

PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 13, 2026

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

The Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the High School Lecture Room with the following Board Members present: President Josh Peyton, Mr. Curt Harvey, Mrs. Jodie Hitchcock, 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 Barbara DeVilliers representing the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce presented each Student of the Month with a certificate. Primary School Principal Robin Holden introduced Lillyann Runnion, March Primary School Student of the Month. Middle School Principal Wendy Tisch introduced Zoey Bullard, Middle School March Student of the Month. High School Student of the Month, Ashton Corson was not in attendance.

Mr. Edison presented Head Bus Driver Rebecca Sanders with the April Hard Hat Employee Award.

Building principals provided a brief update for their buildings.

There was no correspondence to review.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 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.

Mrs. Hitchcock moved to approve the Financial Reports for March 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.

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

Mr. Marcy moved to approve the Investments for March with Mrs. Hitchcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mr. Marcy- Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-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 employment and personnel recommendations and ask to combined recommendations 1A through 1H with exception to Item 1I with receiving no objections from the Board:

1. Employment & Personnel Recommendations:

- A. Employ Kristen McClure as a Primary School Preschool Teacher under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate pending verification of previous experience: (BA) Step 10, \$58,344.00 effective August 20, 2026.
- B. Employ Kaymoura Werner as a Primary School Third Grade Teacher under a one-year contract at the negotiated salary rate pending verification of previous experience: (BA) Step 5, \$53,482.00 effective August 20, 2026.
- C. Employ Virginia McCowien, Lindsey Hurst and Traci Dunbar as classified substitutes for the remainder of the 2025/2026 school year.
- D. Renew the following Administrative contracts:
 1. Wendy Tisch, Middle School Principal, three-year contract, August 1, 2026 - July 31, 2029. (Exhibit "A")
 2. Mark Mollohan, High School Principal, three-year contract, August 1, 2026 - July 31, 2029. (Exhibit "B")
 3. Cory Watts, District Technology Coordinator, three-year contract, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029. (Exhibit "C")
 4. Samantha Rickert, Speech Language Pathologist, three-year contract, August 1, 2026 - July 31, 2029. (Exhibit "D")

- E. Award Contracts to the following certified personnel at the negotiated salary rate:
1. Three-Year Limited Contract for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years:
 - a. Alexis DeMott
 - b. Heather Fasola
 - c. Tom Mazzaro
 2. Two-Year Limited Contract for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year:
 - a. Michael Cole
 - b. Analese Marrison
 - c. Nelson Morris
 3. Second One-Year Contract for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - a. Rachel Amend
 - b. Brendan Bennett
 - c. Grace Carrizo
 - d. Emily Compan
 - e. Zachary Rhodanz
- F. Award Continuing Contract Status to the following classified employee who has been employed seven years in the Pymatuning Valley Schools listed in section 7.3 "Contracts", of the OAPSE Master Agreement.
- a. Erica Hayford
- G. Award Contracts to the following classified employees at the negotiated salary rate:
1. One-Year Limited Contracts for 2026-2027 school year:
 - a. Austin Limestoll
 - b. Elizabeth Marshall
 - c. Jarred Wright
 2. First Two-Year Limited Contract for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years:
 - a. Amy Hurst
 - b. Nikki Janson
 - c. Morgan Lockwood

3. Second Two-Year Limited Contract for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years:

- a. Brenda Krince
- b. Tracey Podvasnik
- c. Julia Schaff
- d. Oscar Zaebst

4. Third Two-Year Limited Contract for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years:

- a. Carrie Copeland
- b. Mike Semai
- c. Elizabeth Westerberg

H. Employ the following winter coaches for One-Year Limited Winter Supplemental and Activity Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year at the negotiated salary rate:

Winter Supplementals:

Basketball

- a. Head Boys B-ball Coach - Ryan Shontz
- b. Asst. & JV Boys B-ball Coach - Tanner Rhoades

- c. Head Girls B-ball Coach - Michael Cole

Wrestling

- d. Head Wrestling Coach - David Miller
- e. Asst. Wrestling Coach - Cris Gault

Junior High:

Basketball

- a. 8th Gr. Girls B-Ball Coach - Jeffrey Richards

- b. 7th Gr. Boys B-ball Coach - Joe Coder
- c. 8th Gr. Boys B-ball Coach - Andrew Gray

Wrestling

- d. Wrestling Coach - Terrence Jones

Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 1A. through 1H with the exception of 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 recommendation:

- 1I. Employ Mae Struna for a One-Year Limited Winter Activity Contract as the 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at the negotiated salary rate.

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

Mr. Edison recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations 2. through 6. with no objections from the board:

2. Approve the tentative list of graduates of the Class of 2026, pending their completion of all high school and district requirements. (Exhibit "E")
3. Approve the following out of state field trips:
 - a. 4th Grade field trip to the Olympic Fun Center in Hermitage, PA. on Thurs. April 30, 2026.
 - b. Jr. High Honor Swim field trip to Meadville Area Recreation Center, Meadville, PA. on Mon. May 11, 2026.
 - c. Kindergarten field trip to Pymatuning Deer Park in Jamestown, PA. on Wed. May 13, 2026.
 - d. 7th & 8th Grade Band field trip to Waldameer Amusement Park in Erie, PA on Sunday, May 17, 2026
 - e. 7th & 8th Grade Science field trip to the Erie Zoo in Erie, PA. on Tues. May 19, 2026.
 - f. 5th & 6th Grade Pymatuning Lake Day field trip to the Fish Hatchery, Spillway and Lake Dam in Jamestown, PA. on Wed. May 27, 2026.
 - g. 7th & 8th Grade field trip to the Gibson House, Fish Hatchery, Spillway, Dam in Jamestown, PA. on Thurs. May 28, 2026.
 - h. PV Cheerleaders Day Camp to Thiel College in Thiel, PA. on June 29, June 30 and July 1, 2026.

4. Approve a Resolution adopting the District name from Pymatuning Valley Local Board of Education to Pymatuning Valley Local School District for banking and tax reporting purposes. (Exhibit "F")
5. Approve the Certificate of Records Disposal Form (RC-3) Part 1 & Part 2. (Exhibit "G")
6. Accept the following donations:
 - a. PV Athletic Boosters donated \$660.45 to the High School Wrestling Team.
 - b. The Music Boosters donated \$11,480.00 to the High School Drama Department.
 - c. Hats for Hospice donated \$301.05 to the PV Cheerleaders.

Mrs. Struna moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations 2. through 6. 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.

During the time for staff with comments, Superintendent Edison welcomed newly hired teachers, Kristen and Kaymoura to the PV staff.

During the time for Board Members with comments, the Board congratulated and welcomed the newly hired staff to the school district.

No one spoke during the time for the public to speak.

At 6:33 pm, Mrs. Struna made a motion for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting with Mrs. Hithcock seconding the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Struna-Yes, Mrs. Hitchcock-Yes, Mr. Harvey-Yes, Mr. Marcy-Yes, President Peyton-Yes. Motion passed.