

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 13, 2023

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 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 Christy Paul, representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Principal Robin Holden introduced Cora Daugherty, February Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Literacy Coach Kris Mucci recognized Hannah Young, February Middle School Student of the Month. And High School Principal Dan Jackson introduced Mitchell DeBolt, February High School Student of the Month.

The Primary School and High School Principals provided a brief update for their buildings.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Board:

Letter of Absence - Certified Staff

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting 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. Struna moved to approve the Financial Reports for February 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 Payments of Bills for February 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 Investments for February 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.

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 1h with exception of 1e.6. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment Recommendations:

a. Approve the following contracts:

1. Mark Mollohan, High School Principal under a three-year contract effective August 1, 2023. (Exhibit "A")
2. Wendy Tisch, Middle School Principal under a three-year contract effective August 1, 2023. (Exhibit "B")
3. Benjamin Schade, Director of Pupil Services under a three-year contract effective August 1, 2023. (Exhibit "C")
4. Jeffrey Richards, Food Service Supervisor under a three-year contract effective August 1, 2023. (Exhibit "D")
5. Cory Watts, District Technology Coordinator under a three-year contract effective July 1, 2023. (Exhibit "E")
6. Scott Keller, School Psychologist under a three contract effective August 1, 2023. (Exhibit "F")
7. Samantha Rickert, Speech Language Pathologist under a three-year contract effective August 1, 2023. (Exhibit "G")

- b. Approve revised contract language for Daniel Jackson, High School Social Studies Teacher from a one-year contract to a continuing contract effective August 21, 2023.
- c. Approve the following salary schedules effective July 1, 2023:
 - 1. Administrative Secretary (Exhibit "H")
 - 2. Payroll Clerk/Accounts Payable (Ex. "I")
 - 3. School Resource Officer (Exhibit "J")
- d. Employ Tracey Podvasnik as a 5.5 Hour Bus Driver under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate: Step One, \$17.96 an hour effective March 13, 2023.
- e. Non-Renew the following activity contracts:
 - 1. Kelsea Cross, Asst & JV Girls Basketball
 - 2. Geena Gabriel, Varsity Girls Basketball
 - 3. Terrence Jones, Jr. High Wrestling
 - 4. Todd Neczeporenko, Freshman Boys Basketball
 - 5. Tim Cross, 7th Grade Boys Basketball
 - 6. Ellie Struna, 7th Grade Girls Basketball
- f. Approve the following volunteers pending proof of completed criminal background check and any necessary coaching requirements:
 - 1. Eric Alderman - Softball
 - 2. Bill Jones - Track
- g. Employ Brooke Gray as a classified custodian substitute for 2023 summer employment under the negotiated salary rate.
- h. Approve Medical leave of absence for Alexis DeMott.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1a through 1h with exception of 1e.6. 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. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendation 1e.6.:

1. Employment Recommendation:

e. Non-Renew the following activity contract:

6. Ellie Struna, 7th Grade Girls Basketball

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of 1e.6. with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Abstained, President Harvey-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 9. with no objections from the Board.

2. Approve Revised Administrative Benefit Package effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. (Exhibit "K")
3. Approve the proposed School Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. (Exhibit "L")
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 2023-2024 school year. (Exhibit "M")
5. Approve an out of state field trip for the 6th Grade to attend the Olympic Fun Center on June 1, 2023 in Hermitage, Pennsylvania.
6. Approve a Notice to Bid for (2) new 2024 Unit 71/72 Passenger Buses. (Exhibit "N")
7. 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 "O")

8. Approve the Treasurer to establish the following fund for the FY2023 school year along with all required revenue and appropriation accounts:
 - a. Fund 599-9063 NSLP Equipment Assistance FY23

9. Approve the following donations:
 - a. Stoller Enterprises donated \$250.00 to the Cheerleaders.
 - b. An anonymous donation of \$250.00 was made to the High School Scholastic Club.
 - c. Andrew & Katelyn Smith donated \$1,000.00 to the Jeffrey B. Meddock Scholarship.
 - d. Russell's BBQ donated \$500.00 to the Jeffrey B. Meddock Scholarship.
 - e. The PV Athletic Boosters donated to the following:
 1. \$2,226.21 to the HS Baseball Team
 2. \$2,226.21 to the HS Softball Team
 3. \$5,000.00 to the HS Boys Basketball
 4. \$486.78 to the HS Wrestling Team

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 9. 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.

During the time for Staff with comments, Mr. Benjamin Schade thanked the Board for all of their support.

During the time for Board Members with comments, President Harvey welcomed Mr. Mark Mollohan to the district.

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

At 6:30 pm Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Harvey-Yes. Motion passed.