

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 8, 2025

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 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 introduced Venie Hinson who gave a presentation on the Back-to-School Bash. Mrs. Hinson said this is the 16th year of providing school supplies to the district. Around 535 children, along with a number of Amish students benefited from the donations. She thanked the High School girls' soccer team and the PV maintenance staff for their help. There were over 40 volunteers from five local churches and from the Laker Ruritans.

Superintendent Edison recognized Elizabeth White, Educational Aide as the September Hard Hat Recipient.

The building principals provided updates on their buildings.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

Letter of Resignation - ACESC Intervention Tutor
Letter of Resignation - Classified Employee

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Financial Reports for August 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 August 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

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. and 1g. through 1i. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- a. Accept the resignation of Ellen Darby, 5th Day Intervention Tutor effective August 14, 2025.
- b. Accept the resignation of Val Ballentine from the (2) hour custodial position effective September 12, 2025.
- c. Employ Tammy Lynagh as a Saturday School monitor at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective immediately.
- d. Employ the following 5th day Title I, V & CLSD Para-Professionals and Educational Aides for the 2025-2026 school year at the current salary rates:

\$20.50 an hour:

- a. Gillian Breedlove
- b. Brooke DiBell
- c. Nicole Forbes
- d. Kim Krznaric
- e. Lydia Stritch
- f. Cathy Morgret
- g. Samantha Anslow, Cross Cat Unit, \$16.00 an hour
- h. Breanna Beach, Bus Aide, \$16.00 an hour
- i. Krystal Brewer, Preschool Aide, \$16.00 an hour
- j. Rebecca Burford, One on One Para-Pro, \$17.73 an hour

- k. Traci Dunbar, Primary School SMR,
\$16.00 an hour
 - l. Shannon Edelman, Preschool Aide,
\$17.04 an hour
 - m. Jeffrey Fisher, One-on-One Para-Pro,
\$16.00 an hour
 - n. Jason Jewett, Autistic & DD Aide,
\$16.00 an hour
 - o. Karen Ganelli, High School SMR,
\$16.53 an hour
 - p. Helen Garringer, Preschool Aide,
\$16.32 an hour
 - q. Elizabeth White, Cross Cat Unit,
\$16.72 an hour
- e. Employ Logan Drnek, Andrew Ostavitz and David Robinson as certified teacher substitutes under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute non-bachelor license rule effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - g. Employ Casey Kaipainen as a classified substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$16.00 an hour.
 - h. Award Continuing Contract Status to Hannah Pawlowski 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.
 - i. Approve the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center list of available substitute teachers and substitute educational aides for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit "A")

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1a. through 1e. and 1g. through 1i. 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. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendation:

- 1f. Employ Jenna Stoffel, Melissa Peyton and Lydia Stritch as Home Instructors for the 2025-2026 at a salary rate of \$24.15 an hour.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 10. with no objections from the Board:

2. Approve the ACESC Family School Coordinator and Audiology Instructor Service Agreement for SY2025-2026. (Exhibit "B")
3. Approve the Aspire (ELL) service agreement between Pymatuning Valley Local Schools and Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center at a rate of \$4,300.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit "C")
4. Approve new Open Enrollment students for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit "D")
5. Approve the following new rates for High School Athletic workers:
 - a. Ticket takers - \$35.00
 - b. Ticket takers for Tri-Matches - \$40.00
 - c. Official Scorekeeper - \$35.00
 - d. Game Announcers - \$40.00
 - e. Security - \$160.00
 - f. Clock - \$35.00
 - g. JV/V Volleyball Line Judge - \$30.00
 - h. Fr/JV/V Volleyball Line Judge - \$45.00
6. Approve the following out of state field trips:
 - a. PV Marching Band to the Jamestown Parade in Jamestown, PA on Sept. 6, 2025.
 - b. Primary School Summer Reading Field Trip to the Movies at Meadville in Meadville, PA, Sept. 24, 2025.
 - c. PV Marching Band to the Halloween Parade in Meadville, PA. on October 25, 2025.

- d. National FFA Convention, October 30-Nov. 1, 2025, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Exhibit "E")
 - e. PV Marching Band Linesville Tractor Parade in Linesville, PA on Dec. 6, 2025.
- 7. Approve the list of inventory items to dispose of. (Exhibit "F")
- 8. Approve the First Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Permanent Appropriations Resolution as presented. (Exhibits "G" & "H")
- 9. Approve the following revised policies:
 - a. File JED & JED-R, Student Absences and Excuses, (Exhibit "I")
 - b. File JFCJ, Weapons in the School, (Exhibit "J")
 - c. File JECE, Student Withdrawal from School, (Exhibit "K")
 - d. File JEDA, Truancy, (Exhibit "L")
- 10. Approve the following donations:
 - a. Ramona Johnson donated \$500.00 towards the Elynne Slater Scholarship.
 - b. The following donated towards the Steven Urchek Scholarship:
 - John & Janice Urchek - \$100.00
 - PV Athletic Boosters - \$2,464.00
 - The Horstman Family - \$100.00
 - The Starky Family - \$100.00
 - c. The PV Athletic Boosters donated \$2,201.99 for the purchase of picnic tables.
 - d. The following donated towards the PV Golf Teams:
 - PV Athletic Boosters - \$2,764.00
 - The Urchek Family - \$100.00
 - The Rhoades Family - \$100.00
 - The Andover Eagles Club - \$1,000.00

Mr. Peyton moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 10. 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.

No one spoke during the time for staff with comments.

During the time for board members with comments, Mr. Peyton thanked the Health Department for opening immunization shots during Meet-the-Teacher Night and also thanked School Resource Officer Joe Cooper for his efforts in the district.

During the time for the public to speak, Lisa Stanhope spoke about her concerns about the school bus pick-up at Creek Rd. and Slater Rd. Bill Campbell spoke about his concerns with students open enrolling out of the districts for athletics.

At 6:52 p.m., Mr. Peyton made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Peyton-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Struna-Yes. Motion passed.