

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 9, 2026

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 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, 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 presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Teacher Shaunah Morris introduced Adelynn Bierer, January Primary School Student of the Month. High School Teacher Andrea Wonderling introduced Mya Huffman, January High School Student of the Month. Middle School January Student of the Month, Claire Wludyga was not present but will be recognized at next month's meeting.

Mr. Edison recognized Middle School Teacher, Rob Wludyga with the January Hard Hat Employee Award. Mr. Wludyga was not in attendance and will be presented with the award at next month's meeting.

Mr. Edison recognized our Spelling Bee Champions along with Kristin Brockway, Spelling Bee Coordinator. Primary School student Brysen Wynn and Middle School student Autumn Smithhisler. Brysen Wynn was not in attendance.

Andover Library Trustees, Karen Dewey and Venie Hinson introduced Amy Thomas as the new Andover Library Director.

Building principals provided a brief update for their buildings.

There was no correspondence.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Organizational Meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Tax Budget and Hearing Meeting with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

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

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

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Investments for January with Mr. Harvey seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-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 recommendations 1a. through 1i. with no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:
 - a. Reassign Kim Crawford to a 3.75-hour Bus Driver at a salary rate of Step 23, \$23.79 an hour and a 3-hour Educational Aide at a salary rate of Step 23, \$21.37 an hour effective January 12, 2026.
 - b. Reassign Nikki Hootman to a 6.75-hour cook at a salary rate of Step 13, \$20.12 an hour effective January 19, 2026.
 - c. Reassign Nikki Janson to a 6-hour Bus Driver at a salary rate of Step 1, \$19.99 an hour effective January 26, 2026.

- d. Reassign Julia Schaff to a 4.75-hour cook at a salary rate of Step 3, \$18.32 an hour effective January 26, 2026.
- e. Employ Elizabeth Marshall as a 3-hour cook under a one-year contract at a salary rate of Step 2, \$18.14 an hour effective February 9, 2026 pending pre-employment verification.
- f. Employ Sydney Morrison as a Non-Bachelor Substitute Teacher under the Ohio Department of Education temporary substitute teaching license effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
- g. Employ Sydney Hummer as a Classified Substitute for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- h. Approve the following personnel for a One Year Limited Winter Supplemental Contract for the 2025-2026 school year at the negotiated salary rate pending completion of all required coaching certifications:

High School

Todd Neczeporenko - Freshman Boys Basketball Coach

- i. Approve the following coaching volunteers pending proof of completed criminal background checks and any necessary coaching requirements:
 - a. Bradley Fryauff - Jr. High Track
 - b. Mark Jordan - Softball

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 8. with no objections from the board:

- 2. Approve membership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit "A")
- 3. Accept the bid from S.A. Communale for the Middle School Chiller Project for \$340,980.00. (Exhibit "B")

4. Accept the Project Design Fee Proposal of \$20,000.00 from Strollo Architects for the High School Agricultural Learning Center. (Exhibit "C")
5. Approve the Treasurer to establish the following funds for the FY2026 school year along with all required revenue and appropriation accounts:
 - a. Fund 003-9026 - Agricultural Learning Center. This Fund is for the sole purpose of accumulating resources towards the acquisition, construction or capital improvement of facilities for agricultural vocational purposes.
 - b. Fund 499-9076 School Bus Safety Grant
6. Approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Auditor. (Exhibit "D")
7. Approve the Five Year Forecast as presented by the Treasurer. (Exhibit "E")
8. Approve the following donations:
 - a. Kjell Andersen donated \$1,000.000.00 to go towards the Agriculture Learning Center.
 - b. Happy Tees by Jenny donated \$90.00 to the Cheerleaders.
 - c. The Academic Boosters donated \$306.66 to the National Honor Society and \$1,720.00 to the High School Spanish Club.
 - d. Thomas and Jacalyn Vogt donated \$4,000.00 to the Harbor in the Storm Scholarship Fund.
 - e. Ralph and Diane Tressler donated \$200.00 to the Niemi Scholarship.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 8. with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Edison presented the proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar.

During the time for staff with comments, High School teacher, Andrea Wonderling thanked the school board for their efforts this school year.

During the time for Board Members with comments, Duane Marcy gave a big thank you to Kjell Andersen for the big donation which will go towards the Agricultural Learning Center and Curt Harvey thanked High School Principal Mark Mollohan and the High School students who worked to make that donation happen.

During the time for the public to speak, Andover Library Trustee Karen Dewey thanked Administrative Secretary Cyndi Feydo for putting the annual school calendar together.

At 6:43 pm, Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose to discuss pending litigation with Bob McBride from Ennis & Britton Law Firm with Mr. Marcy seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:44 pm Mrs. Hitchcock made a motion for the Board to exit from executive session with Mrs. Struna seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:45 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-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.