

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Meeting**

September 12, 2013

**Board Approved September 26, 2013** Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

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The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Thomas Murphy, on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 8:02 p.m. President Murphy welcomed those present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Administration Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>School Board Attendees</b>	Thomas Murphy, President Susan Kresge, Vice President James Spinola, Treasurer	Steven Borger Russell Gould	H. Charles Hoffman Dominick Sacci
<b>Absentees</b>	Harvey Frable , MiChelle Palmer		
<b>Administration Attendees</b>	Ms. Geary, Mr. Fadule, Mr. Newman, Ms. Famularo, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Zeliznik		
<b>School Solicitor</b>	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

**1.5 Notification of Executive Session**

- Personnel – Employee issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; Negotiations; and Legal Issues

**1.6 Meeting Procedures**

President Thomas Murphy referred to the agenda that was available to everyone present and to the meeting procedures that were attached.

**1.7 Pleasant Valley Citizens**

Hope Smith, Polk Township, representing the Pleasant Valley Youth Association, voiced her proposal asking the school district and school board to consider sponsoring a district Lacrosse team. Several coaches that participate in the youth association, Eric Batstone and Toni Bush, commented on the Lacrosse program, the teams, the dedication and popularity of the sport and program. A proposal was presented to the Athletic Department for consideration.

**1.8 Other**

**2. SECRETARY’S REPORT: Ms. Linda Zeliznik, School Board Recorder**

- 2.1** Dominick Sacci motioned; seconded by Russ Gould, to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 22, 2013

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**Voice Vote Carried**

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**1. TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. James Spinola**

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Steve Borger, to approve the following items:

- 3.1** Budget Transfers
- 3.2** Accounts Payable 8/1/13-8/31/13 (Manual)
- 3.3** Accounts Payable 9/1/13-9/12/13
- 3.4** Trial Balance/Financial Statement
- 3.5** Asset Cost Summary
- 3.6** Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures-Revenues
- 3.7** Informational - Accounts Payable 8/9/13-8/22/13

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**Roll Call: 7-0 Carried Abstaining from vote on check #00204253 – S., Kresge Reason: Self Abstention Memorandum is attached**

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**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- 4.1** Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn/Mr. Gerard Geiger
- 4.2** Other

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- 5.1** Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mr. Dominick Sacci
  - o No report
- 5.2** Colonial IU #20: Mr. Thomas Murphy
  - o Last meeting held on August 21<sup>st</sup> was routine business.
- 5.3** PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

- Ms. Kresge reported that a new Executive Director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Nathan G. Mains, takes effect on September 8, 2013.
- Ms. Kresge stated that the school board will need to approve their selection for PSBA officer at the next board meeting, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The endorsed candidates are as follows:
  - William S. LaCoff, President –Elect
  - Charles H. Ballard, Vice President
  - Otto W. Voit, III, Treasurer
  - Robert M. Schwartz, At Large Representative East
- Ms. Kresge asked the board members to submit any questions to her or Ms. Geary.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/REQUESTS: Ms. Carole M. Geary**

**6.1 Enrollment**

**6.2 Policy Revisions for Approval**

Steve Borger motioned; seconded by Dominick Sacci, to approve the following policy revisions:

- A. Policy No. 930. Sponsorship in Schools
- B. Policy No. 931. Advertising in Schools

- Some discussion occurred regarding policy #930 and #931 from Mr. Spinola and Mr. Borger.
- Ms. Kresge commented that the policies are very wordy and need to be adjusted in the future.

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**Roll Call: 7-0 Carried**

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**6.3 Policy Revisions Second Reading – none**

**6.4 Policy Revisions First Reading**

- Policy No. 907 School Visitors

**7. Other**

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dominick Sacci, to approve items #7.1-#7.3 as follows:

- 7.1 PVSD Goals for 2013-14 as per the attached copy.
- 7.2 First Student contract, as amended
- 7.3 Homebound Instruction requests as listed: (*per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in 90 days*)

**Pleasant Valley Elementary School**

Student No.	Reason
HB090913GM-E	Medical, retroactive to September 9, 2013
HB091113BJ-E	Medical, retroactive to September 11, 2013

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**Roll Call: 6-1 Carried Voting ‘NO’ to item #7.2 – C. Hoffman  
7-0 Carried items #7.1 & #7.3**

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**8. Personnel and General Administration:**

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Russ Gould, to approve items #8.1 - #8.5 as follows:

**8.1 Hiring of Personnel**

The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork

A.	Name	Position	Salary	Step/Credits	Opening
	Rebecca Martini	Long-term substitute- 7th grade reading teacher at PVMS	\$40,900 Prorated	Step 1, BS	Continue in Michele Antolick’s assignment through the conclusion of the 2013-14 2nd marking period
B.	Marsha Bagosy	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate at PVHS, effective 9-25-13	\$20,331 Prorated		New
C.	Barbara Bard	Monitor, Sub Monitor, PVHS, effective 9/9/13	\$8.92/hour		Replacement for Elsa Henn
D.	Holli Capricuso-Register	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate at PVHS, effective 9/12/13	\$20,331 Prorated		New
E.	Charles Tomori	Computer	\$31,819		Replacement for Alex

### 8.2 Leaves of Absence

Leave without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during this period of leave.):

	Name	Position	Leave	Days	Dates
A.	Michele Antolick	PVMS Teacher	Child Rearing Extension		Through the conclusion of the 2nd marking period of the 2013-2014 school year
B.	Diane DiBella	PVHS Monitor	Leave Without Pay	Two (2)	September 12 and 13, 2013
C.	Diane DiBella	PVMS Part-time para- professional Associate	Leave Without Pay	Twelve (12)	August 27, 2013 through September 13, 2013
D.	Bonnie Drinkwater	Para-professional Associate	Leave Without Pay	Five (5)	September 23, 2013 – September 27, 2013
E.	Karl Rentzheimer	PVI Teacher	FMLA	Fifty (50)	October 15, 2013 through on or about January 7, 2014

### 8.3 Support Staff Transfers

The following custodians were approved for transfer, effective September 16, 2013:

- A. Leticia Trepiccione - from PVHS to PVE
- B. Diane Wicknick - from PVE to PVHS

### 8.4 Professional Staff Tenure

The following teachers have served Pleasant Valley School District for three (3) years and have been rated as satisfactory. By the provisions of the PA School Code, they are recommended for tenure:

- A. Jessica Colon
- B. Christianna Johnson
- C. Jeffrey Lazowski
- D. Patrick Murphy
- E. Lauren Travis
- F. Julie Lynn Weiss

### 8.5 Resignations

- A. Angela Frantz, PVI part-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 26, 2013.
- B. Regina King, PVI part-time cafeteria worker, effective August 27, 2013.
- C. Suzanne Relosa, substitute monitor/food service employee/paraprofessional associate, effective September 6, 2013.

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### Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

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Ms. Geary announced that tonight was Mr. Anthony Fadule's last meeting. Mr. Fadule will be retiring on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Geary thanked Mr. Fadule for his years of dedicated service.

Mr. Murphy commented that Mr. Fadule will be missed, thanked him for his years of knowledge and dedication and presented him with a plaque for his years of service.

Mr. Fadule commented that it was an honor and a privilege to serve the school district.

### 9. Professional, Support & Pupil Personnel: Christopher J. Fisher

Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve the items #9.1 - #9.5 as follows:

**9.1** Approval was granted for the following Supplemental/Non-Coaching Positions

- A. Builder's Club Advisor (Middle School): Ms. Kathy Dekmar
- B. Key Club Advisor (High School): Ms. Francesca McCutchan
- C. Asst. Stage Manager: Mr. Kenneth Palmer

**9.2** Approval was granted for the following 2013-2014 Asst. Coaching Positions

- A. Jr. High Field Hockey: Mr. Cory McKeever
- B. Varsity Girls' Basketball: Mr. Chris Jarrow

**9.3** Approval was granted for the following Fall Intramural Advisor

- A. Weight Training: Mr. Charles P. Inserra
- B. Winter: 3rd & 4th Grade Ski Club: Ms. Laura Ammermann
- C. Fall: Wrestling: Mr. Justin Micklos

**9.4** Approval was granted for the following Field Trip requests:

A.	Grade/Organization: Marching Band, Grades 9-12 Teacher(s) Involved: Mr. James DeVivo Destination: Pequannock Township High School, New Jersey Purpose: Performance Date: September 28, 2013 Cost per Student: none
B.	Grade/Organization: Marching Band, Grades 9-12 Teacher(s) Involved: Mr. James DeVivo Destination: N. Warren High School, New Jersey Purpose: Performance Date: October 5, 2013 Cost per Student: none
C.	Grade/Organization: Marching Band, Grades 9-12 Teacher(s) Involved: Mr. James DeVivo Destination: Nazareth High School Purpose: Performance Date: October 12, 2013 Cost per Student: none
D.	Grade/Organization: Marching Band, Grades 9-12 Teacher(s) Involved: Mr. James DeVivo Destination: Kutztown University Purpose: Performance Date: Performance Cost per Student: none
E.	Grade/Organization: GAPP (German Student Exchange Program) Teacher(s) Involved: Ms. Miranda Ford Destination: Lancaster, PA Purpose: PA Dutch and Amish Culture and History Date: October 2, 2013 Cost per Student: cost of individual lunch

**9.5** Approval was granted for the following Facility Use requests:

A.	Organization: Pleasant Valley Tornados Facility Requested: High School Gyms Purpose: Indoor softball practice Dates/Times: Sundays, December 1 thru March 23, 2014, 1:00-3:45 pm Requestor: Mr. Todd Umland Attendance: 40 Tuition: N/A Fee by District: Class 3, All appropriate fees apply
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<p>B. Organization: American Cancer Society  Facility Requested: Middle School Cafeteria  Purpose: Monthly Meetings  Dates/Times: Wednesdays, September 2013 thru May 2014, 5:30-8:00 pm  Requestor: Mr. Michael Hurley  Attendance: 20-25  Tuition: N/A  Fee by District: Class 3 - All appropriate fees apply</p>
<p>C. Organization: PV Bruins Youth Wrestling  Facility Requested: Middle school wrestling room, boys' &amp; girls' locker rooms, cafeteria  Purpose: Practice and matches  Dates/Times: Monday-Friday, October 2013 thru May 2014, 6:00-9:00 pm  Requestor: Ms. Jennifer Maslanek  Attendance: 75-100  Tuition: N/A  Fee by District: Class 3 - All appropriate fees apply</p>

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**Roll Call: 7-0 Carried**

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**9.6 Informational - District Events –**

**10. Curriculum/Staff Development: Mr. Kenneth Newman**

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Dominic Sacci, to approve items #10.1 - #10.2 as follows:

- 10.1** Approval was granted to discard textbooks from PVI per the attached
- 10.2** Approval was granted for the purchase of new math and reading materials in the amount of \$25,830.95 to be paid through ABG funds.

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**Roll Call: 7-0 Carried on item #10.1  
6-1 Carried on item #10.2 Voting 'NO' – J. Spinola**

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**11. Building Reports - No reports**

- 11.1** Polk Elementary School
- 11.2** Pleasant Valley Elementary School
- 11.3** Pleasant Valley Intermediate School
- 11.4** Pleasant Valley Middle School
- 11.5** Pleasant Valley High School

**12. Business Management**

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Charles Hoffman, to approve item #12.1, A-K as follows:

- 12.1** Approval was granted for the following contracts:
- A. Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. Cost: \$21,000, Drug and Alcohol Prevention/Intervention Services. This agreement shall be in effect from September 30, 2013 to May 30, 2014.
  - B. Chesapeake AED Services LLC Sales Agreement. Cost: \$3,832, Purchase 2 AED's and carrying case.
  - C. The Graham Academy. Cost: \$140/day for classroom instruction. Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy \$100 per hour. Effective August 26, 2013 and expires June 30, 2014.
  - D. Mixed Bag Designs. Fundraiser for PVHS Leo Club. Effective start date August 8, 2013 end date September 30, 2013.
  - E. Little Caesars Fundraising Program. Fundraiser for Pleasant Valley Intermediate School. Effective September 16, 2013 through October 17, 2013.
  - F. Approval for participation in the Northampton/Monroe/Pike County Joint Purchasing Board for the 2014-2015 school year:  
Diesel and Fuel Oil  
Paper and Janitorial Paper Supplies
  - G. Music Theatre International. Cost: \$2,580. License for the production of "Annie", three (3) Performance rights, rental package, additional month rental, security fee, additional rental - rehearse score.
  - H. Grosh Backdrops and Drapery. Cost: \$545.50. Backdrop - Garden with fountain, shipping and handling, damage waiver.
  - I. Playscripts, Inc. Cost: \$363.97. Production of "Pride and Prejudice", three (3) performance rights, standard edition scripts, shipping and handling.

- J. Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 Special Education contract for the 2013-2014 school year. Costs for special education services are estimated to be \$1,629,389.87. The final reconciliation of the charges is to be made by August 2014.
- K. Darnall Fundraising, Inc. Fundraiser for Music Honor Society at Pleasant Valley High School. Fruit snack sale to be held September 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

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**Roll Call: 7-0 Carried**

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**12.2 Informational**

**13. SOLICITOR – Mr. Daniel Corveleyn/Mr. Gerard Geiger**

No report

**14. PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

- Mr. Spinola commented on HR #76 bill which will move property taxes to a Sales and Income Tax. He urged all Pleasant Valley community members to review the bill and see how it will affect your situation as a resident.
- Mr. Spinola commented on a misconduct incident that occurred after a board meeting
- Mr. Spinola motioned for the Board to sanction Mr. Harvey Frable for his action. The motion died due to a lack of second.
- Mr. Spinola commented on that he presented to Dr. Arnold with three policy revisions for consideration; Public Participation at meetings, Board Member Attendance and Personnel Issues. He asked what the progress was of his request. Ms. Geary stated that she has the drafts, but not had the time to look at them yet, but will review in the near future.
- Ms. Kresge referred to Mr. Spinola comments on a misconduct incident and stated that perhaps the board should consider signing a code of conduct.

**15. PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS**

- Lorri Kajetzke, Chestnuthill Township, voiced her opinion regarding the proposal for a district sponsored Lacrosse team stating she is in favor of the proposal.
- Donna Steo, Chestnuthill, voiced her opinion regarding the proposal for a district sponsored Lacrosse team stating she is in favor of the proposal.
- Ilyia Picca, Chestnuthill Township, voiced her opinion regarding the proposal for a district sponsored Lacrosse team stating she is in favor of the proposal.

**16. OTHER**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Murphy asked for a motion to adjourn.

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 PM.

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**Voice Vote Unanimously Carried**

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*Respectfully submitted,*

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next School Board Meeting:**

**Date: September 26, 2013**

**Time: 8:00 P.M.**

**Location: PVSD District Administration Offices**