

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting
July 10, 2013

Board Approved July 18, 2013 Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

A special meeting for general purposes was held by the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education on Thursday, July 10, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by President Thomas Murphy. 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	Harvey Frable H. Charles Hoffman	Michelle Palmer Dominick Sacci Steven Borger
Absentees	Russell Gould		
Administration Attendees	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Geary, Ms. Famularo, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann		
School Solicitor	Mr. Gerard Geiger		

President Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- July 10, 2013 – **Personnel** – Employee issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; and **Legal Issues**.
- July 3, 2013 – **Personnel** – Employee issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or negotiations.

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

None

OTHER:

None

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

No report

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. James Spinola

No report

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

No report

OTHER:

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Dominick Sacci

No report

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Thomas Murphy

No report

PSBA Liaison Report: Susan Kresge

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas Arnold

Enrollment - No report

Policy Revisions

A second reading for policies originally listed for a first reading at the June 27th meeting will occur on July 18, 2013. These policies will be recommended for approval at the August 8th Board Meeting.

Noteworthy Accomplishments and Events/Gifts/Donations

- Recognition was given to student-athlete Rikki Correll for being named the “Player of the Year” by both the Times News and Pocono Record. Rikki led our softball team to the league title.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Michelle Palmer, to approve items #6.4.1 – #6.4.3 on the Personnel Report and item #6.4.4 on Addendum #1 as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration July 10, 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 ESEA Title I Summer School Health Room Technician, when scheduled, at the daily rate of \$72:
 - 6.4.1.1.1.1 Karen Deppen
 - 6.4.1.1.1.2 Janice Honey
 - 6.4.1.1.1.3 Roxanne Scheller
 - 6.4.1.1.1.4 Kelly Collins
 - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley High School Summer School
The following individuals were approved for the position of high school summer school teacher at a stipend of \$1637.50 per full credit, thirty (30) hour session:
 - 6.4.1.2.1.1 Talitha Graham - One (1) Mathematics session and one (1) Science session for a total of two (2) full-credit sessions, which are thirty (30) hours each
 - 6.4.1.2.1.2 Danielle Unger - Two (2) full-credit English sessions, which are thirty (30) hours each.
 - 6.4.1.3 Administration
 - 6.4.1.3.1 Approval was granted for the employment contract for Carole M. Geary, Superintendent, effective August 1, 2013 at an annual salary of \$152,000.
 - 6.4.1.3.2 Rocco Seiler was approved for the position of Pleasant Valley Middle School Principal, effective July 22, 2013, at an annual salary of \$92,500, prorated.
(Replacement position for Howard Drake)
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Child Bearing/Child Rearing
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Crystal Hicks, PVI teacher, was approved for an extension of her Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave of Absence, effective through the conclusion of the 1st semester of the 2013-2014 school year.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following individual:
 - 6.4.3.1 Michele Confer, PVMS 8th grade Science teacher, effective August 1, 2013.
 - 6.4.3.2 Jennifer Esposito, from the positions of part-time Teacher of Gifted and part-time paraprofessional associate, effective August 20, 2013.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration - Addendum #1 July 10, 2013

- 6.4.4 Hiring of Personnel (The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork)
 - 6.4.4.1 Support Staff
 - 6.4.4.1.1 Richard Williams was approved for the position of full-time ten (10) month School Police Officer, effective August 1, 2013, at the base hourly rate of \$15.45 plus a prorated stipend which amounts to an additional \$2.40 per hour upon proper certification/approval to carry a weapon on his person as per School Board Policy No. 705.1.

- Mr. Borger commented that he would have preferred to see a three-year contract for item #6.4.1.3.1. He also stated that there are two other items he cannot support and will vote accordingly.
- Mr. Spinola also commented on item #6.4.1.3.1, stating that he would be in favor of rescinding the 4-year contract and voting for a 3-year contract.

ROLL CALL: 5-3 Carried on item #6.4.1.3.2 Voting 'No': J. Spinola, C. Hoffman, S. Borger
7-1 Carried on item #6.4.1.3.1 Voting 'No': J. Spinola
6-2 Carried on item #6.4.4.1.1 Voting 'No': J. Spinola, S. Borger

8-0 Carried on items, #6.4.1.1, #6.4.1.2, #6.4.2, #6.4.3

- Mr. Murphy congratulated Ms. Geary, Mr. Seiler, and Mr. Williams in their new positions.
- Dr. Arnold congratulated Ms. Geary on her upcoming future as Superintendent.

Professional and Support Services; Mr. Christopher J. Fisher

No report

- ❖ **Special Education: Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines, Ms. Diane Siani – No report**
- ❖ **Transportation Liaison/Asst. Custodial Supervisor: 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**
- ❖ **Food Services: Ms. Bonnie Grammes – No report**

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Geary

No report

- ❖ **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**
- ❖ **Elementary Divisions: No reports**
- ❖ **Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. H. Drake, Ms. J. Fields – No report.**
- ❖ **Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress, Mr. R. Hines, Ms. Tresa Malligo – No report.**

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

No Report

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

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- Mr. Frable commented that the PVSD has awarded three very hard-working, positive and experienced individuals in Ms. Geary, Mr. Seiler and Mr. Williams and he is very pleased with the direction that PVSD is heading.

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 8:16 p.m.

Voice Vote Unanimously Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary _____

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder _____

Next School Board Meeting:

Date: July 18, 2013

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: PVSD District Administration Offices