

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting

March 13, 2014

Board Approved March 27, 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, March 13, 2014 at 8:07 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 Peters	Dominick Sacci Robert Serfass Dan Wunder
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Absentees

Administration Attendees	Ms. Geary, Mr. Newman, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. Krebs, Ms. Greer
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School Solicitor	Mr. Gerard Geiger
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1.5 Notification of Executive Session

March 13, 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 Pleasant Valley Citizens - None

1.8 Other

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

2.1 Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Dominick Sacci, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 per the attached copy

Voice Vote Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Charles Hoffman

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dan Wunder, to approve the following items:

3.1 Accounts Payable - 02-01-14 to 02-28-14 (Manual Checks)

3.2 Accounts Payable - 03/01/14 to 03/13/14

3.3 Trial Balance/Financial Statement

3.4 Asset Cost Summary

3.5 Condensed Board Summary/Expenditures-Revenues

3.6 Informational - Accounts Payable 2/14/14 to 2/27/14

3.7 Informational - Accounts Payable - 02/01/14 to 02/13/14

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

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

Mr. Sacci reported:

- The last meeting of the MCTI Joint Operating Committee was held on Monday, March 3, 2014.
- Student Representative, Ms. Miah Brooks reported that the National Technical Honor Society held a coin drive for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monroe County and collected \$1,112.00. Students from Mr. Courtright's criminal Justice class & Mrs. Stivala's Health Professionals collected the most money.
- MCTI SkillsUSA Culinary students will be participating in a desert challenge on March 19th which will be held during the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association Show.
- On Wednesday, April 2nd, Big Daddys Restaurant in Bartonsville will be hosting a SkillsUSA Fundraiser for students going to states. Big Daddys will be donating 20% of all proceeds to MCTI SkillsUSA.
- Mr. Lazarchak detailed that he met with a Penn College representative to review an opportunity for MCTI as it relates to Penn restructuring their dual enrollment program starting in the 2014/2015 school year. The changes are beneficial to the students in that they will incur no cost

for the program. MCTI would be responsible for paying \$1,000 to the College and would be allowed to enroll as many students as MCTI can for the one single fee.

- Mrs. Sitroon reported that the welding, HVAC, and Nurse programs have reached their capacity and we are now preparing a wait list.
- She also advised that while the regional graduation rate of the adult GED program ranged between 45-55%, MCTI's average is 68%.
- 9th grade students attended our meeting as part of their project. Students had to attend a public community meeting that had a board. They decorated the display boards in the multi-purpose room. They also had to have a JOC member of their respective district sign off on their attendance.
- Discussions continued about the potential establishment of MCTI becoming a Comprehensive Program. State representatives Brown & Scavello were present to discuss the effort their commitment to it.

Ms. Micklos asked if there was any defined timeline in place for the Comprehensive Program; Mr. Sacci said that at this time no one has that answer.

5.2 Colonial IU #20: Mr. Dan Wunder – No report

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

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

Dominick Sacci motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos, to approve items #6.1 - #6.2 as follows:

6.1 Homebound Instruction

- Homebound instruction as listed (*per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in ninety (90) days*):

Student No.	Reason
HB031014SD-E	Medical, retroactive to March 10, 2014

6.2 Policy Revisions

- Policy No. 439.1. Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

6.3 Policy Revisions - Second Reading

Policy No. 121. Field Trips

6.4 Closing of Polk Elementary School

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Charles Hoffman, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Pleasant Valley School District, Brodheadsville, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, that the Board hereby takes action to close the Polk Elementary School located in Kresgeville, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, having complied with the provisions of Section 7-780 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, as amended.

- Susan Kresge commented that the Board does not really want to take this action, but with all the information provided, declining enrollment and the financial burden, it is a necessary evil.
- Russ Gould and Steve Borger both agreed with the comment and with this necessary action.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

6.5 Discussion – 2013-2014 and 2014-15 School Year Calendar

2013-2014 Calendar

- Ms. Geary stated that the 13-14 calendar discussion began at the Buildings and Grounds meeting on Monday, March 10. Discussion was to add three (3) Act 80 days on June 16, 17th and 18th.
- Ms. Geary asked the School Board members if they were in support of this; she stated she will put this item on the March 27th agenda.
- Susan Kresge asked how soon we need to approve this move and could we possibly wait until the first meeting in April.
- After further discussion, it was decided to wait until the April 10th board meeting to approve a change to the 13-14 school calendar.

2014-2015 Calendar

- Ms. Geary stated that for next school year, the district is looking into adding more snow days; a draft of the calendar was provided to the board members with the snow days listed in their order
- Ms. Kresge stated that she might have an issue with using Martin Luther King Day, but needed more time to think about it.
- Discussion continued with concerns over the MCTI students losing time on snow day, early dismissal and 2 hour delay days.

- Mr. Borger had concerns on the order of which using MLK day, he rather see it used as day 3 or 4 rather than after the 5th snow day.
- Mr. Gould asked Ms. Geary if the 4 sending districts could all support each other with agreeing on a school calendar so the MCTI students all receive the same instructional time.
- Ms. Geary stated she is currently working with the other districts to see if they would be on-board with this suggestion.
- Ms. Geary stated that there could possibly be a change to the draft with regards to Teacher Conferences. The Conference committee, which Ms. Geary meets with, had concerns with parent teacher conference days. Concern was not having enough evening hours.
- Ms. Geary is meeting with the committee on March 19 for a brainstorming session and then again March 24th to bring all the ideas together. Currently we have 4 hours of evening conference time which the staff would like to see changed to 6-9 hours.
- Ms. Geary stated there was discussion to remove the full day – Act 80 day which is used for this reason and make 3 half day Act 80 days with early dismissals so there was more evening time for the parent conferences.

6.6 PSBA Agreement

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Dan Wunder, to approve the Agreement between PSBA and Pleasant Valley School District regarding policy manual section merge.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

7. Other

8. Personnel and General Administration:

Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos, to approve the following Personnel items:

8.1 Hiring of Personnel

	NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP/CR EDITS	OPENING
1.	Carol Staats	Long-term substitute teacher at PVE date of hire should be amended to reflect January 10, 2014		
2	Stephanie Balliet	Paraprofessional Associate-Substitute Paraprofessional Associate/Secretary/Monitor	\$20,331 Prorated	PVI, replacement position, effective March 24, 2014
3	Lourdes Russaw	Paraprofessional Associate-Substitute Paraprofessional Associate	\$20,331 Prorated	PVE, replacement position, effective March 17, 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.	Robin Costenbader	Leave without pay	Eight (8)	February 6, 7; March 28, 31; April 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2014
2.	Lorraine Danny	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 11, 2014
3.	Gina DeVito-Curry	Leave without pay	Three (3)	May 8, 9 and 12, 2014
4.	Sharon Graver	Leave without pay	One (1)	March 7, 2014
5.	Terry Heck	Leave without pay-extension		March 3, 2014 through on or about May 1, 2014
6.	Beth Klausman	Leave without pay-extension		March 12, 2014 through on or about September 2, 2014
7.	Angenette Marbury	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 28, 2014
8.	John McCutchan	Leave without pay	Two (2)	February 13 and 14, 2014
9.	Colleen Schmidt	Leave without pay	One (1)	February 4, 2014

10.	Laurie Wenrich	Leave without pay	Two (2)	January 13, 2014 and February 17, 2014
11.	Beth Archangel	Leave without pay	Three (3)	April 23, 24 and 25, 2014
12.	Diane DiBella	Leave without pay	Twenty (20)	March 3, 2014 through March 28, 2014
13.	Barbara Farrington	Leave without pay	One (1)	April 17, 2014
14.	Jenine Havens	Leave without pay	Six (6)	May 12 through 19, 2014
15.	Karen Jetty	Leave without pay	One-half (.5)	March 5, 2014
16.	Anna Manwiller	Leave without pay	Eighteen (18)	February 19, 2014 through March 14, 2014
17.	Jasmin Williams	Leave without pay	One (1)	March 3, 2014

8.3 Affiliation Agreement

Approval was granted for the Affiliation Agreement between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Pleasant Valley School District for a term of five (5) years from the date of execution.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

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

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

9.1 Intramural Advisor and Volunteer

- A. Volleyball: Mr. John Gesiskie - Advisor
- B. Volleyball: Ms. Nicole Gesiskie – Volunteer

9.2 Facility Use Requests

- A. Organization: West End Park & Open Spaces
Facility Requested: Middle School Tennis Courts
Purpose: Tennis lessons
Dates/Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 7 to June 13, 2014 and June 18 to July 25, 2014, 4:00-8:00 pm
Requestor: Bernie Kozen
Attendance: 25
Tuition: \$80.00 per player
Fee by District: Class 3, all appropriate fees apply.
- B. Organization: West End Little League
Facility Requested: PVE and Eldred baseball and softball fields
Purpose: Baseball and softball practices and games
Dates/Times: April 1 to June 27, 2014
Monday-Friday, 5:00-9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Requestor: Lisa Frable
Attendance:
Tuition: N/A
Fee by District: Class 3, all appropriate fees apply.

9.3 Renewal of PenTeleData Service Agreement

The proposed contract is a renewal of existing point to point connections between the Polk, Eldred and PV Elementary schools. PVE will continue to receive 1000Mbps(1gig) of traffic capability to the JC Mills, both Polk and Eldred will have lesser connections of 100Mbps connecting them back to the JC Mills to complete the network(WAN). This agreement's significant reduction in price due is also due to some of the network improvements to our core and infrastructure that allows PenTeleData to pass along the savings. All connections are delivered over the PenTeleData network. PenTeleData has also amended the agreement to meet the needs of the Pleasant Valley School District should the sale or closing of Polk and/or Eldred Elementary schools occur, as a result PenTeleData will not charge any penalties or termination fees to the Pleasant Valley

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

9.4 Informational - District Events

9.5 Informational - Field Trip

- A. Grade/Organization: 6th Grade Band
Teacher(s) Involved: Mr. Ronald Bielecki
Destination of Trip: Northampton Area High School
Purpose of Trip: PMEA District 10 Band Festival

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

10. Curriculum/Staff Development: Mr. Kenneth Newman

10.1 Informational - Presentation of mid-year data

Mr. Newman distributed a report that followed his PowerPoint presentation on the English/Language Arts Assessments that are given to all students in grades K-12. Mr. Newman showed the benchmark percentage scores and the test that is taken by the each grade group. Beginning of Year and Middle of Year scores were provided and discussed.

11. Building Reports - No reports

12. Business Management

Len Peeters motioned; seconded by Bob Serfass, to approve the following items:

12.1 MCTI Proposed Budget 2014-15

Approval was granted for the 2014-2015 Monroe Career and Technical Institute budget in the amount of \$9,020,916. Pleasant Valley's share of this budget will be \$2,245,205.

12.2 Student Placements

Student #082812BS - Residential Rehab - Effective 8/28/12.

Student #090413MC - Monroe County Correctional Facility - Effective 9/4/13.

12.3 Subsurface Investigation

Subsurface Investigation at the Maintenance Shed located at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Project to be done by United Inspection Services, FMW Drilling and Earth Engineering coordinated by Quad Three Group.

- The minimum cost would be \$6,060.00 and the maximum cost would be \$7,420.00.
- Dan Corveleyn has reviewed the contract.
- Working on recommended modifications with Q3G.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

12.2 Informational

13. SOLICITOR – Mr. Daniel Corveleyn/Mr. Gerard Geiger – No report

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 9:06 PM.

Voice Vote Unanimously Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Kotzmann, Assistant Board Secretary _____

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder _____

Next School Board Meeting:

Date: March 27, 2014

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: PVSD District Administration Offices