

**PANTHER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
VOTING MEETING**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM

**Recognition: Scholastic Scrimmage Team
Envirothon**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Contents to be announced by Board President.

4. ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Daniel Matika, President	_____	_____
Mr. Marco D’Ancona, Vice-President	_____	_____
Mrs. Renee DeMelfi, Board Secretary	_____	_____
Mr. Pat Leonzi, Board Treasurer	_____	_____
Mr. Michael Alabovitz	_____	_____
Mr. Anthony DeMarco	_____	_____
Mr. Ryan Eidle	_____	_____
Mr. Shawn Hoben	_____	_____
Mr. Keith Krapf	_____	_____
Mr. David McAndrew, Jr., Superintendent	_____	_____
Mr. Jesse Walck, Business Manager	_____	_____
Mr. Robert Yurchak, Solicitor	_____	_____
Mrs. Patricia Ebbert, JSHS Principal	_____	_____
Mrs. Lisa Mace, Intermediate School Principal	_____	_____
Mr. Robert Palazzo, Elem. Principal	_____	_____
Ms. Paula Jones, District Assistant Principal	_____	_____
Mr. Greg Kosciolk, Sp. Ed. Supervisor	_____	_____
Mrs. Janet Fisher, Tech. Coord./PDS	_____	_____
Mr. Scott Fisher, Maintenance Supervisor	_____	_____
Mrs. Kristin Black, Athletic/Activities Director	_____	_____

5. REORGANIZATION

1. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, To Reorganize the Board.

PRESIDENT

_____ nominates _____ as Board President

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to close the nominations.

_____ appointed as Board President

VICE-PRESIDENT

_____ nominates _____ as Board Vice-President

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to close the nominations.

_____ appointed as Board Vice-President.

6. PROPOSED AGENDA

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, The Board of Education approve the proposed agenda for
April 17, 2024.

7. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, The Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of March 20, 2024 to be dispensed and that same be
approved as presented.

9. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Resignations:

1. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve and accept the resignation
for retirement of Jo Anne Damian, Elementary School Teacher
effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

2. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve and accept the resignation of Cortnee Hartman Accounts Receivable/Tax Clerk effective April 18, 2024.

B. Appointments:

1. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Special Education Supervisor, the Board of Education approve to hire _____ as Special Education Administrative Assistant to Include Student Data Administration Specialist effective _____ at the rate of \$17.50/Hour as per the current Confidential Administrative Staff Contract.

C. Substitutes:

D. Other Personnel Items:

1. Conferences:

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education ratify and/or approve the following conference(s) as listed at a total cost of \$40.20

NAME	DATE & PLACE	PURPOSE	COST	FUNDING
Valerie Matika	4/24/2024	HR Meeting	\$0.00	District
Jamie Yarish-Gallagher	CLIU # 21		\$40.20	Mileage

2. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Hannah Mordaunt, JSHS Teacher, to take the following 3 credit courses [Fall Session] at Alvernia University at a cost of \$516.00/Credit.

ENHANCING LITERACY/SPECIAL NEEDS

SCHOOL LAW AND ADVOCACY

3. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Casey Hedash, JSHS Teacher, to take the following 3 credit course [Spring Session] at Alvernia University at a cost of \$516.00/Credit.

TRANSITIONING AND INSTRUCTION SPECIAL NEEDS

4. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Dennis DiCarlo,
Elementary School Teacher, to take the following course at
CLIU#21 at a total cost of \$975.00.

EFFECTIVE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP
(School Leadership and Principal K-12 Certification Program)

5. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Julie Gower,
Intermediate School Teacher, to take the following 3 credit
courses [Summer Session] at Pennsylvania Western University at
a cost of \$625.60/Credit.

LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCED PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING

6. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Kayla Kiraly
Intermediate School Teacher, to take the following 3 credit
courses [Summer Session] at Gannon University at a cost of
\$516.00/Credit.

STEAM CLASSROOM TEACHER

EDUCATION TESTS AND MEASURE

7. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Theresa
Williams, JSHS Teacher, to take the following 3 credit
course [Summer Session] at Wilkes University at a cost of
\$516.00/Credit.

THE PRINCIPAL AS AN EDUCATIONAL LEADER

8. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant permission to Elizabeth
Hoherchak, Elementary School Teacher, to take the following 3
credit course [Spring Session] at East Stroudsburg University at
a cost of \$516.00/Credit

NATURE AND NEEDS OF EXCEPTIONAL
INDIVIDUALS

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- a. Selected Items
- b. Correspondence
- c. Building/Department Attendance Reports

11. FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION (Business Office)

A. Business Manager Report –

B. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, The Board of Education approve the Financial Reports
a, b.

- a. Tax Collector’s Report
- b. Cash Balance

Approval of Financial Reports –

C. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, The Board of Education approve the payment of bills
as follows:

a. That the General Fund bills be approved (1) and ratified (2) as presented,
for the total amount of:

\$1,302,865.65

and be it further,

b. That the Cafeteria Fund bills be approved and ratified as presented,
for the total amount of:

\$75,682.68

and be it further,

c. That the Capital Projects Fund bills be approved (1) and ratified (2) as
presented, and the Treasurer be authorized to draw vouchers and issue
checks in the amounts indicated for the total amount (3) of:

None

- d. That the Purchasing Card bills be approved as presented, and the Treasurer be authorized to draw vouchers in the amounts indicated for the total amount of:

(1) \$23,990.72

12. REPORT FROM SOLICITOR

13. OLD BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. Buildings and Grounds/Cafeteria/: Michael Alabovitz – Chair
Transportation Pat Leonzi – Co-Chair
Shawn Hoben
Keith Krapf

1. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Cafeteria Supervisor, the Board of Education approve to hire the following Summer Cafeteria workers at their current contract rate.

Theresa Faenza
Lisa Yarnell
Catherine Pastore
Jennifer Malloy
Angela Hernandez
Donna Gott
Margaret Pascoe
Kimberly Digiglio
Susan Turturro (Substitute)

- B. Athletic and Activities: Keith Krapf – Chair
Shawn Hoben – Co-Chair
Michael Alabovitz
Marco D’Ancona

1. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director, the Board of Education approve the Athletic Salary Schedule based on the starting rate of the PVEA salary schedule.

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- C. Budget and Finance: Marco D’Ancona – Chair
Michael Alabovitz – Co-Chair
Anthony DeMarco
Pat Leonzi

1. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve to apply for the EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program for funding toward a new elementary school in the amount of \$20,000,000.

Note: The ability to fund this project is dependent upon this grant. The balance of the project would be funded by other grant applications which the district is applying, rebates, and a USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan.

2. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Manager, the Board of Education approve to apply for the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program grant in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Note: These funds would be used to fund design costs of a new elementary school.

3. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve to apply for the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Note: These funds would be used to pay for the wiring of internet, WIFI, and related devices in the proposed new elementary school. A 15% match will be required on these funds.

4. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Audit.

5. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve purchase of IXL for Math, Reading and Biology.

Note: Paid for by a grant.

6. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve the purchase of a new Math series for grades K through 5-“Go Math”.

Note: Paid for by a grant.

7. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve the settlement with Betco.

Note: This represents a refund of the costs to refinish both gym floors.

8. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Business Manager, that the Board of Education approve a motion to refund April L Fisher and Scott M Wolfe for overpayment in the amount of \$148.85 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Note: Due to revision of assessed value.

9. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Business Manager, the Board of Education approve the partnership agreement with United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley as presented.

Note: Distributed in Board Packet.

D. Education: Renee DeMelfi – Chair
Marco D’Ancona – Co-Chair
Shawn Hoben
Pat Leonzi

1. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following volunteers effective immediately for the 2023-2024 school year.

Holly Mullen
Danielle Barber
Morgan Connolly
Elise Colancecco
Michael Shook
Adrian Rubin, Jr.
Cheryl Focht
Denise Wargo

2. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the
Special Education Supervisor, the Board of Education approve to
add Teri Yurick to the list of Paraprofessionals for the 2024
Extended School Year Program at the current contract rate.

3. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the
JSHS Principal, the Board of Education approve the following
for Extra Curricular and Support Activities for the 2024-2025
school year.

Detention Monitors Sue Solt, Chrisanne Powell

Mentors Frank Karnish, Terri Williams,
Sue Solt, Chrisanne Powell

Class Advisors

Freshman	Michelle Martin, Chrisanne Powell
Sophomore	Keith Gogal, Brent Reabold
Junior	Jen Maynard, Jen Jones
Senior	Trish O’Gurek, Terri Williams

Department Heads

English	Michelle Martin
Math	Jen Maynard
Science	Chrisanne Powell
History	Josh Wank
Health & PE	John Cooper
Fine Arts	Janet Branchide
Business Ed.	Sue Solt

Student Council

JSHS	Jen Maynard, Jen Jones
JR High	Terri Williams, Hannah Mordaunt

Scholastic Scrimmage Michelle Martin, Chrisanne
Powell

Prison Ed Pauline Romanowski

8 Ace Terri Williams, Steve Reimert

Culture fest Evelyn Hydock

National Honor Society	Terri Williams
JSHS Yearbook	Josh Wank, Jen Hogeland
JR High Yearbook	Mary Imossi
JSHS Newspaper	Michelle Martin
JR High Newspaper	Terri Williams
Drama Coach	Hannah Spillman & Kim Bayer (Share Stipend)
Band Director	Nick Jaeschke
Percussion Asst.	_____
Choral Director	Nick Jaeschke
Academic Challenge 8 th Grade	Steve Reimert
FBLA	_____
JSHS Audio Visual	John Cooper
JSHS Data Coordinator	Brent Reabold
Art Club	Lauren Edsall
JSHS Computer Tech	Janine McFadden

Note: All Rates/Stipends as per the current PVEA Contract

4. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Intermediate School Principal, the Board of Education approve the following for Extra Curricular and Support Activities for the 2024-2025 school year.

Detention Monitor	Kristen Matalavage
Grade 4 Representative	Mary Beth Walker (Team Leader)
Student Leadership Advisor	Meredith Alabovitz
Mentor	Richard Evanko
Disciplinarian	Richard Evanko
Detention	Richard Evanko
Data Coordinator	Richard Evanko
Audio Visual	Joe Ogozalek
Band (Junior)	Joe Ogozalek
Team Leader (6 th grade)	Jacqui Morgans
Sixth Sense Advisor	Jacqui Morgans
Jennifer Squillace-Miller	Art Club
Jennifer Squillace-Miller	Yearbook
Computer Tech	Julie Gower
Team Leader (5 th Grade)	Ann Michelle Houser

Note: All Rates/Stipends as per the current PVEA Contract.

5. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Elementary School Principal, the Board of Education approve the following for Extra Curricular and Support Activities for the 2024-2025 school year.

Grade Level Representatives

Tina Frets
Kara Krajnak
Victoria Yazwinsky
Tori Koerbler

Computer	Kara Krajnak
Title 1 Coordinator	Amber McFadden

Note: All Rates/Stipends as per the current PVEA Contract.

6. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Special Education Director, the Board of Education approve the 2024-2027 Special Education Plan.

7. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JSHS Principal, the Board of Education set the date of graduation for May 31, 2024 at the Panther Valley Stadium.

8. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JSHS Principal, the Board of Education approve the following staff for 2024 Summer School Program at the JSHS on an as needed basis.

Keith Gogal	Michelle Martin
Chrisanne Powell	Pauline Romanowski
Bruce Millheim	Evelyn Hydock
Nancy Gardiner	Mary Kate Imossi
Patrick Crampsie	Bob MacDonald
Susan Solt	Lauren Edsall

Note: All rates as per the current PVEA contract.

E. Policy: Anthony DeMarco – Chair
Pat Leonzi – Co-Chair
Renee DeMelfi
Ryan Eidle

1. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the *Second Reading and Revision* of the following policy:

#802-School Organization

F. Personnel: Pat Leonzi – Chair
Anthony DeMarco – Co-Chair
Renee DeMelfi
Ryan Eidle

1. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the request of Mary Louise Gauronsky, to carry over 3 Vacation Days from 2023-2024 to the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the request of Terese Altomose to carry over 3 Vacation days from 2023-2024 to the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Quarterly Work Assignment as of March 31, 2024

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4. Motion by Seconded by
RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve an Uncompensated Leave for Employee #1187 effective April 18, 2024 and end on May 2, 2024.

G. Security & Safety Shawn Hoben - Chair
Ryan Eidle – Co-Chair
Renee DeMelfi
Keith Krapf

16. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Carbon Career and Technical Institute - Renee DeMelfi
Pat Leonzi – Alternate

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 - Anthony DeMarco

1. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the CLIU Facilities
Committee Plan for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Note: Distributed in Board Packet.

Legislative/PSBA Liaison - Marco D’Ancona

Reports - Building Administrators

17. REVIEW OF BOARD MEETING DATES AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15, 2024 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting

May 31, 2024 7:00 PM Graduation

June 5, 2024 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting

Note: All Regular Board Meetings and Committee Meetings will be held in the Board Room located in the Intermediate School Building next to the Administration Office unless otherwise note.

18. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

None scheduled at this time.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at _____.

Renee DeMelfi, Board Secretary