

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 11, 2023

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria, 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 Introduced Venie Hinson who gave a presentation on the Back to School Bash. Mrs. Hinson said over 490 children were served and gave a special thanks to Andover Fraternal Order of Eagles for a \$5,000 donation towards school supplies. There were over 40 volunteers from 5 local churches and from the Laker Ruritans.

Each building principal provided a brief update for their buildings.

The following correspondences were reviewed by the Board:

Letter of Resignation - Supplemental Coach.
Letter of Resignation - Intervention Tutor.

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 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.

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Financial Reports for August 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 Payments of Bills for August 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 Investments for August 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.

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.

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- a. Accept the resignation of Ellie Struna
7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach effective
August 18, 2023.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 1b through 1l and asked for a combined vote without objections from the Board.

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- b. Accept the resignation of Maryelise Dick, 5th
Day, Intervention Tutor at effective August 24,
2023.
- c. Employ Maryelise Dick as an Intervention
Specialist under a one-year contract at the
negotiated salary rate: (BA)Step 5, \$46,167.00
effective September 5, 2023.
- d. Employ Oscar Zaebst as a 4 Hour - 12 Month
Custodian under a one-year contract at the
negotiated salary rate of \$17.98 an hour,
effective September 11, 2023.

- e. Approve Sarah Fetters up to 8.0 days of extended time at the daily rate to assist with compliance and implementation of Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant requirements.
- f. Approve awarding \$250.00 stipends per semester for the following certified teachers for structured literacy training beyond the contractual day as part of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant:

Original CLSD Grant (6-8)

- a. Kristy Dismukes
- b. Celeste Fenton
- c. Sarah Fetters
- d. Amber Herren

2nd Round (K-5)

- a. Danielle Croston
 - b. Nicole Miller
 - c. Shaunah Morris
 - d. Rachael Richards
 - e. Rachel Timlin
- g. Employ Keith Palmer as a substitute Bus Driver pending completion of CDL requirements effective September 11, 2023.
 - h. Employ Tyler Scalise as a 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach under a one-year supplemental contract pending completion of background check and coaching certification.
 - i. Employ Tammy Lynagh as a Saturday School monitor at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective immediately.
 - j. Employ the following 5th day Title I, V & ESSER & CLSD Para-Professionals and Educational Aides for the 2023-2024 school year at the current salary rates:

\$19.00 an hour:

- a. Ellen Darby
- b. Nicole Forbes
- c. Lydia Johns
- d. Amy Jones
- e. Cathy Morgret

- f. Justin Veasey
 - g. Rebecca Burford, One-on-One Para-Pro, \$16.54 an hour
 - h. Brooke DiBell, One-on-One Para-Pro, \$14.60 an hour
 - i. Shannon Edelman, Preschool Aide, \$15.93 an hour
 - j. Karen Ganelli, One on One Para-Pro, \$15.12 an hour
 - k. Helen Garringer, Preschool Aide, \$14.89 an hour
 - l. Amy Hurst, High School Student Monitor Room, \$16.06 an hour
 - m. Elizabeth White, Preschool One-on-One Para-Pro, \$15.38 an hour
- k. Employ the following classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:
- a. Cindy Maloney
 - b. Rebecca Modock
- l. Employ Jill Berry and Tyler Scalise as certified teacher substitutes under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute teaching license effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of 1b through 1l 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 recommendations 2 through 4 and asked for a combined vote without objections from the Board.

2. Approve the following out of state field trips:
- a. National FFA Convention, November 1-3, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Exhibit "A"

- b. Middle School Trip, May 16-18, 2024,
Niagara Falls, Ontario. (Exhibit "B")
3. Approve the Budget & Purpose Statements for the
2023-2024 school year. (Exhibit "C")
4. Approve the First Amended Certificate of
Estimated Resources and Permanent
Appropriations Resolution as presented.
(Exhibit "D" and "E")

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2 through 4 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.

During the time for Staff with comments, Superintendent Edison mentioned that the installation of the High School HVAC rooftop units were completed today, but there are still more units to set at the Primary School and at the High School. President Harvey inquired about the status of the district office and bus garage building. Mr. Edison mentioned the district office portion was completed and admin personnel have begun moving in as of this week and that there'd be an open house tentatively set for October.

During the time for Board members with comments, Mr. Marcy and Mrs. Struna both mentioned that it sounded like things got off to a good start this school new year.

During the time for the public to speak, Mr. Tom Tyron asked the Board to please consider the High School Cross Country Team's sports schedule when scheduling Meet-The-Team night in order to allow them to participate and to be recognized for their efforts. Mrs. Joyce Morrison asked the Board to consider adding the Lord's Prayer at board meetings and inquired about the status of masking requirements with the advent of a new coronavirus strain in effect. Supt. Edison mentioned that there were new mandates on requiring the use of protection masks.

At 6:42 pm Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting 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.