

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 9, 2026

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Josh Peyton, Mr. Curt Harvey, Mr. Duane Marcy 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 Buddy French representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Middle School A-Tech Teacher Jeffrey Richards introduced Claire Wludyga, January Middle School Student of the Month. Primary School Teacher Nicole Miller introduced Ja'kyra Jones, February Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Teacher Robert Wludyga introduced Gaven Rose; Middle School February Student of the Month and High School Teacher Jenna Stoffel introduced Grace Jerome as February High School Student of the Month.

Mr. Edison presented Middle School Teacher Robert Wludyga with the February Hard Hat Employee Award and Assistant Technology & Maintenance Supervisor Mitchell Dick with the March Employee Hard Hat Award.

Building principals provided a brief update for their buildings.

The Board reviewed a correspondence from the Andover Public Library Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Absent, Mr. Marcy-Yes. President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

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

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

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Investments for February with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Absent, Mr. Marcy-Yes, 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 employment and personnel recommendations and ask to combined recommendations with exception to Item "1b" with receiving no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- a. Reassign Danielle Croston, Primary School Third Grade Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher effective August 20, 2026.
- c. Employ Tanner Rhoades as a Fifth Grade Teacher, under a one-year contract at a salary rate of (BA) Step 0, \$48,620.00 effective August 20, 2026 pending completion of all license requirements.
- d. Employ Austin Limestoll as a Maintenance Worker under a one-year contract at a salary rate of Step 1, \$20.45 an hour effective March 9, 2026.
- e. Employ Jarred Wright as an Assistant Mechanic under a one-year contract at a salary rate of Step 1, \$21.77 an hour effective March 9, 2026.
- f. Employ the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year:
 1. Warren Brown - Substitute Bus Driver
 2. Sinead Ferrie - Substitute Teacher
 3. Linda Roscoe - Substitute Cook

- g. Approve a salary increase to \$18.00 an hour for Substitute Bus Drivers and the same increase of \$18.00 an hour for waiting time for Bus Drivers effective March 23, 2026.
- h. Non-Renew the following activity contracts:
 - 1. Joe Coder, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - 2. Harlee Hamilton, Assistant & JV Girls Basketball Coach
 - 3. Terrence Jones, Jr. High Wrestling Coach
 - 4. Alicen Limestoll, Assistant Swim Coach
 - 5. Todd Neczeporenko, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
 - 6. Tanner Rhoades, Assistant & JV Boys Basketball Coach
 - 7. Hugh Yeckle, Percussion Advisor
- i. Approve the following volunteers pending proof of completed criminal background check and any necessary coaching requirements:
 - 1. Chad Paul - Baseball
 - 2. Robert Wludyga - Baseball

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendation:

- 1b. Reassign Melissa Peyton, Preschool Teacher to Second Grade Teacher effective August 20, 2026.

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

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

- 2. Approve an out of state field trip for 7th & 8th Grade students to the Erie Zoo in Erie PA. on May 19, 2026.

3. Approve the proposed School Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit "A")
4. Approve a College Credit plus Memorandum of Understanding for Kent State University and Columbus State Community College for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit "B")
5. Reappoint Karen Dewey, Don Eyring and Venie Hinson for another four year term as Andover Public Library Board Members effective February 2026 to February 2030.
6. Approve a proposal through the Omnia Partners National Purchasing Cooperative for Vasco for the High School Track Rejuvenation and Track Striping at a rate of \$90,067.00. (Exhibit "C")
7. Approve a Resolution authorizing participation in Ohio Schools Council's electricity cooperative purchase program called Power 4 Schools in order to increase our school district's bargaining power in concert with other participating NE Ohio public school districts. (Exhibit "D")
8. Approve the following stakeholder meetings to take place on April 13, 2026 in the High School Lecture Room that are open to the public for community feedback:
 - a. McKinney Vento Homelessness - 5:00PM
 - b. IDEA Funding - 5:15PM
 - c. Title One Funding - 5:30PM
 - d. Records Retention Committee - 5:45PM
9. Approve the following new or revised board policies:
 - a. Code DLC - Expense Reimbursements, (Exhibit "E")
 - b. Code DLC-R - Expense Reimbursements Regulations, (Exhibit "F")
 - c. Code EBDE - Procurement and Administration of Overdose Reversal Drugs, (Exhibit "G")
 - d. Code JEFB - Released Time for Religious Instruction, (Exhibit "H")
10. Approve the following donations:

- a. An anonymous donation of \$172.00 was made for the High School Hospitality Spaghetti Dinner.
- b. Poppin Popcorn donated \$436.50 to the PVHS Cheerleaders.
- c. The High School staff donated \$945.00 to the High School Golf Team.
- d. Andover Eagles donated \$4,000.00 to the High School Track Team.
- e. Thee Sassy Shack donated \$400.00 to go towards a new wrestling mat.

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 10. with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Absent, Mr. Harvey-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

No one spoke during the time for staff with comments.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mrs. Margaret Struna welcomed the newly hired staff to our school district. President Josh Peyton thanked everyone for all that they do both seen and unseen for our students.

During the time for the public to speak, Andover Library Trustee Karen Dewey invited everyone to come visit the Andover Public Library.

At 6:41 pm, Mr. Harvey made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session to consider employment of personnel with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Absent, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:58 pm, Mr. Marcy made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Absent, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 9:00 pm, Mr. Marcy made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.