

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting

January 9, 2014

Board Approved January 23, 2014 Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Russ Gould, on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 8:02 p.m. President Gould 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

School Board	Russell Gould, President	Susan Kresge	Robert Serfass
Attendees	Steve Borger, Vice President	Linda Micklos	Dan Wunder
	H. Charles Hoffman, Treasurer	Len Peters	
Absentees	Dominick Sacci		
Administration	Ms. Geary, Mr. Newman, Ms. Famularo, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann,		
Attendees	Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. Gress		
School Solicitor	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

1.5 Notification of Executive Session

- December 19, 2013 following the meeting for the purpose of personnel, negotiations, and legal issues.
- January 9, 2014 for the purpose of personnel, negotiations, and legal issues.

1.6 Meeting Procedures

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

1.7 Pleasant Valley Citizens - None

1.8 Other

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

2.1 Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Bob Serfass, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 as per the attached copy:

Voice Vote Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. H. Charles Hoffman

Susan Kresge motioned, seconded by Linda Micklos, to approve the items #3.1 - #3.6 per the attached copies:

- 3.1** For Approval - Accounts Payable 12/20/13 through 12/31/13
 - 3.2** For Approval - Accounts Payable (Manual Checks) 12/01/13 through 12/31/13
 - 3.3** For Approval - Accounts Payable 01/01/14 through 01/09/14
 - 3.4** Trial Balance/Financial Statement
 - 3.5** Asset Cost Summary
 - 3.6** Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures-Revenues
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Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

- 3.7** Informational - Accounts Payable Approved 12-19-13

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn/Mr. Gerard Geiger – No Report

4.2 Other

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mr. Dominick Sacci – No report. Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, January 20th.

5.2 Colonial IU #20: Mr. Daniel Wunder – No report. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 22nd. Mr. Wunder stated he received some public relations brochures from Ms. Brennan and will leave them for anyone who wishes to review them.

5.3 PSBA Legislative Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge – No report

6. SUPERINTENDENT-REPORT/REQUESTS: Ms. Carole Geary

6.1 Policy Revisions - First Reading

- Policy 913. Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- Policy 405. Employment of Substitute Professional Employees

6.2 For Approval - Homebound Instruction

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve the homebound instruction (per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in 90 days)

Student No.	Reason
HB121313VD-M	Medical, retroactive to December 13, 2013
HB010714WE-I	Medical, retroactive to January 7, 2014

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

6.3 Draft of 2014-15 School Year Calendar

Ms. Geary referred to the draft copy of the 2014-15 school calendar. She asked the school board members to review the draft and if there are any questions to address them before the next meeting.

6.4 Informational - Survey of Substitute Rates

Discussion occurred regarding the chart of IU20 school districts and surrounding areas schools rates for substitute teachers and other staff. Concerns were surrounding the issue of obtaining substitute teachers when needed and the competition by the surrounding districts. Mr. Gould, Mr. Peeters and Ms. Kresge all had concerns and asked for some extra information to help with the decision making process.

6.5 MCTI: Request

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dan Wunder, to approve Mr. Bill Gethen as Monroe Career & Technical Institute Authority Member whose term will expire in December of 2018

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

7. OTHER

8. HUMAN RESOURCES – Mr. Chris Fisher

Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Bob Serfass, to approve items #8.1 - #8.4 as follows:

8.1 For Approval - Hiring of Personnel

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP/CREDITS	OPENING
1. Kim Economy	Substitute Teacher- Special Education/Homebound	As per Board policy	

*2. Carol Staats	Long-term Substitute Teacher	BS, Step 1 - Salary=\$40,900 Prorated	PVE - Kelly McElmoyle, effective Feb. 11, 2014
*3. David Weidner	Substitute Teacher - Art/Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
*4. Gabriel White	Substitute Monitor	As per Board policy	

8.2 For Approval - Leaves of Absence

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

NAME	LEAVE	DAYS	DATES
1. Barbara Bard	Leave without pay	One (1)	Dec. 10, 2013
2. Terry Heck	Extension of Family & Medical Leave		Jan. 2, 2014 through Feb. 28, 2014
3. Carol Patterson	Leave without pay	One (1)	Feb. 19, 2014
4. Elizabeth Pontrelli	Leave without pay	One (1)	Dec. 16, 2013
5. Aileen Reid	Leave without pay	One (1)	Dec. 19, 2013
*6. Kelly McElmoyle	Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave of Absence		March 4, 2014 through the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year
*7. Elvin Mercado	Family & Medical Leave	Thirty (30)	Dec. 17, 2013 through Feb. 2, 2014
*8. Mary Ellen Perloni	Leave Without Pay	Three (3)	Jan. 22, 23 and 24, 2014
*9. Mary Jane Piersa	Extension of Family & Medical Leave		Jan. 2, 2014 through March 6, 2014
*10 Renee Tough	Family & Medical Leave - Intermittent	Six (6)	Dec. 5, 6, 12, 16, 19, 2013 and Jan. 2, 2014

8.3 For Approval - Resignations

Approval was granted to accept the letters of resignation from the following employees:

1. Nicole Cohen, PVI part-time paraprofessional associate, effective January 23, 2014.
 2. Rebecca Martini, from the position of PVMS long-term substitute teacher, effective December 20, 2013
 3. Zaida Polanco, PVMS part-time paraprofessional associate, effective December 20, 2013.
 4. Ann Quinn-May, PVE part-time paraprofessional associate, effective January 9, 2014.
- Ms. Quinn-May wishes to remain on the substitute teacher and paraprofessional associate list.

8.4 For Approval - Return to Work

Approval was granted for the return to work of Ms. Michele Antolick, Middle School teacher, from child rearing leave, on Monday, January 13, 2014.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

9. PROFESSIONAL, SUPPORT & PUPIL PERSONNEL: Mr. Christopher J. Fisher – No report
9.1 Informational - District Events

10. CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Kenneth Newman

10.1 For Approval - High School Program of Studies 2014-15

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Charles Hoffman, to approve the PVHS Program of Studies for 2014-15.

- Mr. Borger had some concerns over the Physical Education/Health Education course length.
- Mr. Peeters asked how many students take the Business courses.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

11. BUILDING REPORTS - No reports

12. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Ms. Susan Famularo

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Len Peeters, to approve item #12.1 as follows:

12.1 For Approval - Contracts

A. Approval was granted for participation in the Department of General Services Costars Contract for sodium chloride (road salt) for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

14. PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS - None

15. PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS - None

16. OTHER

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Bob Serfass, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 PM.

Voice Vote Unanimously Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary _____

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder _____

Next School Board Meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2014

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: PVSD District Administration Offices
