

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 29, 2026

REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 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 recognized the following retirees from the 2025-2026 school year:

Jeanette Bals - Teacher  
Pamela Keep - Teacher  
Kathy Kotanichek - Bus Driver  
Charlene Miller - Cook  
Michael Pearlman - School Resource Officer  
Raymond Shadle - Bus Driver & Educational Aide  
Rebecca Switzer - Secretary/ Clerk

The Board reviewed the following letters:

- A. Retirement Letter - Classified
- B. Leave of Absence Letter - Certified
- C. Resignation Letter - 5<sup>th</sup> Day Para-Pro
- D. Resignation Letter - Administrative Staff

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 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 May 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.

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Payments of Bills for May 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 May with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes Mr. Harvey-Yes Mrs. Struna-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 combined recommendations 1A. through 1N. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- A. Reassign Kindergarten Teacher, Analese Marrison to an Intervention Specialist effective August 24, 2026.
- B. Reassign Intervention Specialist, Sarah Fetters to a Primary School Kindergarten Teacher effective August 24, 2026.
- C. Employ Jama Rose as a Primary School Secretary/Clerk under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate of: Step 1, \$20.64 an hour effective August 3, 2026.
- D. Employ Jarred Wright as an Assistant Bus Mechanic under a one-year contract at the negotiated rate of: Step 1, \$21.77 an hour effective June 1, 2026.
- E. Employ Emily Crouch as a 5<sup>th</sup> day Intervention Tutor at the Primary School effective August 28, 2026.
- F. Accept the retirement notice of Kathy Kotanichek, Bus Driver effective July 31, 2026.
- G. Accept the resignation of Jason Jewett, 5<sup>th</sup> day Para-Pro at the High School effective May 29, 2026.
- H. Approve a Leave of Absence for Primary School Teacher, Hannah Pawlowski beginning August 25, 2026 with an anticipated date of return on October 26, 2026.

I. Employ the following classified substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary rate of \$16.00 an hour:

- a. Rebecca Burford
- b. Holly Carr
- c. Helen Cortright
- d. Kim Crawford
- e. Tracy Dunbar
- f. Andrea Duke
- g. Marsha Eastlake
- h. Lindsey Hurst
- i. Doris Jacobs
- j. Nicki Janson
- k. Danelle Lavo
- l. Jaden Lockwood
- m. Virginia McCowien
- n. Rebecca Modock
- o. Christy Paul
- p. Lara Reibold
- q. Linda Roscoe
- r. Jama Rose
- s. Julia Schaff

J. Approve the following list of bus drivers substitute bus drivers and van drivers for the 2026-2027 school year pending appropriate certification. (Exhibit "A")

K. Employ the following under a one-year limited winter Supplemental Contract for the 2026-2027 school year at the negotiated salary rate:

- a. HS Assistant/JV Girls Basketball  
Coach - Robert Wludyga

L. Employ the following under one year limited Supplemental and Activity Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year at the negotiated salary rate:

High School Supplementals:

- a. Athletic Director - Richard Walters
- b. Ticket Manager - Amanda Dick
- c. Cheerleading Advisor - Andrea Wonderling
- d. Instrumental Music Director - Brendan Bennett
- e. Color Guard Advisor - Taylor Brown

- f. Choral Music Director - Taylor Brown
- g. Spring Musical Director - Taylor Brown
- h. Spring Musical Accompanist - Colleen Sabeh
- i. Freshman Class Advisor - Dan Jackson
- j. Sophomore Class Advisor - Misty Irizarry
- k. Junior Class Advisor - Andrea Wonderling
- l. Senior Class Advisor - Anne Siembor
- m. Student Council Advisor - Amy Moyer
- n. National Honor Society Advisor - Alexis DeMott
- o. VMPAC Facility Manager/Sound Technician  
- Mitchell Dick
- p. VMPAC Asst. Facility Manager/Lighting  
Technician - Colleen Sabeh
- q. FFA Advisor - Thomas Mazzaro
- r. Assistant FFA Advisor - Charity Mazzaro
- s. Yearbook Advisor - Nelson Morris

Middle School Supplementals:

- a. Athletic Director - Andy Gray
- b. Music Director (Instrumental) - Brendan Bennett
- c. Music Director (Vocal) - Taylor Brown
- d. Drama Director - Taylor Brown
- e. Overnight Extended Trip Sponsor - Tracy Cleland
- f. Yearbook Advisor - Rob Wludyga
- g. Cheerleading Advisor - Tracy Cleland

M. Approve Landon Paul as a Football Coach volunteer for the 2026-2027 school year.

N. Accept the resignation of Bri Dearwester as Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk effective July 31, 2026.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1A. through 1N. 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. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following combined recommendations 2. through 19. with no objections from the Board:

2. Approve the list of open enrollment students for Pymatuning Valley Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit "B")
3. Approve the 2026-2027 Little Laker Academy Preschool, Primary School, Middle School & High School Student Handbooks. (Exhibit "C, D, E & F")
4. Approve the 2026-2027 PVHS Music Department Student Handbook. (Exhibit "G")
5. Approve Number of Verified Incidents of Bullying, Harassment and/or Intimidation in PV Schools from January 2026 to May 2026:  
  
Pymatuning Primary School - 0  
Pymatuning Middle School - 0  
Pymatuning High School - 0
6. Approve an out of state field trip for the Cheerleaders to participate in Pitt Spirit Day in Pittsburgh, PA. on September 12, 2026.
7. Approve a service agreement with Ravenwood Health for the 2026-2027 school year in which they will provide pre-crisis screening and behavioral intervention services at a cost of \$53,500.00. (Exhibit "H")
8. Approve the 2026-2027 school year Student Accident Insurance Program with Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company. (Exhibit "I")
9. Approve Liability Insurance Coverage with Love Insurance effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. (Exhibit "J")
10. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between ACCESS and Pymatuning Valley Local School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit "K")
11. Approve a Bus Bid for the purchase of (2) Regular Thomas Model 311TS School Buses. (Exhibit "L")
12. Approve payment of late arriving bills before June 30, 2026.

13. Approve the Treasurer to establish the following fund for the FY2027 school year along with all required revenue and appropriation accounts:

a. Fund 300-9026 Girls Flag Football

14. Authorize FY2026 year-end transfers, adjustments, additions and deletions to revenues, appropriations, and line items as needed. (Exhibit "M")

15. Approve the final FY2026 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriation Resolution as presented. (Exhibit "N" and "O")

16. Authorize the Treasurer to amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources and adjust appropriations, as needed on June 30, 2026, and transfer to any other fund as necessary in order to avoid an operating deficit on June 30, 2026.

17. Authorize the Treasurer to establish temporary appropriations for FY2027 at 35% of the 2025-2026 expenditures to provide for operating expenses until permanent appropriations are adopted at the September 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

18. Approve the cancellation of the July 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

19. Accept the following donations:

a. Lakeside Dance donated \$1,100.00 for use of the VMPAC.

b. Ann Marrison donated \$1,000.00 to go towards the Agricultural Learning Center.

c. Jim & Sonia Malz donated \$2,000.00 to the Gold Pride Scholarship.

d. PV FFA Students raised \$6,000.00 for the Jeffrey Meddock Scholarship after taking part in the Polar Bear Plunge.

e. The Andover Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$500.00 to our Student Council.

f. The High School Hospitality Class received an anonymous donation of \$22.00 to go towards the food pantry.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 19. 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.

No one spoke during the time for staff with comments.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Mrs. Struna expressed her sadness to see our retirees go but happy to see them enjoy retirement.

During the opportunity for the public to speak, Warren Dillaway from the Star Beacon asked what is the next step for the Agricultural facility. Superintendent Edison replied that we have received an estimated cost for the project but the amount came in higher then anticipated so now we are in the process of scaling down the project to meet an appropriate budgeted amount.

At 6:27 pm, Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss employment of personnel 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 8:55 pm Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Absent, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 8:56 pm, Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to adjourn the 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.