

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 12, 2026

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met for their organizational meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Pro Tempore Margaret Struna, Mr. Curt Harvey, Mrs. Jodie Hitchcock and Mr. Josh Peyton.

Treasurer Tom Brockway swore in re-elected Board Member(s): Mrs. Hitchcock and Mr. Peyton (Mr. Marcy was sworn in on January 5, 2026).

President Pro Tempore Mrs. Struna asked for nominations for the office of President for 2026. Mr. Harvey moved to nominate Mr. Peyton as President of the Board. There were no other nominations from the Board. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, Mr. Peyton-Yes, President Pro Tempore Mrs. Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Brockway swore in Mr. Peyton as Board President.

Newly appointed President Peyton took over leading the meeting.

President Peyton asked for nominations for the office of Vice President for 2026. Mrs. Struna moved to nominate Mrs. Hitchcock as Vice President of the Board. There were no other nominations from the Board. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Brockway swore in Mrs. Hitchcock as Board Vice President.

President Peyton opened committee assignments for 2026 to discussion and the following appointments were made as follows:

Athletic Council - Mrs. Struna
Agricultural Advisory Board - Mr. Marcy
OSBA Legislative Liaison - Mr. Peyton
Alternate OSBA Legislative Liaison - Mr. Harvey
Student Achievement Liaison - Mrs. Struna

Liaison to Village Council - Mr. Harvey
Local Recreation Groups Liaison - Mrs. Hitchcock
Public Relations Representative - Mr. Peyton
J. Wendell Marvin Scholarship - Mr. Marcy
Audit Committee - Mr. Harvey

Mr. Harvey made a motion to approve committee appointments for 2026. Mrs. Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, Mrs. Struna-Yes and President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

Superintendent Christopher Edison asked for a combined vote on the remaining agenda items A-Q. There were no objections from the Board. Mr. Edison then made the following recommendations to the Board:

- A. Regular meetings of this Board of Education during calendar 2026 will be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room, except for the following date: The June meeting will take place on June 29, 2026.
- B. Compensation for the members of this Board of Education be established at \$125.00 per meeting with a maximum number of 40 meetings.
- C. The Board establish signature authorization of checks, warrants, contracts, etc., by the Treasurer, President, and Superintendent as appropriate and in accordance with law.
- D. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign purchase orders, certificates, and applications as appropriate for all Federal, State, and Local operations and programs with additional stipulation that Activity Fund purchase orders also be signed by the Building Principal.
- E. The Board resolve to operate through calendar year 2026 under Robert's Rules of Order, existing Board policy, and within compliance of State and Federal law.
- F. The Board establish a Board Service Fund with the amount of that fund being established in the appropriations document in accordance with the law.
- G. The Board authorizes the withdrawal of funds from General Deposit and Payroll Accounts.

- H. The Board authorizes continued membership in the Ohio School Boards' Association and maintain its subscription to the "Briefcase."
- I. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to request advances and tax settlements for both the first half and second half of collections for the 2026 calendar year at the earliest possible dates and inform the Board of the amounts and dates of same at its regular meetings.
- J. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to borrow money as might be necessary up to the limits of tax settlements and inform the Board of the same at its regular meetings.
- K. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations as bills are received and after merchandise has been received in acceptable condition or services have been completed to satisfaction.
- L. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to invest funds from any and all sources in order to secure maximum interest with the Treasurer informing the Board at its regular meetings.
- M. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to secure personnel for the operation of the school district with such recommendations coming before the Board for affirmation.
- N. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President to serve as its Records Commission for 2026.
- O. That the Board designates the Treasurer to attend, on behalf of the Board, the public records training in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43 and 149.43(E).
- P. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to serve as the Board designee to preside over suspension appeals.
- Q. That the Board authorize the Superintendent to utilize the services of the following attorneys for legal counsel of the school district: Ennis & Britton, Squire Patton Boggs, Brickler & Graydon and Christopher Altier.

Mrs. Struna made a motion to approve agenda items A. through Q. 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.

There was no other organizational business.

At 5:19 pm Mrs. Hitchcock moved to adjourn the organizational meeting 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.