

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
February 28, 2013

Board Approved March 14, 2013 Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Thomas Murphy on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 8:00 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.

ROLL CALL

School Board Attendees	Thomas Murphy, President Susan Kresge, Vice President James Spinola, Treasurer	Russell Gould H. Charles Hoffman MiChelle Palmer
Absentees	Steven Borger, Harvey Frable, Dominick Sacci	
Administration Attendees	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Geary, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Famularo, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. Drake, Ms. Fields, Mr. Gress, Mr. Hines, Mr. Krebs, Ms. Malligo, Mr. Newman, Mr. Pomposello, Ms. Ramsey, Ms. Siani, Mr. T. VanNortwick, Ms. Walters	
School Solicitor	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn	

President Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- February 28, 2013: **Personnel** – Employee issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; **Negotiations** and **Legal Issues**.
- February 14, 2013 (Post-meeting): **Negotiations** and **Legal Issues**.

MEETING PROCEDURES:

President Murphy referred to the agenda that was available to everyone present and to the meeting procedures that were attached. He then made the following statement:

At our last meeting, during the public comment section, a member of the public was providing opinion on the TIF project and then digressed into a character assassination of Mr. Borger. While we encourage the public to express their opinions, personal attacks on individual Board members or of the Board or administration cannot and will not be tolerated. I would like to apologize to the Board, everyone that was in attendance and particularly to Mr. Borger for my performance “at the switch” at that time and for not taking action to curtail such comments. I cannot change the past, but I want everyone to be assured that I will be vigilant in terminating any speaker who henceforth displays similar behavior.

Presentations:

Keystone Awards – Ms. Geary

Ms. Geary presented three Keystone Awards for Academic performance in making AYP on the PSSA for two consecutive years. Those schools recognized were:

- Pleasant Valley Intermediate School - Mr. Todd Van Nortwick
- Polk Elementary School - Ms. Erica Walters
- Chestnuthill Elementary - Mr. Chris Fisher and Mr. Joshua Krebs

Good News – PVE

Mr. Krebs stated that PVE has been working hard at making the building a positive school environment for students, parents/guardians and staff. The presentation is to recognize the Special Area classrooms. A video was shown portraying the students and staff in special area classrooms. Staff from PVE attended the meeting to show their support.

PV All Sports Club – Ms. Mariclaire Hosking

Ms. Hosking, representing the PV All Sports Club, reported on club-sponsored activities and school and community involvement in the club. Over the past 18 months, the club has been working hard at reorganizing and improving the club, including enhanced communications with the administration and athletic committee. They have received 11 letters from SAOs regarding their intent to join and four official auxiliary groups have been formed to date. The club also purchased a laptop to store financial records and meeting minutes, purchased Quick Books for its 501(c) 3 accounting program and established a database to record membership. The club has cleaned and organized both indoor and outdoor concession stands, has upgraded equipment in both stands, and will upgrade additional equipment as needed. In addition, the club has provided \$3,400 for camperships, \$2,500 in scholarships, \$13,000 to different teams for training purposes, and \$6,000 for equipment for teams, with additional commitments of \$7,800 over the next 12 months. The club has also donated money towards the purchase of scoreboards, goals, improving locker rooms, track and field timers, video equipment and, in a seven-year period, donated

over \$15,000 for weight room improvements. Efforts to increase involvement in the organization have led to about 25 members regularly attending the club's meetings.

Also, in order to encourage community involvement, a NCAA presentation was held in December where 35 students and parents/guardians attended, despite short notice. A spring presentation is also in the works. The club has showcased PV spirit at a variety of activities, including pretzels and hot chocolate at football games, minute-to-win-it activities at basketball games, rally towels, and providing popcorn and drinks at the recent A Night of Unity event. Plans are also in place for spirit activities at upcoming spring sports contests and other community events.

Team efforts to support community organizations were also highlighted and include:

- Girls' Volleyball
 - Over \$2,000 for the United Way in October
 - \$915 to three local food pantries in December
- Girls' Soccer
 - An August clothing donation fundraiser where all PV approved clothing was donated to the Cub Closet
 - Senior night raised money for the Lucy Fund and for a PV athlete fighting cancer
 - Planted garlic at the Garden of Giving
 - Participated in a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis
 - Bagged lunches for Hurricane Sandy victims, which included the third graders at Polk decorating the brown bags
- Cross Country
 - 327 toothbrushes, 71 boxes of toothpaste and 22 boxes of floss to local families in need
- Golf Team
 - Assisted with PVHS relief effort by helping to divide and make deliveries to local food banks
- Field Hockey
 - Provided emotional and financial to a family of one of their own players fighting cancer
 - Volunteered to be at the welcome tent for upcoming Relay for Life
- Girls' Basketball
 - Supported a member of the team who recently lost her father.
 - Over \$500 was collected from the 7th and 8th grade team for that PV student-athlete
- Basketball Pink Out Game
 - \$700 collected for the Lucy Fund and West End Relay for Life
- Football
 - Held a Touchdowns for Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser
 - Donated to the PV Chem-Free Party
 - Team assisted as mentors to the Cubs youth football and cheerleading squads for a week over the summer at their Cubs Camp
 - Assisted with the Halloween trick-or-treat at the high school
 - Volunteered at PVE's Winter Carnival
 - Provided monetary support for specific individuals in our community who were in need this past year, including a PV student
 - Parent's Association provided three camperships to players who were not able to pay their own way at the ESU Football camp; the fee was \$200 each
 - Parent's Association offered two \$500 college scholarships to graduating senior football players
 - Team members were bell ringers for the Salvation Army at The Crossings in December

Our student-athletes are not only excelling in sports, but embracing "Excellence in Public Education – a Community Commitment."

Dr. Arnold stated that the PV All Sports Club works hard to do many great things and we all appreciate everything that is being done.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

None

OTHER:

None

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Russ Gould, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday February 14, 2013 as per the attached copy:

VOICE VOTE: Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. James Spinola

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve the Accounts Payable 2/15/13 – 2/28/13 on pages 17 -21 per the attached copies:

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried Abstaining from vote on check #00202675 – T. Murphy Reason: Self Abstention Memorandum is attached

Mr. Spinola stated that there will be a financial committee meeting on March 5th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: M Daniel Corvelevn, Esq. / Gerard Geiger, Esq.

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Mr. Dominick Sacci

No report

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Thomas Murphy

- The most recent meeting was held on Wednesday, February 27th.
- Received the IU financial audit from last year – which will be placed in the Drop Box for Board members to review – and everything looked fine; nothing stood out.
- Copies of The Twenty were distributed to all Board members.
- A copy of an article on sequestration published by The American Association of School Administrators was distributed.

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge stated that she had no report, but asked about the impact sequestration will have on the school district. Ms. Famularo responded by stating that recent information shows that food and nutrition and the ACCESS program will not be touched. The KtO grant money that has been received to date may be all that the school district will see this school year. IDEA and Title programs will have a 5% impact for next school year. The total impact, which could be less than \$250,000, will impact us going into next year.

Student Representative: Ms. Nicole Sarwar

- Congratulations to the PV Chess team on their performance in the MVC League competition. Dylan Beinert placed 7th in the Knights Division.
- Congratulations to Pleasant Valley wrestlers Kenny Yanovich, James Felipa and Garrett Gouger, who will compete this weekend at this weekend's regional competition at Freedom High School. Good luck to them all.
- A reminder that the National Art Honor Society is sponsoring an Acoustic show on Friday, March 22th at 6:30 p.m. in the new auditorium.
- A reminder to everyone that on March 15, 16 and 17, PV students will present the musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown".
- The second annual Blood Drive is being re-scheduled for Friday, March 8. Thank you to the FBLA organization on their coordination of this worthwhile event.
- Congratulations to Dakota Everett who received a full scholarship to attend stony Brook University and play Football. Stony Brook is a NCAA Division 1 school.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas Arnold

Enrollment: Dr. Arnold referred to the enrollment report on page 22 and stated that with our Pleasant Valley residents and students in our cyber school we are at 5,387. We are still in a decline and it does not seem there is any relief in sight.

Second Reading

Policy No. 122. Extracurricular Activities

Policy No. 123. Interscholastic Athletics

Policy No. 137. Home Education

Policy No. 140.1. Extracurricular Participation By Charter/Cyber Charter Students

These policies will be recommended for approval at the March 14, 2013 Board meeting.

First Reading**

Policy No. 803. School Calendar

This policy will be recommended for approval at the March 28, 2012 Board meeting.

Other:

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Jim Spinola, to approved the following homebound instruction (*per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in 90 days*)

Pleasant Valley High School

Student No.	Reason
HB012213SA-H	Medical, retroactive to January 22, 2013
HB012413FA-H	Medical, retroactive to January 24, 2013
HB012413LB-H	Medical, retroactive to January 24, 2013
HB012913AG-H	Medical, retroactive to January 29, 2013
HB013013BL-H	Medical, retroactive to January 30, 2013

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve the appointment of Mr. Thomas Murphy, Sr. to the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Jim Spinola, to approve the 2013-14 School Year Calendar as per the attached copy

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

Noteworthy Accomplishments and Events/Gifts/Donations

Dr. Arnold announced the following:

- Bowl for Kids' Sake is scheduled for March 23rd at Sky Lanes from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He also asked those present to please sponsor someone or get a team together in order to help this important program. Funds are tight and funding sources have diminished for this organization.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Jim Spinola, to approve item #6.4.1 - #6.4.2 on the Personnel Report and item #6.4.3 - #6.4.4 on Addendum #1 as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration February 28, 2013

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel (The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork)

6.4.1.1 Support Staff

6.4.1.1.1 The following individuals were approved for the position of part-time paraprofessional associate, at an annual salary of \$20,331, prorated, effective March 4, 2013:

- 6.4.1.1.1.1 Michael Gold, PVHS
(Replacement position [.5] for Timothy Hinton)
- 6.4.1.1.1.2 Valerie Kaye, PVI
(Replacement position [.5] for Jeremy Langan)
- 6.4.1.1.1.3 Erelene McCormick, PVHS
(New position)
- 6.4.1.1.1.4 Marie McGinley, PVHS
(Replacement position [.5] for Timothy Hinton)

6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes

- 6.4.1.1.2.1 Michael Gold- Paraprofessional Associate
- 6.4.1.1.2.2 Valerie Kaye- Paraprofessional Associate
- 6.4.1.1.2.3 Erelene McCormick- Paraprofessional Associate
- 6.4.1.1.2.4 Marie McGinley- Paraprofessional Associate

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley High School Winter School

The following were approved for high school winter school:

Name	Course	Stipend
a. Talitha Graham	Mathematics/Science	1 credit course

		(30 hours), \$1637.50 stipend
b. Danielle Unger	English	1 credit course (30 hours), \$1637.50 stipend

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

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

- 6.4.2.1.1 Irene Bell, PVHS monitor, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for one (1) day, effective February 6, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Sandra Kaspszyk, PVE teacher, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for two (2) days, effective March 1 and March 4, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.3 Erin Maxwell, PVHS monitor, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for two (2) days, effective January 31, 2013 and February 1, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.4 Debra Munoz, PVMS monitor, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for one (1) day, effective February 13, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.5 Connie Saba, PVE paraprofessional associate, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for one-half (.5) day, effective February 22, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.6 Frederick Villaume, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for five (5) days, effective January 30, 2013 through February 5, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.7 Jasmin Williams, PVI part-time paraprofessional associate, was approved for unpaid leave of absence for two (2) days, effective January 6 and 7, 2013.
- 6.4.2.1.8 Kathleen Wolff, PVI part-time paraprofessional associate, was approved for unpaid leave of absence effective February 14, 2013 through the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration – Addendum #1 February 28, 2013

6.4.3 Hiring of Personnel (The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork)

6.4.3.1 Support Staff

6.4.3.1.1 The following individuals were approved for the position of part-time paraprofessional associate at an annual salary of \$20,331, prorated, effective March 4, 2013:

- 6.4.3.1.1.1 Cheryl Frable, PVE
(Replacement position for Onel Ramirez)
- 6.4.3.1.1.2 Lidia Lorens, PVI
(New)
- 6.4.3.1.1.3 Laura Muldowney, PVI
(New)

6.4.3.1.2 Substitutes

- 6.4.3.1.2.1 Cheryl Frable -Paraprofessional Associate
- 6.4.3.1.2.2 Lidia Lorens -Paraprofessional Associate
- 6.4.3.1.2.3 Laura Muldowney - Paraprofessional Associate

6.4.3.2 Professional Staff

6.4.3.2.1 Substitutes

- 6.4.3.2.1.1 Laura Muldowney - Elementary

6.4.3.3 Administration

6.4.3.3.1 Roger Pomposello was approved for the position of Assistant to the Principal, assigned to Pleasant Valley Elementary School, effective March 4, 2013, at annual salary of \$69,800, prorated.

6.4.3.3.2 Diane Siani was approved for transfer from the position of Assistant Principal to the position of Assistant

Supervisor of Special Education, effective March 4, 2013.

- 6.4.4 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.4.1 Child Bearing and Child Rearing Leave
 - 6.4.4.1.1 Monica Heck, security officer, was approved for Child Bearing and Child Rearing Leave, as per School Board policy, effective January 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013.
 - 6.4.4.2 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.4.2.1 Donna Berg, PVHS teacher, was approved for an extension of her Family and Medical Leave, for five (5) days, effective March 4, 2013 through March 8, 2013.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

Professional and Support Services; Mr. Christopher J. Fisher

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve items #6.5.1 and #6.5.8 on the Professional and Support Services Report and item #6.5.10 on Addendum #1 as follows:

6.5 Professional, Support, & Pupil Personnel Services

Principal of Health & Physical Education

February 28, 2013

- 6.5.1 6.5.1 For Approval
 - 6.5.1.1 Intramural Advisors for 2012-2013 Spring Season
 - 6.5.1.1.1 Soccer - Mr. Chris Pachuta
 - 6.5.1.2 Polk Parent Volunteer - Ms. Amanda Giunta
- 6.5.2 Informational
 - 6.5.2.1 The field trip dates for George Boudman's Sculpture class to go to the Banana Factory have been changed from March 7, 14, 21 and 28 to February 28, March 7, 14, and 21, 2013.

- 6.5.8 Facilities: Mr. Christopher Fisher
Facility Use Requests: 1
 - 6.5.8.1.1 Organization PV Ballerz
 - Facility Requested HS New Gym
 - Purpose Basketball Tryouts / Practice
 - Dates/Times March 11, 2013 thru July 31, 2013,
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6:30 – 10:00 pm
 - Requestor Pernell Hosier
 - Attendance 50-75
 - Tuition N/A
 - Fee by District Class 3, All Appropriate Fees Apply

6.5 Professional, Support, & Pupil Personnel Services

Principal of Health & Physical Education – Addendum #1

February 28, 2013

- 6.5.10 For Approval
 - 6.5.10.1 Junior High Girls Soccer Coach for 2012-2013 Spring Season
 - Soccer - Mr. Derek Strohl

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

Informational item: District Events

- ❖ **Special Education: Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines – No report**
- ❖ **Transportation Liaison/Asst. Custodial: Mr. Anthony Pierri – No report**
- ❖ **Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Mark Meinhart – No report**
- ❖ **Technology Systems: Mr. Rocco Seiler – No report**
- ❖ **Custodial and Warehouse: Mr. Howard Scott – No report**
- ❖ **Facilities: Mr. Christopher Fisher, Mr. Greg Bowman – No report**
- ❖ **Food Services: Ms. Bonnie Grammes – Participation report attached**

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Geary

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman, to approve items #6.6.2 and #6.6.4 with the following revisions noted: In item #6.6.4.1, instructors will be paid at a rate of \$92 per day and instructional aides will be paid at a rate of \$72 per day. Report is as follows:

6.6.2 Pleasant Valley Middle School 2013-2014 Program of Studies

6.6.4.1 Summer School

- Classes will be held for kindergarten through grade six in reading and math.
- Summer school will run from Monday, July 1st through Thursday, July 25th.
- 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 at a rate of \$92 per day and the instructional aides will be paid at a rate of \$72 per day.
- This summer program is funded through ESEA Title I program.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

Ms. Geary commented on the A Night of Unity event that took place on Tuesday evening. She thanked Mr. Gress for the use of the facility, Mr. Drake for providing the student volunteers, the Builder's Club for the collection of canned goods, and all others who volunteered their time and efforts. There were over 600 people in attendance.

Ms. Geary also mentioned a project that Mr. McCutchan is working on with his students on how to make the high school and the community a better place. Mr. Fisher, Mr. Seiler and Ms. Geary had the opportunity to go into the classroom this past week and listen to some of the presentations and proposals given by the students. Some of the ideas will be weaved into the curriculum.

- ❖ **Mathematics: Mr. Kenneth Newman – No report**
- ❖ **Reading: Ms. Keri Ramsay – No report.**
- ❖ **Technology Services/Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy: Dr. Lee Lesisko – No report**
- ❖ **Title I and Title II: No report**

Pleasant Valley Intermediate: Mr. Todd VanNortwick, Mr. Doug Palmieri

Mr. VanNortwick's report was informational.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Mr. Josh Krebs, Ms. Erica Walters, Ms. Diane Siani

Mr. Krebs's report was informational.

Polk Elementary: Mr. Ken Newman

Mr. Newman's report was informational.

Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. Howard Drake, Ms. Josephine Fields

Mr. Drake's report was informational.

Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy: Dr. Lee Lesisko

No report

Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress, Mr. R. Hines, Ms. Teresa Malligo

Mr. Gress's report was informational.

Business Manager: Ms. Susan Famularo, Ms. Monica Kotzmann

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Russ Gould, to approve item #6.10.1 - #6.10.2 on the Business Report and item #6.10.3 on Addendum #1 as follows:

6.10	<u>Business Management</u>	<u>February 28, 2013</u>
6.10.1	Requests for approval	
6.10.1.1	Approval was granted for the Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 2013-2014 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,017,300. Pleasant Valley's contribution is not to exceed \$28,982.24. This is a 0% increase from 2012-2013.	
6.10.1.2	Cafeteria accounts payable for January 2013. Total amount: \$221,857.68 Bills payable for January 2013. Total amount: \$103,201.22	
6.10.1.3	Approval was granted for the restatement of the Pleasant Valley School District Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan as attached.	
6.10.1.4	The following student placements were approved: Student #021013AU – KidsPeace – Effective 2/10/13 Student #020513DH – KidsPeace – Effective 2/5/13.	

Student #111312AB – Lehigh Co. Detention Center – Effective 11/13/12.

- 6.10.1.5 The following contract was approved:
 - 6.10.1.5.1 Spirit Tee’s. Cost: \$10 or \$12 per custom t-shirt for HOPE. Fundraiser for PVHS Leo Club. Start date is February 25, 2013.

6.10.2 Informational

6.10.2.1	Student Activity Accounts	
	Beginning Balance, January 1, 2013	\$233,424.72
	Receipts	25,003.61
	Expenditures	20,325.03
	Ending Balance, January 31, 2013	\$238,103.30

- 6.10.2.2 District investment report for January 31, 2013.

6.10 Business Management Addendum #1 February 28, 2013

6.10.3 Requests for approval

- 6.10.3.1 The following student placements were approved:
 - Student #010713MC – George Jr. Republic/Howard Walker Group Home – Effective 1/7/13.
 - Student #022113YA – KidsPeace – Effective 2/21/13.
 - Student #022413BR – KidsPeace – Effective 2/24/13.

6.10.3.2 The following contracts were approved:

- 6.10.3.2.1 Mary Givogre Tafel. Cost: \$75/hour plus mileage. Speech/language support services as needed. Start date is February 28, 2013 through the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year.
- 6.10.3.2.2 Ready Set Run - First Strides Walking Program. Cost: \$100. Walking and running program on the grounds between Pleasant Valley High School and Pleasant Valley Middle School to begin March 24, 2013 and terminate on June 11, 2013.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 Carried

Solicitor: Daniel Corvelevn, Esq. / Gerard Geiger, Esq.

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

Jim Spinola asked Ms. Famularo to repeat the agenda items for which she was seeking approval.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

None

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 8:47 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder

Next School Board Meeting:

Date: March 14, 2013

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: PVSD District Administration Offices