

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 20, 2023

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 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 Dan Creed from Mega-Byte Computer Systems representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Assistant Principal, Joe Alden introduced Madison Podvasnik, October Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Max Moores, October Middle School Student of the Month and High School Principal Mark Mollohan introduced Adreanna Poole, October High School Student of the Month.

High School Student FFA Officers, Trevor Clute, Jolene Sharpe, Taryn Tisch, Kelsea Britton and Alexa Flack presented the Board with a proposal for an Agricultural Education Center at the High School. President Curt Harvey thanked them for all of their hard work. Mrs. Struna inquired about the size of the building and FFA Officer Kelsea Britton responded that it would be relatively the same size as the new bus garage except shorter in length. Superintendent Edison asked about the sustainability of the building, how would we recruit and grow participation? Kelsea Britton responded that they would introduce curriculum and build interest at the Primary School grade levels. Mr. Marcy asked what the earliest age of FFA students are and FFA Advisor Tommy Mazzaro responded that they are currently 9th Grade but they could participate as early as 7th Grade.

Each building principal provided a brief update for their buildings.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Board:

Certified Leave of Absence and a Certified Retirement Letter.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2023 Regular Meeting 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 Financial Reports for October 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.

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

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Investments for October 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.

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 1 through 8 and asked for a combined vote without objections from the Board.

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:
 - a. Accept the retirement notice of High School Art Teacher, Kevin Brown effective June 1, 2024.
 - b. Approve a leave of absence for Teresa Cecelic, First Grade Teacher effective October 16, 2023 with an anticipated return of November 22, 2023.
 - c. Accept the resignation of Misty Irizarry from Scholastic Bowl Advisor effective October 17, 2023.

- d. Employ Cody Hunt as the Scholastic Bowl Advisor under a one-year supplemental contract effective Nov. 20, 2023.
- e. Employ Katherine Jernigan as the 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach under a one-year supplemental contract effective October 23, 2023.
- f. Employ Joe Coder as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach under a one-year supplemental contract effective Oct. 23, 2023.
- g. Employ Jessica Corson as a certified teacher substitute under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute teaching license and employ her as a secretarial substitute effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- h. Employ Christine Toothman and Destiny Myers as Classified Substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year effective Nov. 17, 2023.
- i. Approve new Substitute rates effective November 20, 2023:
 - a. Classified Substitutes - \$16.00/hour
 - b. Certified Substitutes - \$125.00/day
 - c. Bus Driver wait time - \$16.00/hour
- j. Non-Renew the following fall activity coaching contracts:
 - a. Bill Chiles - Jr. High Football Coach
 - b. Brad Drnek - Jr. High Football Coach
 - c. Andrew Root - Assistant Football Coach
 - d. Jason Root - Assistant Football Coach
 - e. Ellen Darby - Jr. High Cross Country Coach
 - f. Jessica Corson - Boys Soccer Coach
 - g. Tim Beck - Boys Assistant Soccer Coach
- k. Approve the following volunteers for the 2023-2024 winter season pending proof of completed criminal background checks and any necessary coaching requirements:
 - a. Luke Jernigan, 7th Gr. Girls Basketball
 - b. Kris Mucci, Swim Team

2. Approve the following out of state field trips to Peek N Peak Ski Resort in Clymer, New York: Thurs. Dec. 28th, Sunday, Jan. 14th, Sunday, Feb. 18th and Sat. March 2nd, 2024.
3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for a personal day for OAPSE and a personal day for PVEA to be used as an incentive for the 2023-2024 United Way campaign drive. (Exhibit "A")
4. Adopt and enforce a nutrition standards policy that considers the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.814 and governs the types of food and beverages that may be sold on the premises of the school. (Exhibit "B")
5. Approve the list of appropriation adjustments and fund to fund transfers and advances as presented by the Treasurer. (Exhibit "C")
6. Approve the Treasurer to establish the following new fund for the FY2024 school year along with all required revenue and appropriation accounts:
 - a. Fund 006-9054 Food Service Supply Chain FY24
7. Approve the following new or revised board policies:
 - a. Petty Cash Accounts, Code DJB, (Exhibit "D")
 - b. Deposit of Public Funds, Code DM, (Exh. "E")
 - c. Emergency Closings, Code EBCD & EBCD-R, (Exhibit "F")
 - d. Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services, Code EF/EFB, (Exh. "G")
 - e. Staff Participation in Political Activities, Code GBG, (Exhibit "H")
 - f. Staff Gifts and Solicitations, Code GBI, (Exhibit "I")
 - g. Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans, Code GCB-1, (Exhibit "J")
 - h. Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment, Code GCE, (Exhibit "K")
 - i. Professional Staff Development Opportunities, Code GCL, (Exhibit "L")
 - j. Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention, Code IGBEA & IGBEA-R, (Exhibit "M")
 - k. Home Education, Code IGCF, (Exhibit "N")

- l. Home Instruction Rescind, Code IGCF-R, (Exh. "O")
- m. Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities, Code IGD, (Exhibit "P")
- n. Interscholastic Athletics, Code IGDJ, (Exh. "Q")
- o. Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility, Code IGDK, (Exhibit "R")
- p. Instructional Materials, Code IIA, (Exh. "S")
- q. Promotion and Retention of Students, Code IKE, (Exhibit "T")
- r. Testing Programs, Code IL, (Exhibit "U")
- s. Compulsory Attendance Ages, Code JEA, (Exh. "V")
- t. School Admission, Code JEC, (Exhibit "W")
- u. Admission of Students from Non-chartered or Home Education, Code JECBC, (Exhibit "X")
- v. Intradistrict Open Enrollment, Code JECBD, (Exhibit "Y")
- w. Student Withdrawal from School, Code JECE, (Exhibit "Z")
- x. Student Absences and Excuses, Code JED-R, (Exhibit "AA")
- y. Truancy, Code JEDA, (Exhibit "BB")
- z. Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance, Code JEG, (Exhibit "CC")
- aa. Administering Medicines to Students, Code JHCD, (Exhibit "DD")
- bb. Student Fees, Fines and Charges, Code JN, (Exhibit "EE")
- cc. Public Solicitations in the Schools, Code KI, (Exhibit "FF")
- dd. Distribution of Materials in the Schools, Code KJA, (Exhibit "GG")
- ee. Suspension and Termination of Professional Staff Members, Code GCPD, (Exhibit "HH")

8. Accept the following donations:

- a. True North donated \$1,958.96 to the schools as part of their Giving Pump campaign.
- b. Red Hawks Landing donated \$600.00 to Rachel's Closet at the High School.
- c. Steve Urchek Scholarship Memorial Donations:
 Perfect Pet Dog Training - \$100.00
 Thomas & Barbara Urchek - \$250.00
 C & J Tax and Financial - \$200.00
 Russell's BBQ - \$500.00
 Mega-Byte - 500.00
 Jolene Creed - \$100.00

Ron & Carolyn Urchek - \$80.00
Paul & Lori Kachur - \$600.00
PV Athletic Boosters - \$4,799.00

d. The PV Athletic Boosters donations:

HS Boys Basketball - \$1,020.66
Wrestling - \$52.80
HS Volleyball - \$1,299.87
Girls Soccer - \$259.81
Boys Soccer - \$569.31
Cross Country - \$1,020.66
HS Football - \$1,761.05

Mrs. Hitchcock moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1 through 8 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.

No one spoke during the time for Staff with comments.

No one spoke during the time for Board with comments.

No one spoke during the time for the Public to speak.

At 7:12 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting 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.