

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 15, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 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 Christy Paul, representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Principal Robin Holden introduced Hayden Hauser, March Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Richelle Murphy, March Middle School Student of the Month. High School Principal Mark Mollohan introduced Miley Edelman, March High School Student of the Month.

Mr. Edison presented Middle School Custodian Carrie Trembly with the April Hard Hat Employee Award.

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Board:

Letter of Resignation - Classified Staff

Letter of Resignation - Supplemental Staff

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 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 March 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 March 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.

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

No one spoke during the time for public to speak on agenda items.

There was no old business.

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

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- A. Employ Michael Cole as the Primary School Physical Education Teacher under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate: (BA) Step 7, \$50,110.00 effective August 19, 2024.
- B. Employ Analese Marrison as the Second Grade Teacher under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate: (MA) Step 0, \$44,310.00 effective August 19, 2024.
- C. Approve a Resolution to implement a Reduction in Force for the following Administrative position. (Exhibit "A")
- D. Accept the resignation of Curtis Jordan, Bus Driver effective April 24, 2024.
- E. Accept the resignation of Cody Hunt, Yearbook Co-Advisor effective March 18, 2024.
- F. Employ the following classified substitutes for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and the Summer of 2024 at the negotiated salary rate of \$16.00 an hour.
 - a. Alissa Brenizer
 - b. Kim Crawford
 - c. Darrin Gruskiewicz
 - d. Eric Farmer
 - e. Brooke Gray
 - f. Mason Summers
 - g. Julia Schaff

G. Award Continuing Contract Status to the following employees who have been employed at least three of the last five years in the Pymatuning Valley Schools and who have attained the licensure requirements listed in section 7.12, "Continuing Contract" of the Ohio School Law:

- a. Sarah Feters
- b. Rachel Timlin

H. Award Contracts to the following certified personnel at the negotiated salary rate:

Three Year Limited Contract for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 school years:

- a. Teresa Haines
- b. Anne Horodyski
- c. Misty Irizarry
- d. Jerry King
- e. Danya Sharkey
- f. Jo Silvers

Two Year Limited Contract for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 school year:

- a. Maryelise Dick

I. Award Continuing Contract Status to the following classified employee who has been employed seven years in the Pymatuning Valley Schools listed in section 7.3 "Contracts", of the OAPSE Master Agreement.

- a. Lonnie Mead - Bus Driver

J. Award Contracts to the following classified employees at the negotiated salary rate:

One Year Limited Contract for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a. Keith Palmer - Bus Driver

Two Year Limited Contracts for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years:

- a. Carrie Copeland - Bus Driver
- b. Erica Hayford - Secretary & Educational Aide
- c. Brenda Krince - Bus Driver

- d. Tracey Podvasnik - Bus Driver
- e. Julia Schaff - Cook
- f. Mike Semai - Bus Driver
- g. Elizabeth Westerberg - Cook
- h. Oscar Zaebst - Custodian

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1a. through 1j. 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.

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 13. with no objections from the Board:

- 2. Approve the tentative list of graduates of the Class of 2024, pending their completion of all high school and district requirements. (Exhibit "B")

- 3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between (PVEA) Pymatuning Valley Education Association and (OAPSE) Ohio Association of Public School Employees to agree that Pymatuning Valley Local School District will pay all members along with other certified and non-certified personnel a COVID-19 stipend in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund. (Exhibit "C") and (Exhibit "D")

- 4. Approve the following out of state field trips:
 - a. Jr. High Honor Swim field trip to Meadville Area Recreation Center, Meadville, PA. on Fri. May 10th.
 - b. 4th Grade field trip to the Olympic Fun Center in Hermitage, PA. Mon. May 13th.
 - c. 7th & 8th Grade field trip to the Pymatuning Spillway in Linesville, PA on Tues. May 21st and 5th & 6th Grade on Fri. May 24th.
 - d. 7th & 8th Grade field trip to the Erie Zoo in Erie, PA. on Thurs. May 23rd.

5. Approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum for Columbus State Community College for the 2024/2025 school year. (Exhibit "E")
6. Approve a Resolution for Pymatuning Valley Local Schools to become a member of the Fair School Funding Plan, Inc. for the calendar year 2024. (Exhibit "F")
7. Approve the contract with Local Government Services (LGS) to provide financial compilation services for FY24. (Exhibit "G")
8. Approve the adoption and purchase of Illustrative Mathematics (IM) for 5th Grade Mathematics through Algebra 2 with Kendell Hunt Publishing. (Exhibit "H")
9. Approve the Revised Board Policy, IGBEA-R, Reading Skills Assessment and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee) (Exhibit "I")
10. Approve the Certificate of Records Disposal Form (RC-3) Part 1 & Part 2. (Exhibit "J")
11. Approve a three year Medicaid School Program Service Agreement with (HPC) Healthcare Process Consulting with an annual fee of \$14,000.00, commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. (Exhibit "K")
12. Accept the proposed in-kind contribution for the construction of an outdoor pavilion to be located in the vicinity of the Primary School playground on behalf of Patricia French and the French family towards the benefit of our students, staff and community at-large for a value to be determined later. (Exhibit "L")
13. Accept the following donation:
 - a. The PV Athletic Boosters donated \$2,153.28 to the softball team and \$2,153.28 to the baseball team.

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 13. 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.

No one spoke during the time for staff with comments.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mr. Harvey and the Board welcomed new Primary School Physical Education Teacher Michael Cole to Pymatuning Valley Schools.

During the time for the public to speak, Bri Dearwester, Secretary of the Primary School PTO, thanked the French Family for their generous donation of the pavilion for the Primary School.

At 6:46 pm Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss employment of personnel. Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion Passed.

At 8:51 pm Mr. Harvey made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:52 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, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Hitchcock-Yes. Motion passed.