

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2024

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Jodie Hitchcock, Vice President Margaret Struna, Mr. Curt Harvey, Mr. Duane Marcy and Mr. Josh Peyton.

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

Superintendent Christopher Edison along with Barbara DeVilliers, representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. First Grade Teacher Jennifer Jewett introduced McKenna Bonds, December Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Destiny Earl, December High School Student of the Month. Mrs. Tisch recognized Riley Johnson, December Middle School Student of the Month.

Mr. Edison presented Primary School Teacher Sarah Fetters with the January Hard Hat Employee Award.

Mr. Edison recognized each Board Member thanking them their service as a School Board Member as the month of January is Board Member Appreciation Month and Mr. Edison presented Mr. Harvey with a plaque in recognition for his service as Board President for 2023.

Each building principal provided a brief update for their buildings.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Board:

Letter of Retirement - Certified

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting with Mrs. Struna

seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.

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

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

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Investments for December with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Hitchcock-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 1e. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- a. Accept the retirement of Teresa Cecelic, First Grade Teacher effective June 1, 2024.
- b. Approve Danelle Lavo and Matthew Miller as classified substitutes for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school.
- c. Approve Paul Wolf as a substitute bus driver pending completion of required recertification courses.
- d. Approve Eric Alderman and Bailey Alderman as softball coach volunteers and Robert Crouser as a wrestling volunteer pending completion of successful criminal background checks.
- e. Approve the following personnel for One Year Limited Fall Supplemental and Activity

Contracts for the 2024-2025 school year at the negotiated salary rate pending completion of all required coaching certifications:

HIGH SCHOOL:

- a. Head Football Coach - Neal Croston
Asst. Football Coach - Sean Freeman
Asst. Football Coach - Rob Mead
Asst. Football Coach - Jason Root
- b. Head Golf Coach - Jeff Compan
Assistant Golf Coach - Rob Wluydga
- c. Head Girls Soccer Coach - Jerry King
Asst. Girls Soccer Coach - Anne Siembor
- d. Cross Country Coach - Ricky Walters
- e. Head Volleyball Coach - Donna Shinault
Assistant & JV V-ball Coach - Isabella Betts
- f. Head Boys Soccer Coach - Jessica Corson
Assistant Boys Soccer Coach - Tim Beck

JUNIOR HIGH:

- a. 8th Grade Football Coach - Bill Chiles
7th Grade Football Coach - Brad Drnek
- b. 8th Gr. Volleyball Coach- Danyelle Romanowski
7th Gr. Volleyball Coach - Nicole Forbes
- c. Cross Country Coach - Ellen Darby

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 6. with no objections from the Board:

- 2. Approve the District Daycare service agreement with the Ashtabula County YMCA. (Exhibit "A")

3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Budget as presented by the Treasurer. (Exhibit "B")
4. Approve a Notice to Bid for (1) new 2025 Unit 71/72 Passenger Bus and (1) new 71/72 Handicap Passenger Bus. (Exhibit "C")
5. Approve Resolution to authorize OSBA to review policies in light of HB 33 Legislative changes impacting ODE and State Board of Education. (Exhibit "D")
6. Approve the following donations:
 - a. An anonymous donor donated \$1,000.00 to the Jeffrey B. Meddock Memorial Scholarship.
 - b. An anonymous donor donated \$1,000.00 to the Steve Urchek Memorial Scholarship.
 - c. Community Care donated \$500.00 to the Primary School.
 - d. Judge Schroeder donated \$100.00 to the FFA program.
 - e. Dr. John Patterson donated \$100.00 to the FFA program.
 - f. Montrose GMC donated \$1,000.00 to the High School athletic program.
 - g. David Yeager donated \$300.00 to the Cheerleaders.
 - h. The PV Athletic Boosters donated \$257.20 to the High School Wrestling program and \$514.40 to the High School Football program.

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 6. 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.

During the time for staff with comments, Mr. Edison announced that he and Benjamin Schade, Director of Pupil

Services visited Trumbull County Educational Service Center and heard positive feedback regarding PV Staff.

During the time for board members with comments, Curt Harvey and Margaret Struna both commented on how happy they were to see our district staff's enthusiasm towards recent professional development programs in order to enrich our students' academics.

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

At 6:36 pm Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding employment 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.

At 7:51 pm Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Marcy-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:52 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Marcy-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.