

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 11, 2023

REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room, with the following Board Members present: President Curt Harvey, Vice President Jodie Hitchcock, Mr. Duane Marcy, Mr. Josh Peyton and Mrs. Margaret Struna.

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

Superintendent Christopher Edison along with Andover Village Council Member Buddy French representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce presented the November Student of the Month. Primary School Teacher Jo Silvers introduced Carter Cunningham, November Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Literacy Coach Kris Mucci introduced Cameron Heath, November Middle School Student of the Month. High School Principal Mark Mollohan introduced Katelyn Blanford, November High School Student of the Month.

Each building principal gave an update on their buildings after the Student of the Month presentation.

The following correspondences were reviewed by the Board:

- A. Leave of Absence - (2) Certified
- B. Letter of Resignation - Classified

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

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

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

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

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

There was no old business.

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 1A through 1F with exception to 1C(2) and with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:
  - a. Approve a leave of absence for Amber Herren, Middle School Intervention Specialist with tentative dates of March 23, 2024 thru May 31, 2024.
  - b. Approve a leave of absence for Melissa Raptis beginning November 2, 2023 with a return date of November 28, 2023.
  - c. Approve the following as Home Instructor Tutors at a rate of \$24.15 an hour for the 2023-2024 school year:
    1. Lisa Paul
    3. Jennifer Stoffel
  - d. Employ the following as certified substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year:
    1. Amber Botz
    2. Luke Jernigan
    3. Jama Rose
  - e. Employ Amber Botz as a classified educational aide substitute for the 2023-2024 school year.

- f. Accept the resignation of Bus Driver, Gloria Schlecht effective January 8, 2024.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendation 1C(2) and with no objections from the Board:

- C. Approve the following as Home Instructor Tutors at a rate of \$24.15 an hour for the 2023-2024 school year:

2. Melissa Peyton

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 5. with no objections from the Board:

2. Approve Number of Verified Incidents of Bullying, Harassment and/or Intimidation in PV Schools from August 24, 2023 - December 6, 2023:

Pymatuning Primary School - 0  
Pymatuning Middle School - 0  
Pymatuning High School - 0

3. Approve the dates and times of the following January 8, 2024 meetings:

- a. Organizational Meeting, 5:00PM
- b. Tax Budget Hearing, 5:30PM
- c. First Regular Session, 6:00PM

4. Appoint the President Pro-Tempore to chair the organizational meeting of the Board of Education in January 2024, until such time as officers are elected; the Board appoints Curt Harvey.
5. Approve the annual membership with the Ohio School Boards Association beginning January, 2024 through December, 2024. (Exhibit "A")

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 5. with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

During the time for Staff with Comments Mr. Edison announced that the High School Graduation will be Sunday during Memorial Day weekend based upon a Senior High School Survey.

During the time for Board Members with Comments Mr. Marcy wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Mr. Peyton thanked everyone for helping out families in need during this Holiday Season.

No one spoke during the time for the Public with comments.

At 6:34pm Mr. Marcy made a motion for the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel matters with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:03pm Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:04pm Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.

