

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 12, 2026

REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Josh Peyton, Vice President Jodie Hitchcock, Mr. Curt Harvey and Mrs. Margaret Struna.

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

Superintendent Christopher Edison along with Lara Reibold, representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. First Grade Teacher Kelly Bonds introduced Kaceelynn Farmer, December Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Luella Nunley, December Middle School Student of the Month. High School December Student of the Month, Hannah Cain was not present but will be recognized next month.

Mr. Edison presented Middle School Principal, Wendy Tisch with the February Hard Hat Employee Award.

Mr. Edison recognized each Board Member thanking them for their service as a School Board Member as the month of January is Board Member Appreciation Month and Mr. Edison presented Mrs. Struna with a plaque in recognition for her service as Board President for 2025.

Building principals provided a brief update for their buildings.

The Board reviewed the following correspondences:

Two (2) Retirement Letters one from a classified employee and one from a certified employee along with a resignation letter from a classified employee.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

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

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

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

No one spoke during the time 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 1k. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:
  - a. Employ Morgan Lockwood as a 8-hour Custodian under a one-year contract at a salary rate of Step 2, \$19.82 an hour effective January 5, 2026.
  - b. Employ Tanner Rhoades as a Long Term Substitute Teacher at a daily rate of (BA) Step 0, per contract effective January 5, 2026.
  - c. Reassign Jacqui Payne from an 8-hour Custodian to a 6-hour Bus Driver at a salary rate of Step 35, \$23.79 an hour effective December 8, 2025.
  - d. Employ Oscar Zaebst for an additional 4-hour floater Maintenance position at a salary rate of Step 3, \$20.86 an hour effective December 15, 2025.
  - e. Accept the retirement notice of Charlene Miller, Cook at the Primary School effective January 31, 2026.

- f. Accept the retirement notice of Pamela Keep, Kindergarten Teacher effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- g. Accept the resignation of Darrin Gruskiewicz, Maintenance, effective January 30, 2026.
- h. Employ Elizabeth Marshall as a Non-Bachelor Substitute Teacher under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute teaching license effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
- i. Employ Jerry Evans as a Classified Substitute for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of background requirements.
- j. Approve Samantha Jones as a 5<sup>th</sup> day Middle School Para-Pro at a salary rate of \$16.00 an hour effective January 7, 2026.
- k. Approve the following personnel for One Year Limited Fall Supplemental and Activity Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year at the negotiated salary rate pending completion of all required coaching certifications:

HIGH SCHOOL:

- a. Head Football Coach - Neal Croston  
Asst. Football Coach - Bill Chiles  
Asst. Football Coach - Brad Drnek  
Asst. Football Coach - Logan Drnek
- b. Head Golf Coach - Jeff Compan  
Assistant Golf Coach - Rob Wludyga
- c. Head Girls Soccer Coach - Anne Siembor  
Asst. Girls Soccer Coach - Grace Carrizo
- d. Head Volleyball Coach - Donna Shinault  
Assistant & JV V-ball Coach - Isabella Greenawalt
- e. Head Boys Soccer Coach - Tim Beck  
Assistant Boys Soccer Coach - Caydence Wiser

JUNIOR HIGH:

- a. 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Volleyball Coach- Danyelle Romanowski  
7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Volleyball Coach - Nicole Forbes
- b. Jr. High Cross Country Coach - Ellen Darby

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1a. through 1k. with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. 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 the Kent State College Credit Plus Program for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit "A")
3. Approve an Overdose Reversal Drugs District Policy supporting the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. (Exhibit "B")
4. Approve the selection of Strollo Architects as the professional design firm (i.e. Architect/Engineer) based upon their statement of qualifications and allow the Superintendent to negotiate tentative terms or a contract with Strollo Architects whereby the final terms of the contract will be subject to board approval. (Exhibit "C")
5. Approve the following buses for scrap metal disposal:
  - a. 2011 Thomas Bus #14
  - b. 2012 Thomas Bus #17
  - c. 2012 Thomas Bus #25
  - d. 2013 Thomas Bus #18
6. Approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Budget as presented by the Treasurer. (Exhibit "D")
7. Approve the following donations:
  - a. BSN Sports donated \$15.00 and Happy Tees by Jenny donated \$100.00 to the Cheerleaders.

b. An anonymous donor donated to the following:

- Primary School Principal Fund - \$334.00
- Middle School Principal Fund - \$333.00
- High School Principal Fund - \$333.00

c. The PV Athletic Boosters donated \$1,490.00 to the PVHS Football team.

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

During the time for staff with comments, Superintendent Christopher Ediso wanted to clarify that the district is in a feasibility study to determine if the district could open up a school based health clinic.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mrs. Hitchcock thanked Mr. Edison, Mrs. Tisch and the staff for all of their support of Kevin Wolf's family. Mr. Peyton thanked Primary School Teacher Pam Keep and Primary School Cook Charlene Miller for their years of service to the district.

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

At 6:35 pm, Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment of personnel with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:33 pm Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:34 pm Mr. Harvey made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.