the Board with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes and President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

Continuing on with time for the Public to speak, Mrs. Lisa Young thanked Director of Pupil Services Ben Schade as well as Assistant Principal Robin Holden for their efforts.

At 6:56 pm, Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.