

Board Statement
December 16, 2021

The newly constituted Pleasant Valley Board of Education desires to provide the community with periodic updates surrounding its negotiations with the Pleasant Valley Education Association, the union representing the teachers of the District. As some may know, the contract between the District and the Association expired on June 30, 2021. While the contract expired on that date, the terms and conditions of the expired contract continue as is. Teachers continue to be paid and receive benefits.

In order to refocus negotiations, over the past 10 days the Board has been in contact with the Association's PSEA Uniserv Representative regarding meetings over the next several weeks and in contact with the State Mediator who has been newly assigned to negotiations.

In addition, the Board has just appointed Board Members Diane Serfass, Mike Galler, and Norm Burger as negotiating representatives for the Board. Diane, Mike, and Norm look forward to engaging the Association on a new contract.

The Board's goal is clear: enter into a contract with the Association that is sustainable considering the financial conditions of this District. In addition, the contract must be fair in that it balances the needs of the teachers along with the fiscal impact any settlement may have on our taxpayers.

Rising healthcare, pension, and charter school costs continue to put significant pressure on the District's budget. However, we look forward to working with the Association over the next several months to partner in finding a way to ensure a stable and successful future for the District.