

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 24, 2011**

**Board Approved March 10, 2011** Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

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The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Susan Kresge on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. President Kresge welcomed those present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Several students from Chestnuthill Elementary were in attendance and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Administration Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board Attendees:** President Susan Kresge Russ Gould John Sabia  
Vice-President MiChelle Palmer Linda Micklos Jim Spinola  
Treasurer H. Charles Hoffman Tom Murphy

**Board Absentees:** Harvey Frable

**Administrative Attendees:** Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Geary, Ms. Famularo, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Caines, Mr. Drake, Ms. Larthey, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Gress, Mr. Heath, Mr. Hines, Mr. Kello, Mr. Kondisko, Mr. Krebs, Ms. McMasters, Ms. Marcheski, Mr. Meinhart, Ms. Malligo, Mr. Newman, Mr. Pietroski, Mr. Scott, Ms. Siani, Mr. Storm, Mr. Van Nortwick, Ms. Walters

**Solicitor:** Mr. Daniel Corveleyn

President Kresge announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- ▶ February 24, 2011 – Personnel – Employee issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; Negotiations and Legal Issues.
- ▶ February 14, 2011 – Personnel – Employee issues including, but not limited to, performance and/or discipline; Negotiations and Legal Issues.

**Presentations:**

**Good News – Chestnuthill Elementary**

The presentation focused on parent involvement in the school. Ms. Walters introduced two officers, Ms. Rebecca Wilson and Ms. Rebecca Storm, from the Chestnuthill Elementary PTO. Ms. Sandi Kaspszyk, a Chestnuthill faculty member, was recognized for her efforts in helping to coordinate parent volunteers. Some examples of what the parent volunteers help with are:

Classroom help	Photo days	Pumpkin carving
Grandparent readers	Special events	Yearbook
Hearing screenings	Book fairs	PAWS cart

**PV All Sports Club**

PV All Sports Club officers, Mr. Karl Sever and Ms. Susan Coppinger, presented the Board with a check for \$25,000 to be used towards the purchase of the new scoreboard in the stadium.

President Kresge thanked the club for their generous donation and the PTO for their dedication to the school district and community.

**PVHS – Mr. John Gress**

Ms. Barbara Cortese, PVHS art teacher, told those present that she had received an e-mail from the postmaster of the Brodheadsville Post Office, Ms. Jill Furler, asking whether PVHS art students would be interested in creating a mural of the history of the Brodheadsville area to display in the post office. Ms. Cortese's Advanced Art I students researched important events, structures and symbols of the Brodheadsville/Monroe/Carbon area. The mural was on display in the meeting room and students who participated explained their portion of the mural. The mural will be on permanent display at the Brodheadsville Post Office.

Mr. Gress introduced senior Kelsey Fisher, who won first place in the fifth annual Poetry Out Loud contest and a was the first runner-up in the regional competition. Kelsey is coached by Ms. Lowenburg and Ms. Eblin. She performed a classic poem for those present.

Ms. Donna Yozwiak, PVHS counselor to MCTI students, reported that seven PVHS students took first place in the recent SkillsUSA competition. These students will proceed to the state competition in Hershey. They are:

Katherine Zoll	Christina Cenexant	Cody Bollinger	Duncan Rodriguez
Kurtus Mackes	Gina Albuno	Bart Kosciuczyk	

Two students, Bart Kosciuczyk and Duncan Rodriguez, addressed those present, explaining their experiences in the competition.



- ▶ The PVHS Senior Class is hosting a concert featuring student dance on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ▶ The PVHS Student Government is organizing a mock concert on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ The high school art department is planning for their annual Senior Art Show on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ The student government is participating in the “Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge” competition sponsored by the White House and centers on what makes your school great. The winning school will have President Obama speak at their graduation ceremony.
- ▶ The CIU#20 Star Technology Award nominations were announced. PV Faculty nominated are:
  - ∞ Rocco Seiler – Best Supporting Administrator
  - ∞ Alex Sterenchock – Best Technology Support
  - ∞ Jackie Ludka & Philomena Reduzzi – Best Use of Technology in English
  - ∞ Keith Hess and Tim McCutchan – Best Use of Technology in Social Studies
  - ∞ Shannon Mackes – Best Use of Technology in Science
  - ∞ Susan Geiger, Danielle Kresge, Monica Ohland and Jamie Schuler – Best Use of Technology in the Elementary classroom

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold**

**Enrollment**

Dr. Arnold stated that we have experienced a minimal decrease in enrollment since the beginning of school. Basically, we are holding steady and closely watching the numbers.

**Mr. Murphy temporarily left the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter.**

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Jim Spinola, to approve the following Policy Revisions:

- ▶ **No. 122. Extracurricular Activities**
- ▶ **No. 137. Home Education**

**Roll Call: 7-0 Carried                      Mr. Murphy was absent for the vote**

Second Reading

- ▶ No. 601. Objectives
- ▶ No. 602. Budget Planning
- ▶ No. 603. Budget Preparation
- ▶ No. 604. Budget Adoption
- ▶ No. 605. Tax Levy
- ▶ No. 606. Tax Collection

*These policies will be recommended for approval at the March 10, 2011 Board meeting.*

First Reading

- ▶ No. 323    Tobacco Use
- ▶ No. 423    Tobacco Use
- ▶ No. 523    Tobacco Use
- ▶ No. 904.1   Tobacco Use

*These policies will be recommended for approval at the March 24, 2011 Board meeting.*

**Other:**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos, to approve the following Homebound Instruction (*Per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in 90 days*)

**Pleasant Valley High School**

Student No.	Reason
HB13111WN-H	Medical, retroactive to January 31, 2011
HB20411BJ-H	Medical, retroactive to February 4, 2011
HB21011BJ-H	Medical, retroactive to February 10, 2011

**Roll Call: 7 -0 Carried                      Mr. Murphy was absent for the vote**

**Noteworthy Accomplishments and Events/Gifts/Donations**

- ▶ Dr. Arnold commented on Mr. Tim Allwein’s recent death, recognizing Mr. Allwein’s dedicated efforts on behalf of public education.
- ▶ Dr. Arnold stated how pleased the school district is regarding the recent nominations of our staff for the CIU#20 Star Awards
- ▶ Two PV students, Brandyn Bok and Samantha Phillips, will be recognized at the EIE ceremony for being National Merit Scholar Commended students.
- ▶ Dr. Arnold thanked the SkillsUSA students who spoke this evening and mentioned how difficult their competitions are.

- ▶ The Mrs. Bush's/Polk Elementary partnership is still going strong.
- ▶ The PV Hall of Fame Induction ceremony took place on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Inductee Mr. Bob Davenport was present at the ceremony.
- ▶ The Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Sky Lanes in East Stroudsburg. The PV community is urged to form teams to support our local youth in need.
- ▶ February is National Children's Dental Health Month. We continue to collaborate with the Mobile Dentists, who perform dental screenings and other services for students who may not otherwise see a dentist.
- ▶ PVI is hosting an author celebration on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ▶ The PVHS English classes of Ms. Danielle Unger recently held a celebration centering on the novel titled The Kite Runner.
- ▶ The "A Night of Unity" event is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ▶ On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, CIU #20 Superintendents will meet with Secretary Tomalis regarding the budget.
- ▶ The PVHS softball parents club donated \$100 towards covers for the new scoreboards in the original gymnasium.
- ▶ The PVHS Class of 2010 donated \$2,000 to the Effort United Method Church for the food bank.
- ▶ Mr. Walter Schlener from Jim Thorpe arranged a \$250 donation for turkeys and groceries to needy PVE families.

**Mr. Murphy returned to the meeting at 8:56 p.m.**

**Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule**

Jim Spinola motioned; seconded by Russ Gould, to approve items #6.4.1- #6.4.3 and items #6.4.4 - #6.4.6 on the Addendum with one revision noted: item #6.4.5.2.2, that leave is for February. The report is as follows:

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| 6.4         | <b><u>Personnel and General Administration</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b><u>February 24, 2011</u></b> |
| 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   | Substitutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                 |
| 6.4.1.1.1.1 | Matthew Gould- Monitor, retroactive to 1/28/2011.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |
| 6.4.1.1.2   | Transfer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |
| 6.4.1.1.2.1 | Barbara Daskal, full-time paraprofessional associate, from Pleasant Valley Elementary School to Chestnuthill Elementary School, retroactive to February 9, 2011.                                                                                                        |                                 |
| 6.4.2       | Leaves of Absence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |
| 6.4.2.1     | Family & Medical Leave                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |
| 6.4.2.1.1   | Christine Sabatini, middle school teacher, was approved for an extension of Family & Medical Leave, for thirteen (13) days, effective March 7, 2011, and child-rearing leave through the conclusion of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> marking period of the 2010-2011 school year. |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2     | Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave.):                                                                                                                                       |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.1   | Patricia Cambria, PVI cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective February 4, 2011.                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.2   | Debra Connors, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective February 11, 2011.                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.3   | Luis Fuentes, security officer, was approved for unpaid leave for four (4) days, effective February 15, 2011 through February 18, 2011.                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.4   | Judy Jackowski, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for the following two and one-half (2.5) days: one-half (.5) day on February 7, 2011 and February 8 and 28, 2011.                                                                                  |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.5   | Patricia Kerwin, PVI cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for nine (9) days, effective February 18, 2011 through March 3, 2011.                                                                                                                              |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.6   | Christine Lorch, Polk paraprofessional associate, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective February 11, 2011.                                                                                                                                           |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.7   | Linda Napolitano, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective February 14, 2011 through February 18, 2011.                                                                                                                                  |                                 |
| 6.4.2.2.8   | Tammy Rose, Polk paraprofessional associate, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective February 15, 2011 through February 22, 2011.                                                                                                                    |                                 |
| 6.4.3       | Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 |

- 6.4.3.1 Approval was granted for the Energy Conservation Summer Hours Memorandum of Understanding between the Pleasant Valley Educational Support Professionals' Association and the Pleasant Valley School District.

**6.4 Personnel and General Administration – Addendum February 24, 2011**

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

6.4.4.1 Professional Staff

6.4.4.1.1 High School Winter School

The following were approved for high school winter school:

Name	Course	Stipend
a. Christina Dixon	Social Studies	1 credit course (30 hours)
b. Shavonne Liddic	Mathematics	1 credit course (30 hours)
c. Danielle Unger	English	1 credit course (30 hours)

6.4.5 Leaves of Absence

6.4.5.1 Family and Medical Leave

6.4.5.1.1 Jennifer Krebs, Polk/Chestnuthill teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for thirty-five (35) days, effective February 7, 2011 through March 28, 2011.

6.4.5.1.2 Sue Vegetabile, PVE secretary, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for eight (8) days, effective February 9, 2011 through February 18, 2011.

6.4.5.2 Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any Benefits the school district provides during the period of leave):

6.4.5.2.1 Lorraine Cangialosi, Polk/Chestnuthill librarian, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 18, 2011.

6.4.5.2.2 Joanne Frankunas, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (.5) day, effective February 14, 2011.

6.4.5.2.3 Silvia Suero-Rodriguez, paraprofessional associate, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective February 14 and 15, 2011.

6.4.5.2.4 Christie Sosko, cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective February 14 and 15, 2011.

6.4.6 General Administration

6.4.6.1 Shippensburg University

Approval was granted for the Affiliation Agreement between Shippensburg University and the Pleasant Valley School District, effective, February 1, 2011 for a period not to exceed five (5) years for Field, Student Teaching, Professional Development School (PDS Students), Interns, and Student Observers.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried                      Abstaining from vote on item #6.4.1.1.1 – R. Gould                      Reason: Relative Abstention Memorandum is attached.**

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**Assistant to the Superintendent for Professional /Support Personnel: Mr. Christopher Fisher**

Jim Spinola motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve item #6.5.1 and item #6.5.7 as follows:

**6.5 Professional & Support Services February 24, 2011**

6.5.1 For Approval

6.5.1.1 2010-11 Polk Elementary Parent Volunteers

6.5.1.1.1 Ms. Kelly Driscoll

6.5.1.1.2 Ms. Ruby Dunlap

6.5.1.1.3 Ms. Barbara Gawron

6.5.1.2 2010-2011 Spring *Volunteer* Coach

6.5.1.2.1 Boys' Tennis - Mr. Ralph Weichand

6.5.1.3 2010-2011 Supplemental/Co-curricular Position

6.5.1.3.1 Accompanist, HS Musical - Ms. Lisa Kaye

6.5.1.4 2011-2012 Fall Head Coaching Positions

6.5.1.4.1 Boys' Soccer - Mr. Chris Pachuta

6.5.1.4.2 Cross Country - Mr. George Fair

6.5.1.4.3 Football - Mr. James Terwilliger

6.5.1.4.4 Girls' Tennis - Mr. Mark Allison

6.5.1.4.5 Golf - Mr. Steve Krechel

6.5.1.4.6 Volleyball - Mr. John Gesiskie

- 6.5.1.5 2011-2012 Supplemental/Co-curricular Positions
  - 6.5.1.5.1 Athletic Director - Mr. James Percey
  - 6.5.1.5.2 Asst. Athletic Director (HS) - Mr. Greg Bowman
  - 6.5.1.5.3 Asst. Athletic Director (MS) - Ms. Maureen Shields
  - 6.5.1.5.4 Marching Band Director - Mr. James DeVivo
- 6.5.1.6 Field Trip Request – Pleasant Valley High School
  - 6.5.1.6.1 Grade/Organization – High School Band, grades 10-12
    - Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. James DeVivo
    - Destination of Trip – Carbon County Band Festival  
Panther Valley High School
    - Date of Trip – March 8, 9, 10, 2011
    - District Buses Needed – yes
    - Cost per Student – none
- 6.5.7 Facilities – Mr. Christopher Fisher, Ms. Viola Murphy
  - 6.5.7.1 Facility Use Requests: 1
    - 6.5.7.1.1 Organization West End Academy of Dance
    - Facility Requested HS New Auditorium
    - Purpose Dance Recital
    - Dates/Times Wednesday & Thursday, June 15, 16, 2011  
5:00 – 10:00 pm  
Saturday, June 18, 2011, 1:00 – 10:00 pm
    - Requestor Marylou Behrends
    - Attendance 600
    - Tuition None
    - Fee by District Class 4-All appropriate fees apply

**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

Informational reports: District Events

- ❖ Transportation Liaison/Asst. Custodial Supervisor – Mr. Anthony Pierri - No report
- ❖ Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Mark Meinhart-No report
- ❖ Technology Systems Coordinator: Mr. Rocco Seiler-No report
- ❖ Custodial and Warehouse: Mr. Howard Scott - No report
- ❖ Food Services: Ms. Bonnie Grammes – Participation reports are attached

Dr. Arnold thanked Ms. Nelia Marcheski for the revenue she has brought into the school district since her arrival in March of 2007.

**CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Geary**

Ms. Geary presented an informational PowerPoint report on Mid Year Assessments-Student Achievements.

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve the items #6.6.2 as follows:

- 6.6.2.1 Approval was granted for the Step By Step Learning service agreement in the amount of \$174,450 to include ongoing training for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers and administrators. The agreement is also to include Data Leaders training, LETRS Module 6 training, modeling, coaching, Student Intervention Response training, and middle of the year/end of the year reporting.
- 6.6.2.2 Approval was granted to renew the Teachscape software license in the amount of \$3,000.
- 6.6.2.3 Approval was granted for one day of DIBELS Next Training through Wireless Generations in the amount of \$3,200.

**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

- ❖ Mathematics – Mr. Kenneth Newman - No report
- ❖ Reading – Ms. Dora Tartar - No report
- ❖ Special Education – Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines - No report
- ❖ Technology Services – Dr. Lee Lesisko - No report
- ❖ Title I and Title II - No report

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate: Mr. James Storm, Mr. D. Heath, Ms. D. Siani**

Mr. Storm's report was informational.

**Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Ms. P. Derr, Mr. J. Krebs, Mr. T. Van Nortwick**

Ms. Derr’s report was informational.

**Polk Elementary: Mr. Joseph Kondisko**

Mr. Kondisko’s report was informational.

**Chestnuthill Elementary: Ms. Erica Walters**

Ms. Walters’s report was informational. Ms. Walters stated that students from the National Art Honor Society, with her assistance, wrote a grant for Teen Works which was sponsored by The United Way. The grant is for \$4,000 toward an art star’s project. The students presented their grant at the Hughes Library in Stroudsburg on Tuesday evening.

**Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. Howard Drake, Mr. Michael Kello, Ms. Shelley Larthey**

Mr. Drake’s report was informational.

**Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy: Mr. Robert Hines**

Mr. Hines reported that the enrollment is at 111 students.

**Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress, Ms. Malligo, Mr. Pietroski**

Mr. Gress’s report was informational.

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

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Russ Gould, to approve items #6.11.1 and item #6.11.3 on the Addendum with one addition noted: item #6.11.1.4 the recommendation is ‘to approve the request’. Report is as follows:

**6.11 Business Management February 24, 2011**

- 6.11.1 Requests for approval
  - 6.11.1.1 Approval was granted for the Cafeteria accounts payable for January 2011. Total amount: \$295,478.14  
Approval was granted for the Bills payable for January 2011. Total amount: \$97,148.45
  - 6.11.1.2 The following were approved for payment from the Bond Fund as indicated. 2006 Bond Fund as per attached list \$188.90
  - 6.11.1.3 The following contracts were approved:
    - 6.11.1.3.1 Mountain Top Productions; Cost: \$300. DJ services for 7<sup>th</sup> grade dance, year end celebration at PVI. To be held May 20, 2011 from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
    - 6.11.1.3.2 WeatherBug – Cost: \$1,500. WeatherBug Streamer RT One (1) year, three (3) seat license. No increase from last year.
    - 6.11.1.3.3 Center Point Tank Services, Inc.; Cost: \$5,991. Supply and install one (1) INCON TS-1001 Monitor for tank at bus compound.
  - 6.11.1.4 A taxpayer is seeking relief from payment of tax penalty. Approval was granted by the Board to relieve the taxpayer of the penalty amount of \$552.02 for Parcel #13/1/3/33.
  - 6.11.1.5 Approval was granted to advertise for sealed bids for the following item: HVAC Air filters
  - 6.11.1.6 Approval was granted to accept the June 30, 2010 Audited Financial Statement as prepared by Gorman & Associates, P.C.
  - 6.11.1.7 Approval was granted for the 2011-12 Monroe Career and Technical Institute budget in the amount of \$8,421,900. Pleasant Valley’s share of this budget will be \$2,147,619.
- 6.11.2 Informational
  - 6.11.2.1 Student Activity Accounts
 

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2011	\$258,400.35
Receipts	10,893.64
Expenditures	15,535.29
Ending Balance – January 31, 2011	\$253,758.70

6.11.2.2 PVSD investment report for January 31, 2011.

6.11 **Business Management Addendum** **February 24, 2011**

6.11.3 Requests for approval

6.11.3.1 The following student placements were approved:

6.11.3.1.1 Student# 020911DW – KidsPeace – Effective 2/9/11

6.11.3.1.2 Student# 020411NG – KidsPeace – Effective 2/4/11

6.11.3.1.3 Student# 090710CK – Ridge Crest – Effective 9/7/10

6.11.3.2 Approval was approved for PDE 3074(a) Forms – Self Certification for the following projects:

6.11.3.2.1 Flooring repair/replacement for Pleasant Valley Intermediate

6.11.3.2.2 Flooring repair/replacement for Pleasant Valley Elementary

6.11.3.2.3 Paving/resurfacing for Pleasant Valley High School

6.11.3.2.4 Paving/resurfacing for Chestnuthill Elementary

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**Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Voting no on item #6.11.1.7 – J. Spinola**

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

No report

**Pleasant Valley School Directors:**

None

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

Francesca Zielkowski, Chestnuthill Township, stated that her son received notification of a full scholarship, laptop computer, \$1,300 towards study abroad and tickets to a Broadway show from a college in New York. She thanked the administration and staff for their support of her son and the education he has received.

**Adjournment:**

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:37 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Susan Famularo, Board Secretary

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Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder

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**Next Regular School Board Meeting:  
March 10, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the PVSD Administration Offices**

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