

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting

February 27, 2014

Board Approved March 13, 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, February 27, 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 Attendees	Russell Gould, President Steve Borger, Vice President H. Charles Hoffman, Treasurer	Susan Kresge Linda Micklos Len Peeters	Dominick Sacci Robert Serfass Dan Wunder
Absentees	None		
Administration Attendees	Ms. Geary, Mr. Newman, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. Gress, Mr. Hines, Ms. Malligo, Mr. Seiler, Mr. VanNortwick, Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Krebs, Mr. Pomposello, Ms. Greer		
School Solicitor	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

1.5 Notification of Executive Session

Personnel –Issues

- January 30, 2014 Personnel issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; legal issues
- February 10, 2014 Personnel issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; legal issues
- February 27, 2014 Personnel issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; negotiations; 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 Good News : PVE

Mr. Krebs, Mr. Pomposello and Ms. Rudawski stated that the art works decorating the board room are samples that have been collected from the students at PVE. Many PVE staff was present to show their support of school unity. A video was shown on PVE's interpretation of school unity. The video called 'Happy' featured the students and staff at PVE.

1.8 Pleasant Valley Citizens - None

1.9 Other

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

2.1 Dominick Sacci motioned; seconded by Bob Serfass, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2014. Ms. Micklos asked if the board minutes could be amended to reflect more conversation in item #6.6.

- Ms. Kresge asked Mr. Corveleyn to look into what needs to be put into our minutes. She suggested that large discussions do not need to be part of the minutes and we need to decide which way we go to be uniform. Mr. Corveleyn stated that only the action items and the vote need to be part of the minutes. Mr. Gould stated he would like to see more discussion added.

Approval will reflect an amended copy as attached:

Voice Vote Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Charles Hoffman

Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Dan Wunder, to approve the items #3.1 - #3.7 as per the attached copies:

- 3.1** Accounts Payable - 1-1-14 to 1-31-14 (Manual Checks)
- 3.2** Accounts Payable - 2-1-14 to 2-13-14
- 3.3** Accounts Payable - 2-14-14 to 2-27-14
- 3.4** Trial Balance/Financial Statement 1-3-14
- 3.5** Asset Cost Summary

Roll Call: 9-0-2 Carried

Abstaining from vote on check #00205899	S. Kresge	Reason: Self
Abstaining from vote on check #00206039	L. Micklos	Reason: Relative
Abstention Memorandums are attached		

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn/Mr. Gerard Geiger - None

4.2 Other

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Mr. Dominick Sacci

Mr. Sacci reported:

- The last meeting of the MCTI Joint Operating Committee was held on Monday, February 17, 2014.
- Student Representative, Ms., Miah Brooks reported that on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, seventy-five students from MCTI traveled to Allentown for the SkillsUSA District 11 Championships. Students from Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Upper Bucks counties concluded fifty-seven competitions over a four-hour span. All first place winners will go on to compete at the Pennsylvania SkillsUSA Championships on April 9-11 in Hershey, PA. Ms. Brooks thanked Mr. Johnson, Mr. Coyle and Ms. Geary for attending the competitions.
- Mr. Lazarchak detailed that the attendance initiative started at the beginning of November. Each classroom has been given goal poster that is updated monthly. As of January 31st the school wide attendance is at 92.81%, the goal is 92%. The weather has greatly impacted attendance. Michell Bisbing notified MCTI on January 28th that grant applications through DCNR have been tabled because they need time to review all applications submitted. We anticipate that March 20th is the day that we may hear something.
- Dr. Shegelski reported that MCTI receives approximately \$360,000 annually from the Perkins Grant. One of the requirements is to form a Perkins Planning Committee. Merlyn Clark from the JOC joined the committee and the JOC approved the committee to move forward.
- Mrs. Carmella-Beers updated us on the Meet & Greets through all of the sending schools. The students have a 5-10 minute personal meeting to discuss their questions, clarify program requests, probe about career choices, and set up visitations. Parents can then provide/request additional information.
- Mr. Dorshimer advised that the review of vendors for document management solution had be completed. The JOC approved the contract for the IU20 to complete the project for the file back conversion of approximately 650,000 documents.
- Mrs. Sitroon amended her last report to say that 19,800 citizens in Monroe County did not have a high school diploma or the GED equivalent. The adult GED program will have its 2 year audit.
- Mr. Johnson requested that members from all of the sending districts join a committee to move the talks about the potential establishment of a Comprehensive Program at MCTI. The committee was formed and we will be updated on their progress accordingly.

- ✓ Ms. Kresge asked Mr. Sacci if he planned on reporting on the budget. She asked if Ms. Geary had received a copy of the MCTI budget. Ms. Geary stated she did not but once she does she will send a copy to each board member. Ms. Geary stated that MCTI is scheduled to attend our next board meeting. Ms. Geary asked the school board members if they need them to come. A unanimous decision was not to have them come since there is no increase for Pleasant Valley.

5.2 Colonial IU #20: Mr. Dan Wunder

Mr. Wunder distributed a copy to each board member and reported the following:

- The IU 20 Board of Director's Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26 was largely routine. The actions taken addressed accepting resignations, approving changes to job status, addressing a grievance issue, hiring, approving leaves of absence, appointments and other changes to job status for a number of employees.
- Of particular note are the following:
 - The board authorized permission to solicit quotes from PA contract vendors for six (6) passenger vans (\$30,000/van estimate) and six (6) mid-size vehicles (\$18,000 vehicle estimate) for the job coaches to transport students. Some of the current vehicles in use are showing signs of frequent disrepair and incurring increasing maintenance costs.

- Specific to **Pleasant Valley**, the Board approved the job change status of Patricia Radenhausen from Full-time Associate Teacher (1:1) to Classroom Associate Teacher in the **Pleasant Valley Elementary School** effective February 18, 2014.
- Dr. Brennen presented the full Board with an overview of the Intermediate System in Pennsylvania and IU 20 in particular. It was well received. Board members asked her to forward the presentation to us so that we could share it with our local Boards of Education.
- Mr. Wunder stated that he was very impressed with the IU and how expansive the unit is. IU20 is the 7th largest IU in the state in terms of area and population without counting Philadelphia.
- Mr. Wunder distributed:
 - Invitations for each PV Board member to the *2014 Excellence in Education Awards and Annual Merit Scholar Recognition Ceremony*. An RSVP is requested by April 10, 2014.
 - A copy of the current **Your Investment at Work**.

5.3 PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge reported:

- Received a proposed resolution on the funding formula for basic education that PSBA has asked boards to review for possible approval. A copy will be given to Ms. Geary for review.
- The Senate and House are adjourned until March 10th
- Appropriations budget hearings are going on now. PSERs and SERS representatives are discussing the challenges facing the two systems and Governor Corbett's proposed 2014-2015 budget concerns.
- Some concerns are that the Governor wants to take money from the Tobacco Settlement fund and put it into PSERS.
- Ms. Kresge stated that PDE has stated that we could use our hours to meet instructional time and asked Ms. Geary if that is what we do. Ms. Geary stated that she has reviewed how the state requires this and both items must be met. The 180 days of instructional days and 990 instructional hours for secondary students and 900 hours for elementary which need to be completed by June 30th. If a district cannot meet this by June 30th, you can apply for Act 80 time which must be done by July 31st. Ms. Geary stated right now our last day of school is June 18th.

5.4 Student Government President – Stephanie Palmer

Ms. Palmer reported:

- From all seniors again, please no more snow and snow days. Seniors are looking forward to graduation...
- Thank you to all students and staff who contributed in a day of Giving Life to benefit the Donate Life Organ Donor Organization. A total of \$1,800 was raised.
- A Winter Spirit Week took place on February 6 and 7. Blue and White day and Era day along with a Winter Pep Assembly was held to recognize students who participated in winter sports and activities. Several students also talked to the student body how the HOPE program has helped them in their lives.
- On Friday, February 7, over 50 High School Athletes visited PVI and talked with students individual homerooms about role models, being positive and involved. What a great day. Thank you to Mr. Van Nortwick and his staff at PVI.
- The High School SAFE team sponsored a 9th grade Anti-Bullying and Positive Attitude Assembly on Wednesday, February 12. The assembly was well planned and presented by the members of the SAFE Team.
- The cast, crew and staff are actively preparing for the March 28, 29, 30 performance of the musical "Annie."
- The senior class sponsored a Prom Fashion show this past Friday at the high school. Everyone did a great job in preparing for the event, which was a huge success.
- Congratulations to the Girls Relay Team for qualifying for indoor Field and Track state competition being held this Saturday, March 1st at Penn State University.
- FBLA is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at the High School on February 28.
- A reminder that parent teacher conferences are scheduled on March 12 from 5:00-8:30 pm.

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

6.1 Enrollment

Ms. Geary referred to the enrollment report included in the agenda and stated that we are down 25 students from last month.

6.2 Policy Revisions

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dan Wunder, to approve the approval of the following policies:

1. Policy No. 913. Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
2. Policy No. 405. Employment of Substitute Professional Employees

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

6.3 Policy Revisions - Second Reading

Policy No. 439.1. Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave

6.4 Policy Revisions - First Reading

Policy No. 121. Field Trips

6.5 Expulsion Agreement

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dominick Sacci, to approve the following Expulsion Agreements:

- Agreement for Expulsion #E012814LC-H
- Agreement for Expulsion #E022414SM-H

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

6.6 Homebound Instruction

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

Student No.	Reason
HB012114LC-M	Continuation of medical retroactive to January 21, 2014
HB012414FA-H	Medical, retroactive to January 24, 2014
HB012114HJ-H	Medical, retroactive to January 21, 2014
HB011614MA-H	Medical, retroactive to January 16, 2014
HB012414PJ-H	Medical, retroactive to January 24, 2014
HB012914DM-H	Medical, retroactive to January 29, 2014
HB012914BK-H	Medical, retroactive to January 29, 2014
HB020314LJ-H	Medical, retroactive to February 3, 2014
HB020314MK-H	Medical, retroactive to February 3, 2014
HB020614QE-H	Medical, retroactive to February 6, 2014
HB020714FV-H	Medical, retroactive to February 7, 2014

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

6.7 2013-14 Calendar Revision

Dominick Sacci motioned; seconded by Len Peeters, to approve the following changes in the 2013-14 school year calendar to provide snow make-up days: School in session on February 17, 2014 and April 17, 2014. April 16, 2014 will be a full day of school and April 17, 2014 will be an early dismissal.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

7. Other

- Ms. Geary stated that the Night of Unity was held on Tuesday, February 25th with much success. She thanked Mr. Newman and his secretary Ms. McCutchan and the members of the Diversity Task Force for organizing the event.
- Ms. Geary stated that at that event, can goods and nonperishable items were collect. PVE's goal to collect can goods to stock the shelves of the Pleasant Valley Economical Network resulted in over 6,000 items donation. She stated she is very proud of the community, student and parents who support the needy people of our community.
- Ms. Geary announced that Mr. Newman is working on the Strategic Plan with parents, staff, students and community members. She thanked everyone who is involved and for sharing the great things that are happening here at Pleasant Valley.
- Ms. Geary stated that last month's dress down day fundraiser raised \$1,094 for Family Promise.

8. Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Fisher

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by Len Peeters, to approve items #8.1 - #9.6 with the addition of item #9.7 and #9.8 as follows:

8.1 Hiring of Personnel

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP/ CREDITS	OPENING
1. Marissa Andrews	Substitute Paraprofessional Substitute Teacher-Elementary-Mid-level Mathematics	As per Board policy	

2. Fannie Boeman	Substitute Teacher-Elementary/Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
3. Deena Boyne	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
4. Curtis Frantz	Temporary Custodian	As per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement	PVI, replacement position for Tom Krock, effective February 17, 2014
5. Maria Martins	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
6. Ashley Newton	Substitute Teacher-Elementary/Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
7. Linda Moyer	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate-Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$20,331 Prorated	PVE, replacement position, effective February 17, 2014
8. Wendy Sheeran	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate-Substitute Paraprofessional Associate/Teacher-English	\$20,331 Prorated	PVMS replacement position, effective March 7, 2014
9. Harry Laughlin	Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
10. Melanie Mostkiewicz	Substitute Monitor/Food Service Employee/Secretary	As per Board policy	
11. Megan Cameron	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate/Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$20,331 Prorated	PVI replacement position, effective March 3, 2014
12.	WITHDRAWN		
13. Theresa Dinunzi	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate/Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$20,331 Prorated	PVI replacement position, effective March 14, 2014
14. Krystle Meglio	Substitute Teacher - Elementary/Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
15. Melanie Mostkiewicz	Substitute Monitor/Food Service Employee/Secretary	As per Board policy	
16. Heather Mostosky	Substitute Teacher - Elementary	As per Board policy	
17. Barbara Nuss	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate	\$20,331 Prorated	PVI replacement position, effective February 28, 2014
18. Adam Smith	Substitute Teacher - Social Studies/Paraprofessional Associate	As per Board policy	
19. Amy Kosyik	Part-time Paraprofessional Associate	\$20,331 Prorated	PVI replacement position, effective February 28, 2014

8.2 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. Annamarie Bauer	Leave without pay	Two (2)	January 17 and 21, 2014
2. Hillary Bond	Leave without pay	Two (2)	April 3 and 4, 2014
3. Christie Borger	Child Rearing Leave		On or about February 2, 2014 through the conclusion of the 3rd marking period
4. Kristina Bowerman	Child Rearing Leave-Extension		Through the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year
5.	WITHDRAWN		
6. Patricia Cambria	Family & Medical Leave	Approximately Forty-five (45)	December 11, 2013 through on or about March 18, 2014
7. Gail Cooper	Leave without pay	One (1)	January 24, 2014

8. Robin Costenbader	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 10, 2014
9. Deanna DeFluri	Leave without pay	Twenty-two (22)	February 27, 2014 through approximately March 28, 2014
10. Rosemary Denis	Leave without pay	One-half (.5)	January 21, 2014
11. Bonnie Drinkwater	Leave without pay	Ten (10)	March 24 through 31 and April 1 through 4, 2014
12. Brigitte Endrulat	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 7, 2014
13. Christine Fiorentino	Leave without pay	Twenty-three and one-half (23.5)	January 14, 2014 (.5 days); January 15, 2014 and January 22, 2014 through February 19, 2014
14. Annemarie Gorman	Leave without pay	Two and one-half (2.5)	January 31, 2014 (.5); February 4 and 6, 2014
15. William Gouger	Leave without pay	Three (3)	January 15, 16 and 17, 2014
16. Pamela Joseph	Leave without pay	One (1)	January 21, 2014
17. Denise Linkhorst	Family & Medical Leave	Four (4)	February 10 through February 19, 2014
18. Theresa Lusardi	Leave without pay	Five (5)	March 31, 2014 through April 4, 2014
19. MaryEllen Perloni	Leave without pay	One (1)	January 29, 2014
20. Evan Reese	Family & Medical Leave	Twenty-one (21)	February 20, 2014 through on or about March 20, 2014
21.	WITHDRAWN		
22. Helen Sabo	Family and Medical Leave	Thirty (30)	February 10, 2014 through March 21, 2014
23. Mercedes Samson	Leave without pay	Twenty-eight (28) Hours	January 18, 2014, February 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12, 2014
24. Alison Sizemore	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 4, 2014
25. Romaine Streit	Intermittent Family and Medical Leave	Five and one-half (5.5)	January 10 through January 21, 2014.
26. Kathy Suarez	Family and Medical Leave	Five (5)	February 26, 2014 through March 4, 2014
27. Laurie Wenrich	Leave without pay	One (1)	January 13, 2014
28. Donna Yozwiak	Intermittent Family and Medical Leave	Four (4)	January 14, 15, 28 and February 11, 2014
29. Colleen Clark	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 13, 2014
30. Alexandria Gibb-Lucas	Family and Medical Leave	Twenty-six (26)	February 4, 2014 through March 17, 2014
31. Mercedes Samson	Leave without pay	Eleven (11) hours	February 19 and 22, 2014
32. Richard Williams	Leave without pay	Seven (7)	Jan 31, 2014, Feb 4, 6, 7, 10, 11,12, 2014
33. Christine Zerilli	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 28, 2014

8.3 Resignations

1. Marlene Briglio, PVI part-time paraprofessional associate, effective February 14, 2014.
2. Lorie Rehrig, Polk Elementary School part-time paraprofessional associate, effective February 14, 2014.
3. Karen Jetty, PVMS part-time paraprofessional associate, effective March 11, 2014

8.4 Retirements

	NAME (Effective the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year)
1.	Laura Constable
2.	April Rechenberger
3.	Karen Koberlein
4.	Ruby Solt

5.	Frank Tatusko
6.	Pat Woginrich
7.	Jean Transue
8.	Carol Miller
9.	Florence Weiss
10.	Sandy Bartashunas
11.	Ginny Frost
12.	Donna Yozwiak
13.	Joanne Fisher
14.	Joanne Cole
15.	Anita Borger
16.	Kim Werley
17.	Julie Weiss
18.	Hillary Bond
19.	Patricia Gosselin

8.5 Transfers

NAME	FROM	TO
Jennifer Ansbach	PVI Paraprofessional Associate	PVI Long-term substitute special education teacher. BS, Step 1, Salary=\$40,900, prorated. (Replacement position for Lila Metz effective February 17, 2014 through the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.)
Joshua Krebs	PVE Principal	Mathematics Supervisor, effective July 1, 2014

8.6 Affiliation Agreement

Approval was granted for the Affiliation Agreement between Misericordia University and the Pleasant Valley School District, effective January 22, 2014 for a period not to exceed five (5) years for Field, Student Teaching, Professional Development School (PDS Students), Interns and Student Observers.

9. PROFESSIONAL, SUPPORT & PUPIL PERSONNEL: Mr. Christopher J. Fisher

9.1 Resignation

- A. JV Softball Assistant Coach: Mr. Thomas J. Murphy, Jr.

9.2 Spring Assistant Coaching Positions

- A. JV Baseball: Mr. Joe Anderton
- B. Varsity Track & Field: Mr. David Bieber
- C. JV Softball: Mr. Dave Stefani

9.3 Intramural Advisors

- A. Boys' Basketball: Mr. Ken Piontkowski
- B. Boys' Basketball: Mr. Tony Chupa
- C. Boys' Basketball: Mr. Robert Madsen

9.4 Spring Volunteer Coaching Positions

- A. Softball: Ms. Denise Hopely
- B. Softball: Mr. Brad Steckel
- C. Track: Ms. Nikol Matsko Hahn

9.5 Establishment of Lacrosse

Approval was granted to establish a Boys' and a Girls' Lacrosse program.

Year 1 2014 - 2015 - JV

Boys' Lacrosse (Total 2 coaches)

Girls' Lacrosse (Total 2 coaches)

Year 2 2015 - 2016 and beyond - Varsity and JV

Boys' Lacrosse (Total 3 coaches)

Girls' Lacrosse (Total 3 coaches)

9.6 Facility Use Requests

A. Organization	Pocono Cup Soccer	
Facility Requested	Soccer Fields & Elementary Soccer Fields	

Purpose	Soccer Tournament	
Dates/Times	Saturdays and Sundays May 24 and 25, 2014; July 19 & 20, 2014	6:00 am to 8:00 pm
Requestor	Mike Mugavero	
Attendance	200	
Tuition	N/A	
Fee by District	Class 3 - All appropriate fees apply	
B. Organization	First Strides, Ready Set Run	
Facility Requested	Outside areas/track area at Brodheads ville Campus	
Purpose	Running/walking program	
Dates/Times	Tuesdays, beginning March 18, 2014 to June 3, 2014	10:00 am-5:00 pm
Requestor	Tricia D'Imperio	
Attendance	100	
Tuition	N/A	
Fee by District	Lease Agreement	
C. Organization	Girls on the Run	
Facility Requested	PVI outside area/any indoor area for inclement weather	
Purpose	Running education	
Dates/Times	Mondays and Wednesdays March 10, 2014 through May 21, 2014	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Requestor	Dolores Everett	
Attendance	20	
Tuition	\$10.00-\$125.00 (sliding scale)	
Fee by District	Class 3A - All appropriate fees apply	
D. Organization	Monroe County Bowling Association	
Facility Requested	Middle School Cafeteria	
Purpose	Meeting	
Dates/Times	March 22, 2014	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Requester	Sue Kresge	
Attendance	25	
Tuition	N/A	
Fee by District	Class 3 - All appropriate fees apply	
E. Organization	PV Ballerz	
Facility Requested	High School New Gym	
Purpose	AAU Basketball tryouts and practice	
Dates/Times	Saturday and Sunday March 8 and 9, 2014 Try outs	9:00 am-5:00 pm
	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays March 10, 2014 to June 30, 2014,	6:30 – 9:30pm
Requestor	Pernell Hosier	
Attendance	50	
Tuition	N/A	
Fee by District	Class 3, All appropriate fees apply	
F. Organization	Mad Science of Lehigh Valley	
Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary music rooms	
Purpose	Mad Science Summer Camp	
Dates/Times	Monday through Thursday June 23-June 26, 2014	9:00 am-12:00 pm
	August 4-August 7, 2014	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Requestor	Donna Petterson	
Attendance	25	
Tuition	\$125.00/person	
Fee by District	Class 4, All appropriate fees apply	
G. Organization	American Cancer Society	
Facility Requested	High School Stadium, Gym, Concession Stand	
Purpose	Relay for Life	
Dates/Times	Thursday-Sunday, May 29 through June 1, 2014 (24 hours)	
Requestor	Mike Hurley	
Attendance	400-500	
Tuition	N/A	
Fee by District	Class 3, All appropriate fees apply	
H. Organization	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	

Facility Requested	High School and Middle School (outside grounds)	
Purpose	5K Great Strides Walk	
Dates/Times	Saturday, May 31, 2014	700 am-100 pm
Requestor	Mary Ann Sofronie	
Attendance	150	
Tuition	N/A	
Fee by District	Class 3, All appropriate fees apply	

9.7 Contract Approval

EnerNoc Corporation. This is a 5-year agreement to participate in the PJM Demand Response energy program at no cost to the district. The program could generate revenue in excess of \$30,000 per year.

9.8 Memorandum of Understanding

Effective the 2013-2014 school year Article IV, Item 4.B. Salaries, shall be modified to state that any Paraprofessional Associate (PPA) hired after the 97th PPA workday shall be permitted to elect whether that PPA desires the district to calculate his/her salary based on 12-month distribution or distribution from the date of employment for the remainder of the school year.

- Ms. Micklos stated that she is not questioning the Leaves but noticed that some are for days and others for hours; she asked if this is something new. Mr. Fisher replied that we are following the federal family medical leave law and it is not new.
- Ms. Kresge announced that she would be voting no to item #9.5 which is the approval of a new Lacrosse program and read a statement explaining her reasons which included; low enrollment now and in the far future; challenges with joining a new athletic conference this next school year; the need to focus on present athletic programs to be successful in the new conference; the new programs will result in a yearly budget increase; currently 9 out of the 12 LV conference teams have a Lacrosse team but none of the MV conference teams do. She also commented on the budget for 14-15 and lack of federal funding and possible mileage increase. She stated she would have preferred the board wait a few years and then reevaluate the program.
- Mr. Wunder stated that amongst the 19 staff retiring, he personally worked with 11 of them and commented that we are losing some outstanding personnel.
- Mr. Borger questioned the dates on some of the facility usage requests, especially #9.6-E and using our facilities during the month of March. Mr. Fisher stated that the organizations understand that the district events come first; we have everything covered using indoor areas.
- Mr. Borger echoed Mr. Wunder on losing some outstanding staff with the retirements.

**Roll Call: 8-1 Carried on item #9.5 Voting 'NO': S. Kresge
9-0 Carried on items #8.1 – #9.4, #9-6 - #9.8**

9.9 Informational - Field Trips

A. Grade/Organization	Band, Grades 9-12
Teacher(s) Involved	Mr. James DeVivo
Destination of Trip	Jim Thorpe High School
Purpose of Trip	Annual Carbon County Band Festival
Date of Trip	February 18 and 19, 20, 2014
District Buses Needed	yes
Cost per Student	none
B. Grade/Organization	6th Sense Competition, Grade 6
Teacher(s) Involved	Ms. Nadia Gauronsky
Destination of Trip	Panther Valley High School
Purpose of Trip	6th Sense Competition
Date of Trip	April 24 and 25, 2014
District Buses Needed	yes
Cost per Student	None
C. Grade/Organization	Chorus, grades 9-12
Teacher(s) Involved	Ms. Lois Mann
Destination of Trip	Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes Barre
Purpose of Trip	Perform National Anthem for hockey game
Date of Trip	April 4, 2014
District Buses Needed	yes
Cost per Student	\$19.00
D. Grade/Organization	Science Olympiad, grade 12
Teacher(s) Involved	Ms. Shannon Mackes and Mr. Patrick Murphy
Destination of Trip	Cedar Crest College, Allentown
Purpose of Trip	Compete in Biology Olympics

Date of Trip	April 11, 2014
District Buses Needed	yes
Cost per Student	none

9.10 Informational - Cafeteria Participation Report

9.11 Informational - District Events List ~ February 28 - March 13, 2014

10. Curriculum/Staff Development: Mr. Kenneth Newman

Dominick Sacci motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve items #10.1 - #10.3 as follows:

10.1 Xerox Ignite Software

The Xerox Ignite software at a cost of \$10 per student (k-3) in year one and \$12 per student (k-6) in year two per see attached

10.2 Summer School Program

- Classes will be held for kindergarten through grade six in reading and math.
- Summer school will run from Monday, June 30th through Thursday, July 24th.
- The daily sessions will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for students in grades K-6 and 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for instructors.
- All classes will be held at PVE.
- Fourteen instructors and fifteen instructional aides will be needed for grades K-6.
- Instructors will be paid \$92 per day and the instructional aides will be paid \$72 per day.

10.3 PVMS Program of Studies

The Pleasant Valley Middle School 2014-2015 Program of Studies.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

11. Building Reports

11.1 Polk Elementary School - Informational

11.2 Pleasant Valley Elementary School - Informational

11.3 Pleasant Valley Intermediate School - Informational

11.4 Pleasant Valley Middle School - Informational

11.5 Pleasant Valley High School - Informational

12. Business Management: Ms. Monica Kotzmann

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dominick Sacci, to approve items #12.1 - #12.6 as follows:

12.1 Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 2014-2015 General Operating Budget

Approval was granted for the Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 2014-2015 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,122,410. Pleasant Valley's contribution is not to exceed \$27,904.89. This is a 0% increase from 2013-2014.

12.2 Cafeteria Accounts Payable

Cafeteria accounts payable for January 2014.

Total amount: \$134,720.10

Bills payable for January 2014.

Total amount: \$86,450.36

12.3 Payment from Bond Fund

2006 Bond Fund as per attached \$14,230.05

12.4 Contracts

A. NuChem Corp. Cost: \$714 annually. Yearly water treatment program for Polk Elementary School, in effect from December 11, 2013 and continue to December 10, 2016.

B. NuChem Corp. Cost: \$1,260 annually. Yearly water treatment program for Pleasant Valley Intermediate School, in effect from December 27, 2013 and continue to December 26, 2016.

12.5 Student Placements

Student # 011414GR - George Junior Republic - Effective 1/14/14.

12.6 Change Order #001 - Schneider Electric

Approval was granted to accept the change order as listed:

A. Power Monitoring

B. Joulex/Cisco Device Energy Management

C. Fuel Metering

D. Lamp Substitution + Attic Stock

E. Schedule D, Option A modifications

F. Chilled Water Pump Repair

G. Bus Engine Block Heater Control

NO COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

12.7 Informational - Student Activity Accounts; District Investment Report

A. Student Activity Accounts

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2014: \$249,172.20

Receipts: \$18,730.86

Expenditures: \$17,297.40

Ending Balance, January 31, 2014: \$250,605.66

- Ms. Geary stated that we have a long list of retirees that we are losing who have a great number of years of knowledge and experience but also retaining some young vibrant new educators as well. Ms. Geary wished everyone well as they enter the next phase of their life.

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

Mr. Corveleyn reported that on Tuesday evening, in Court room #3, he judged one of the Mock Trial events. One team was Pleasant Valley who was very well prepared. The PV team did not win but did an excellent job on their performance.

14. PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

- Len Peeters began discussion regarding getting substitute in the buildings. He stated that the last two days again we had to pull our math specialists to cover classrooms. He stated he still believes the major problem is our rate is paying the same as Stroudsburg. He wants to change the rate to \$105 today, not in 30 days. He suggested to Principals that when they are short subs for the day, to get on the phone and call in teachers, even if they are 2 hours late; he feels that is better than pulling teachers out of classrooms for the day. He feels we need to address the problem today and not wait.

Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Bob Serfass, to raise the substitute teacher pay to \$105 and remove the \$500 bonus for working 30 days

Discussion:

- Ms. Geary stated that we have not budgeted for that increase for this school year. Mr. Peeters stated that this is not his problem, if the students are not getting what they need, I'm sorry I feel very strong about this, we spent the last month discussing this we can't delay.
- Mr. Wunder asked Ms. Geary where would the money come from
- Ms. Kresge stated she would like to see it raised but not that high and wants more time to review the issue.
- Mr. Sacci stated he is on the finance committee and supports an increase but he would be forced to vote no. The plan was for the change to occur with the next year budget.
- Mr. Wunder stated he supports the motion; but would need to know where the money is coming from.
- Mr. Gould asked where the money would come from, Ms. Kotzmann stated Fund Balance. Ms. Geary quickly calculated that could be approximately \$180,000 by June which is not in this year's budget.
- Mr. Peeters remained adamant that the problem needs to be addressed now so we know if this will fix the problem and if not how we should proceed for next school year.
- Mr. Peeters stated he chose \$105 per day so we stood over Pocono Mountain's rate. He would be willing to change it to \$100/day. He feels that May and June is where we will be hurting if we don't try to fix this problem now before March and spring arrives.
- Ms. Geary stated once again, that we do not have the money in this year's budget. The discussion was for making a change for next school year where it could be budgeted. She feels this action is *not* responsible and she is the one who will be held responsible for this action.
- Mr. Peeters stated again he will drop the rate to \$100 if that makes the difference matching Pocono Mountain.
- Mr. Corveleyn, School Solicitor, was asked to explain what will now happen. He stated to vote on the motion to table but then the item becomes part of the agenda for next meeting. If the motion is carried the original motion becomes dead.
- Mr. Borger agreed with Mr. Peeters, but if we table it we need to put a timeline on this to do something quickly to find the dollars.
- Mr. Wunder and Ms. Micklos both agreed that the issue needs to be addressed quickly as Mr. Peeters indicated.
- Mr. Sacci stated he agrees but needs to know where the money is coming from before we commit to spending \$180,000 of taxpayer money.

Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Dominick Sacci to *table the motion* to raise the substitute teacher pay to \$105 and remove the \$500 bonus after working 30 consecutive days

Roll Call: 7-2 Carried Voting 'NO': L. Peeters, Russ Gould

Charles Hoffman asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Geary stated we need to do research first.

15. PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

- Hope Smith, Chestnuthill Township, representing the PV Youth Association thanked the board for approving the new athletic program. She welcomed all the new school board members. She introduced her staff who was responsible for writing the proposal for the Lacrosse program. She stated that she respects Ms. Kresge opinion and that the PVYA is willing to make donations to help get this program started
- Toni Bush, representing the PVYA, she thanked the board for approving the new program on behalf of the parents and the team members. She stated that the PVYA will donate 36 soft sticks and an entire educators guide to teaching the sport in gym classes.
- Janice Masullo, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the board for supporting the Lacrosse program. She stated to Ms. Kresge that these kids love Lacrosse just as your kids loved softball and baseball and hopes this brings nothing but positive things

The PVYA announced the 1st LAX Fest Girls Lacrosse spring fundraiser being held on March 30, 2014 at the Dome. Everyone was invited to attend and see what they are all about.

- Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill Township, voiced her opinion regarding the substitute teacher shortage and training schedules.

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 Linda Micklos, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:22 PM.

Voice Vote Unanimously Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Kotzmann, Assistant Board Secretary _____

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder _____

Next School Board Meeting:

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: PVSD District Administration Offices