

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 10, 2025

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Margaret Struna, Vice President Josh Peyton, Mr. Curt Harvey, Mrs. Jodie Hitchcock and Mr. Duane Marcy.

President Struna invited all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by each person introducing themselves.

Superintendent Christopher Edison along with Pam Jordan from Erie Bank representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Teacher Hannah Pawlowski introduced Alannah Lewis, September Student of the Month. Primary School Teacher Danielle Croston introduced Adriana Valocchi, October Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Kendra Podvasnik, October Middle School Student of the Month and High School Teacher Jenna Stoffel introduced Billy Hipps, October High School Student of the Month.

Mr. Edison presented Middle School Teacher Erin Meszaros with the November Hard Hat Employee Award.

The building principals provided updates on their buildings.

For correspondences, the Board reviewed an Administration Employee and Certified Employee Leave of Absence Letters.

Mrs. Hitchcock moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

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

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

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Investments for October with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-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 1e. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- a. Approve a leave of absence for Melissa Raptis, Middle School Teacher effective October 20, 2025 with a tentative date of return of November 26, 2025.
- b. Approve a leave of absence for Bri Dearwester, Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk effective September 26, 2025 to October 31, 2025.
- c. Award Continuing Contract Status to Ashley Ledford who has been employed at least three of the last five years in the Pymatuning Valley Schools and who has attained the licensure requirements listed in section 7.12, "Continuing Contract" of the Ohio School Law.
- d. Employ the following as Non-Bachelor Substitute Teachers under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute-teaching license effective for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a. Emily Crouch
 - b. Nina Sirrine
 - c. Christina Legg
- e. Non-Renew the following fall activity coaching contracts:
 - a. Tim Beck - Boys Assistant Soccer Coach
 - b. Jessica Corson - Boys Soccer Coach
 - c. Bill Chiles - HS Football Coach

- d. Joe Coder - Jr. High Football Coach
- e. Ellen Darby - Jr. High Cross Country
- f. Brad Drnek - HS Football Coach
- g. Logan Drnek - HS Football Coach
- h. Nicole Forbes - Jr. High Volleyball
- i. Chad Paul - Jr. High Football Coach

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

Mr. Edison recommended the board approve the following:

- f. Approve Karen Ganelli as a volunteer wrestling coach and Mae Struna as a volunteer Junior High Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 winter season.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations: 2. through 7. with no objections from the Board:

- 2. 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 2025-2026 United Way campaign drive. (Exhibit "A")
- 3. Approve the PV Laker Swim Team to attend a Swim Meet vs. Edgewood on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025.
- 4. Approve New Open Enrollment Student for the 2025-2026 School year. (Exhibit "B")
- 5. Approve a Request for Qualifications for Architect/Engineer Services for a proposed Agriculture Learning Center Project. (Exhibit "C")
- 6. Approve the following new or revised board policies:
 - a. Board Policy Development and Adoption, Code BF, (Exhibit "D")
 - b. Budget Planning, Code DBD, (Exhibit "E")

- c. Revenues From Tax Sources, Code DE, (Exhibit "F")
- d. Bidding Requirements, Code DJC, (Exhibit "G")
- e. Expense Reimbursements, Code DLC, (Exhibit "H")
- f. Emergency Management and Safety Plans, Code EBC, (Exhibit "I")
- g. Student Transportation Services, Code EEA, (Exhibit "J")
- h. School Bus Safety Program, Code EEAC, (Exhibit "K")
- i. Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation, Code EEACC-R & JFCC-R, (Exhibit "L")
- j. Drug Testing for Motor Van Drivers and District Personnel Required to Hold a Commercial Driver's License, Code EEACD, (Exhibit "M")
- k. Drug Testing for Motor Van Drivers, Code EEACD-R-2, (Exhibit "N")
- l. Non-Routine Use of School Buses and Motor Vans, (Code EEAD), (Exhibit "O")
- m. District Records Commission, Records Retention and Disposal, Code EHA, (Exhibit "P")
- n. Cybersecurity, Code EHC, (Exhibit "Q")
- o. Tax Issues, Code FD & KBE, (Exhibit "R")
- p. Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards, Code FEF, (Exhibit "S")
- q. Criminal Records Check, (Code GBQ), (Exhibit "T")
- r. Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers, Code GCI, (Exhibit "U")
- s. Health Education, Code IGAE, (Exhibit "V")
- t. Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention, Code IGBEA, (Exhibit "W")
- u. Reading Skills Assessment and Intervention Regulation, Code IGBEA-R, (Exhibit "X")
- v. Programs for Students Who Are Gifted, Code IGBB, (Exhibit "Y")
- w. Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities, Code IGD, (Exhibit "Z")
- x. Interscholastic Athletics, Code IGDJ, (Exhibit "AA")
- y. Grading Systems, (Code IKA), (Exhibit "BB")
- z. Promotion and Retention of Students, Code IKE, (Exhibit "CC")
- aa. Acceleration (Version 1) Code IKEB, (Exhibit "DD")

- bb. School Ceremonies and Observances/Patriotic Exercises, Code IND/INDA, (Exhibit "EE")
- cc. Graduation Requirements, Code IKF, (Exhibit "FF")
- dd. Interdistrict Open Enrollment (Statewide), Code JECBB, (Exhibit "GG")
- ee. Student Absences and Excuses, Code JED, (Exhibit "HH")
- ff. Truancy, Code JEDA, (Exhibit "II")
- gg. Religious Expression Days, Code JEDC, (Exhibit "JJ")
- hh. Released Time for Religious Instruction, Code JEFB, (Exhibit "KK")
- ii. Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students, Code JFCK, (Exhibit "LL")
- jj. Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training, Code JHG, (Exhibit "MM")
- kk. Public's Right to Know, Code KBA, (Exhibit "NN")

7. Accept the following donations:

- a. The PV Athletic Boosters donations:
 - HS Softball - \$1,361.80
 - HS Boys Basketball - \$64.40
 - HS Volleyball - \$1,593.55
 - HS Girls Soccer - \$208.73
 - HS Boys Soccer - \$182.03
 - HS Football - \$2,098.50
 - HS Cheerleaders - \$900.00
- b. PV Athletic Boosters donated \$1,600.00 towards the Football Playoff Tour Bus.
- c. The PV Music Boosters donated \$1,600.00 towards the Football Playoff Tour Bus.
- d. Teri Caldwell donated \$500.00 to go towards the Cheer Laker Rumble T-Shirts.
- e. The Andover Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$500.00 to go towards the Cheer Laker Rumble T-Shirts.

Mrs. Hitchcock moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 7. with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

No one spoke during the time for staff with comments.

No one spoke during the time for board members with comments.

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

At 6:54 p.m., Mr. Harvey made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session for other matters required to be kept confidential due to state statutes and federal law with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Harvey made a motion to exit the executive session with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:11 p.m., Mr. Marcy made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mr. Peyton seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.