PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 12, 2026
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 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, President of the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Principal Robin Holden introduced Bradley Eastlake, September Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Thomas Cutlip, Middle School September Student of the Month. High School Student of the Month, Danarion Kaday (DJ) was not in attendance.

Superintendent Edison recognized High School Teacher, Mrs. Cody Hunt as the October Joe Cooper Hard Hat Recipient.

Superintendent Edison provided a presentation on the district's report card.

The building principals provided updates on their buildings.

The Board reviewed a letter of retirement.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting 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.

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Financial Reports for September 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 Payments of Bills for September 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.

Mrs. Hitchcock moved to approve the Investments for September 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 employment and personnel recommendations and asked to combine recommendations 1a. through 1e. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

a. Accept the retirement notice of Teresa Baugher, Custodian effective January 1, 2027.

b. Employ Ralf Caswell as our School Resource Officer under a one-year contract at a salary rate of $34.75 an hour effective August 24, 2026.

c. Employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year:

a. Brianna Martin (Sub Bus Driver)
b. Sadie Paul

d. Employ the following as certified teacher substitutes under the Ohio Department of Education substitute non-bachelor and bachelor teaching license rule effective for the 2026-2027 school year:

a. Gerald DiBell
b. Tessa Graves
c. Claire Jewett
d. Isabella Limestoll
e. Kelly Summers

e. Approve Brenda Lautenan as a Parent Volunteer for the FFA and giving her permission to drive the school van for FFA field trips.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve Melissa Peyton as a Home Instructor at a salary rate of $24.15 effective the 2026/2027 school year.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following combined recommendations 2. through 9. with no objections from the Board:

2. **Approve the following food service rates for the 2026-2027 school year:**

    a. **Adult Breakfast w/Milk - $3.25**
    b. **Adult Lunch w/Milk - $5.75**
    c. **Milk - .75**
    d. **Extra HS Lunch - $4.00**
    e. **Extra MS Lunch - $4.00**

3. **Approve 2026-2027 Budget and Purpose Statements. (Exhibit "A")**

4. **Approve a College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with Ashland University and Pymatuning Valley Schools. (Exhibit "B")**

5. **Approve a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to execute an agency agreement with Northwest Worksite Marketing (NWMC) and further a legal services contract with Grossman & Kelly LLP and its partner firms to prosecute on a contingency basis civil legal claims against the defendants in the cases of 'adolescent social media and video game addiction.' (Exhibit "C")**

6. **Approve a Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to transfer inactive funds in the amount of $39,531.88 from the Bond Retirement Fund (002-0000) to the Permanent Improvement Fund (003-0000) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14(C). Exhibit ("D")**

7. **Approve a Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to transfer inactive funds in the amount of $569.66 from the VMPAC Capital Improvements Fund (070-9023) to the General Fund (001-0000) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(C). Exhibit ("E")**

8. **Approve FY2027 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and FY2027 Appropriations Resolution as amended. (Exhibit "F" and "G")**

9. **Approve the following donations:**

   a. **Ashtabula County Agricultural Society donated towards the following athletic teams for volunteering at the fairgrounds:**

      - **Girls Soccer - $500.00**
      - **Girls Volleyball - $500.00**
      - **Girls Basketball - $500.00**
      - **Boys and Girls Golf - $500.00**

   b. **The Andover Eagles donated $500.00 to the High School Football Team.**

   c. **The Blazzle Store donated $170.00 to the Cheerleaders.**

   d. **Spirit Hero Day donated $135.00 to the Cheerleaders.**

   e. **The McAllister's donated $250.00 to High School Athletics.**

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 9. 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.

During the time for staff with comments, High School Principal Mark Mollohan thanked and showed his appreciation to everyone who volunteered to help support the students and staff in the aftermath of a student's tragic passing.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mrs. Margaret Struna thanked all of the faculty and staff for all their efforts.

During the time for the public to speak, Mrs. Lara Reibold thanked the PV students who participated in the Feed the Hope event.

At 6:41 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, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.