

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 11, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 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 Sara Gantz from Andover Skilled Village Nursing Home, representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Mr. Edison introduced Madison Hall-Richards, February Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Ava Crouser, February Middle School Student of the Month. High School Principal Mark Mollohan introduced Justice Beckett, February High School Student of the Month.

Mr. Edison presented High School Teacher Andrea Wonderling with the March Hard Hat Employee Award.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Board:

Letter of Retirement - Classified Staff

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular 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.

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

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Investments for February 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.

During the opportunity for the Public to speak on agenda items, Middle School Teacher David Sharpe thanked Middle School Literacy Coach Kristina Mucci for all her efforts in improving literacy and being a valuable resource for the teachers at the Middle School and saddened to see her go at the end of this school year.

There was no old business.

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 1a. through 1f. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- a. Employ Nelson Morris as the High School Art Teacher under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate: (BA)Step 4, \$45,236.00 effective August 19, 2024.
- b. Employ Keith Palmer as a 5.5 Hour Bus Driver under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate: Step One, \$18.32 an hour effective February 26, 2024.
- c. Accept the retirement notice of Chris Root, Middle School Educational Aide effective August 1, 2024.
- d. Employ Rachel Lanzara and Rebecca Burford as certified teacher substitutes under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute teaching license rule effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
- e. Non-Renew the following activity contracts:
 1. Joe Coder, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 2. Geena Gabriel, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
 3. Harlee Hamilton, Assistant & JV Girls Basketball Coach
 4. Terrence Jones, Jr. High Wrestling Coach
 5. Todd Neczeporenko, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach

f. Approve the following volunteers pending proof of completed criminal background check and any necessary coaching requirements:

1. Eric Alderman - Softball
2. Bailey Alderman - Softball
3. Bradley Fryauff - Jr. High Track
4. Ellie Struna - Track
5. Robert Wludyya - Baseball

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1a. through 1f. 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. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 10. with no objections from the Board:

2. Approve the proposed School Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit "A")
3. Approve the following PV Fitness Center rates:
 - a. \$25.00 a month for a Single Membership
 - b. \$35.00 a month for a Family Membership
 - c. Free for anyone 60 years of age or older that resides within the bounds of PV school district
4. Approve a 3rd Grade State Assessment Resolution allowing 3rd grade students to be administered the English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments, in a paper format for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit "B")
5. Approve an out of state field trip for the 5th Grade to attend the Erie Maritime Museum on May 22, 2024 in Erie, Pennsylvania.
6. Approve an out of state and overnight trip to Disney World Theme Parks in Orlando, Florida for the PV Music Department from March 23-28, 2025. (Exhibit "C")
7. Approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding for Stark State College for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit "D")

8. Approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. (Exhibit "E")
9. Approve the rescheduling of the Regular Board Meeting from Monday, April 8, 2024 to Monday, April 15, 2024 with the Records Retention Committee meeting on April 15, 2024 at 5:00PM in the High School Lecture Room.
10. Approve the following donations:
 - a. The Academic Boosters donated \$1,535.66 to go towards High School Seniors Academic Letters and Certificates.
 - b. The Middle School Staff donated \$200.00 to the Steve Urchek Memorial Scholarship.
 - c. FFA Alumni donated \$60.00 to our PV FFA.
 - d. Troy & Tricia Litwiler from Stable Winery donated \$300.00 to the High School Boys Soccer Team.
 - e. PV Athletic Boosters donated \$398.91 to the High School Wrestling Team.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 10. 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.

During the time for Staff with comments, Director of Pupil Services Benjamin Schade announced that there will be an IDEA Parent/Community Meeting on April 15, 2024 at 4:00PM in the High School Lecture Room.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mr. Marcy thanked everyone's efforts in improving our literacy. Mrs. Struna welcomed new High School Art Teacher Nelson Morris.

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

At 6:48 pm Mr. Harvey made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of negotiations with the certified and classified collective bargaining units 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.

At 8:20 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:21 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting 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.