

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
December 18, 2008

Board Approved January 8, 2009 Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Palmer, on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 8:03 p.m. President Palmer welcomed those present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	President Michelle Palmer	Harvey Frable	John Sabia
	Vice-President Tom Murphy	H. Charles Hoffman	
	Treasurer Linda Micklos	Ryan Hinton	
Board Absentees:	Russ Gould		
	Susan Kresge		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Geary, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Braxmeier, Ms. Caines, Ms. Derr, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Heath, Mr. Hines, Mr. Kello, Mr. Kondisko, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. McMasters, Ms. Marcheski, Mr. Meinhart, Mr. Newman, Mr. Pierri, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seiler, Mr. Stefani, Mr. P. Smith, Ms. Tartar, Ms. E. Walters		
Solicitor:	Mr. Gerard Geiger		

Ms. Palmer announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- **December 18, 2008** – Personnel – **Hiring of new and replacement staff and staff discipline;** Negotiations; **and** Legal Issues

MEETING PROCEDURES:

Ms. Palmer referred to the agenda that was available to everyone present and to the meeting procedures that were attached.

Keystone Awards

Dr. Arnold asked Ms. Geary to present three Keystone Awards from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. They were presented to Polk Elementary, Eldred Elementary and Chestnuthill Elementary. The awards were received for achieving AYP for the 2007-08 school year.

Hope Smith, editor of West End Happenings, presented the West End Happenings 2008 Person of the Year Award to Grace Marks for her commitment to children and her involvement in the PV Chemical Free Graduation Party. Ms. Marks has been instrumental in organizing the event for more than two decades. Additionally, a donation for the upcoming PV Chemical Free Graduation Party was presented to Ms. Marks from the West End Happenings publication.

President Palmer stated that each citizen would have three (3) minutes to speak, in a round robin fashion, during the public comment period. Ms. Palmer also noted that one hour would be designated before the meeting and one hour after the meeting for public comment.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS: 8:09 pm

- Greg Carrier, Polk Township, expressed his opinions regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. His opinion was not in favor of the policy. Mr. Carrier also noted that he felt the community was not properly informed of this issue.
- Curran Kneebone, Ross Township and a current 11th grade student at PVHS, expressed his opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. Mr. Kneebone presented several concerns that were discussed amongst the students at PVHS. Mr. Kneebone also presented and read a petition with 460 signatures asking for more student involvement in the decision making process regarding the newly proposed dress code.
- Dr. Arnold stated that some reasons for proposing a standardized dress code were to help prevent incidences of bullying, help reduce school violence and lessen peer pressure, and to help to create an environment that is more conducive to learning.
- Mr. Fisher stated that some of the steps taken when constructing the proposed policy included visiting school districts that currently have a dress code policy and referring to “School Uniforms: What They Are and Why They Work”, which is a manual created by the United States Department of Education. Mr. Fisher also stated that this particular policy is not a uniform policy, but a standardized dress code, which provides students with some freedom.

- Carrie Stasiak, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that she is against the policy.
- Cyd Skinner, Ross Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that she does not support the policy.
- A student from PV Intermediate stated her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that, in her opinion, this policy will not increase school spirit amongst the students.
- Susan Schlichting, Chestnuthill Township, asked the Board how much money will be budgeted for families that have an economic hardship and will need assistance.
- Susan Young, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that she is on the fence with this issue. She felt the issue was not communicated enough to the parents.
- Tracy Giambalvo, Polk Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. Ms. Giambalvo commented that she came from a parochial school where uniforms were worn. Ms. Giambalvo stated that she is in favor of the dress code and stated that everyone will see what a blessing this will be.
- Keith McIntyre, Ross Township, expressed his opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. He stated that he was not in favor of any dress code.
- John Ginder, Polk Township and 11th grade student, expressed his opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221, He asked that the policy not be so strict and that it allow some moderation, such as logos on sneakers and shirts. He also questioned the method of selecting the 30 students that were picked to discuss the issue with the administration. He wanted to know if teachers would also have to adhere to the dress policy.
- Kathy Schuma, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She asked why the school district did not use the new phone system to communicate with parents on this issue.
- Christina McLaughlin, Ross Township, stated that the school district should be focusing on learning, not uniforms.
- Margot Desotelle, Ross Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that the school district should be enforcing the dress code that is currently in place.
- Michael Drapak, Ross Township and a student, expressed his opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. He stated that he is against the dress code policy.
- Jill Gyrisco-Carrier, Polk Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that the school district should not dictate what students wear.
- Sean McIntyre, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinions regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. He stated that he is against the dress code policy. He also stated that the school district should focus on learning.
- Cia Kneebone, Ross Township, expressed her opinions regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that it is important for students to express themselves.
- Alice Ginder, Polk Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Standardized Dress Code Policy #221. She stated that she does not think it will make any changes in student learning.

Dr. Arnold stated the students will have plenty of opportunity, through special events, to dress outside of the code, if passed. One example would be for Spirit week. In response to those who wondered why the policy is being proposed now, Dr. Arnold stated that the school district wanted to give parents plenty of time to bargain shop, get sales and also to present the issue before Christmas, in case some were looking to buy clothes that would be suitable next school year (2009-10), which when the policy will go into effect. Dr. Arnold also noted that information regarding the proposed policy was noted on the front page of every school newsletter and on the front page of the Pocono Record, in addition to being continually posted on the PVSD website, with updates each time there was a change made to the policy. He also stated that the school district really tried to get the word out. He apologized if people felt that not enough was done. Dr. Arnold addressed the issue of consistency by stating that the school district is aiming for consistent implementation of the policy across all grades and schools. Dr. Arnold also stated that the policy is up for approval tonight and, if the policy is approved, it will give the school district time to tweak any subsequent guidelines and procedures. He also urged parents to communicate their suggestions to him, so that consideration can be given to those ideas that may help to make the policy fair, consistent and effective.

OTHER:

None

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

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote – 7-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Linda Micklos

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve the Budget Transfers on page 11; Accounts Payable 11/1/08 – 11/30/08 (Manual Checks) on page 12; Accounts Payable 12/5/08 – 12/18/08 on pages 13-18; Trial Balance/Financial Statement on pages 19-24; Asset Cost Summary on page 25 and the Revenues/Expenditures on pages 26-29 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corvelevn/Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos

Ms. Micklos reported that the monthly Joint Operating Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 8th. She stated that the four sending school districts are looking at the 2009-10 calendar. Discussions include a pre-Labor Day start. Ms. Micklos reported that the Skills USA and DECCA competitions are being held now through January. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12th.

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton reported that the last meeting was held on Wednesday, December 10th. The annual holiday dinner took place prior to the meeting. Dr. Arnold and he attended. Mr. Hinton also reported that the General Operating Budget was passed for 2009-10 at an increase (3%) that was lower than expected. He said the IU is also currently investigating some renovations. For example, the IU building is 20 years old and is in need of a new roof, repairs to the parking lot and repairs to the HVAC system. The estimated cost of these projects is 2.4 to 2.9 million dollars. He also said that the IU has indicated that it currently has approximately 1 million dollars to be put towards the project. Mr. Hinton also distributed copies of "The Twenty". The next scheduled meeting will be the fourth Wednesday in January.

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

No report

Student Representative: Matt Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported that:

- National Honor Society has extended invitations to all senior citizens and their families to join in a matinee movie event on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. The event a free showing of the movie "White Christmas".
- The Junior Prom, or Mistletoe Ball, took place December 13th and was well attended
- SADD is hosting its annual volleyball tournaments, which are taking place now. Finals will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd.
- The senior panoramic picture is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at 7:30 am in the new gym.
- FBLA went to ESU for regional competitions. Several students qualified for the state competition.
- The Leo Club is holding a food drive that will supplement the United Methodist Church Ecumenical Food Resource Center.
- The Key Club is raising money for the Foundation Invisible Children.
- Mr. Thompson thanked the school board for providing guidance counselors who are available to help students with their college applications.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold

District Enrollment (page 30)

Dr. Arnold referred to the enrollment report, stating that the numbers are holding steady.

Policy Revisions:

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the following policy revisions:

Policy No. 221 – Standardized Dress

Policy No. 249 – Bullying

- Ryan Hinton expressed his opinion regarding Policy #221. He read his comments, which stated that he is not in favor of the policy.
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Roll Call: 6-1 Carried Voting no: R. Hinton

Second Reading *

Policy No. 245 – Student Identification Cards

Policy No. 915 – School-Affiliated Organizations

These policies will be recommended for approval at the January 8, 2009 Board meeting.

Other:

Ryan Hinton motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve the following Homebound Requests (As per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in 90 days)

Pleasant Valley Middle School

Student I.D. #	Reason
H111108RS	Medical, retroactive to 11/11/08

Pleasant Valley High School

Student I.D. #	Reason
H111008WA	Medical, retroactive to 11/10/08
H111008JK	Medical, retroactive to 11/10/08
H112008CB	Medical, retroactive to 11/20/08

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

Student I.D. #	Reason
H120408HV	Medical, retroactive to 12/4/08

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman, to approve the appointment of Mr. Blaine Silfies as a member of the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Authority Board for a five-year term from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Bloomsburg University and the Pleasant Valley School District.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Dr. Arnold stated that the FBLA Denim Days raised \$1,607 for Touch of Home and \$1,718.41 for the Hughes Cancer Center. Dr. Arnold stated that latter of these efforts has resulted in recognition in the Hughes Cancer Center’s Samaritan Club of 2008, which is a special category of donors who have made gifts totaling between \$1,250 to \$4,999 during the year.

Dr. Arnold commended all students and staff that are participating in the concerts that are taking place around the school district.

PV Intermediate foreign language students held their Heritage Celebration yesterday.

Dr. Arnold referred to an editorial that was in the Pocono Record recently that recognized role models. The article mentioned Mr. Drew Davis, a PVMS teacher who was injured in an accident and struggled to survive. Mr. Davis ran in the Jingle Bell Run on December 6th, where he placed first for males in the 40-49 age group.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos , to approve items #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on page 42, items #6.4.1- #6.4.3 on addendum #1 and item #6.4.1 on addendum #2 with one revision noted: item #6.4.1.1.1 on page 42 will be effective December 22, 2008. Report is as follows:

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration** **December 18, 2008**
- 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 Tammy Rose was approved for the position of part-time paraprofessional associate, effective December 22, 2008 at annual salary of \$19,250, prorated. Her 2008-2009 school year assignment is Polk Elementary School. (Replacement position for Catherine Barrett)
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes
 - a. Samantha Bush -Elementary (Retroactive to 12/4/08)
 - b. Lisa Weber - Biology/Earth & Space Science/General Science/Homebound

c. Candace Williams-Elementary

- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Rebecca Detwiler, bookkeeper, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for twenty-six (26) days, effective November 26, 2008 through January 14, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Kelly Sutphin, middle school teacher, was approved for an extension of her Family & Medical Leave, effective January 5, through January 16, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2 Leaves Without Pay (Employees will be responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave.):
 - 6.4.2.2.1 Christie Fleming, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave effective for two (2) days, effective December 3 and 4, 2008.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Melinda Ludwig, PVI teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective October 10, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Desiree Murray, Chestnuthill PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for four (4) days, effective December 12, 2008 through December 17, 2008.
 - 6.4.2.3 Special Leave of Absence/ Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS)
 - 6.4.2.3.1 Stephanie Overpeck, security officer, was approved for special unpaid leave of absence under the terms and conditions of PSERS for the period of time from December 18, 2007 through November 18, 2008.

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration – Addendum #1** **December 18, 2008**

- 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 Shelley Kuehn was approved for a change of employment status from part-time PPA to full-time PPA, effective December 22, 2008. (Replacement for [To assume] Wanda Crown’s position)
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Transfers
 - The following transfer is effective December 22, 2008:

NAME	FROM	TO
Wanda Crown, PPA	PVE Special Education	PVE Library, effective December 22, 2008 (Replacement position for Nancy Everett)

- 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley Elementary School
 - 6.4.1.2.1.1 Amy Rush MS + 33, Step 7
BS, Elementary Salary=\$48,100
PSU (Prorated)
MS, Education/Reading
ESU
 - (Replacement 1st grade elementary teacher for Diane Doll, effective February 17, 2009, or sooner, depending upon release.)
 - 6.4.1.2.2 Amber Wittel was approved as a 1st grade long-term substitute teacher for Erica Walters, effective the 2nd semester of the 2008-2009 school year, at a salary of \$37,100, prorated.
 - 6.4.1.2.3 Denise Hopley was approved for the position of health and physical education long-term substitute teacher for John Gesiskie, effective the 2nd semester of the 2008-2009 school year, at a salary of \$37,100, prorated.

- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Sandra D’Agostino, middle school teacher, was approved for Family and Medical Leave, as per Board policy for the following eight (8) days: November 7, December 4, December 8 through December 12 and December 19, 2008.
 - 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 Nicole Composto, middle school mathematics coach, was approved for unpaid leave for the following five and one-half (5-1/2) days:

November 26, 2008, one-half (1/2) day through December 5 and December 16, one-half (1/2) day and December 18, one-half (1/2) day.

6.4.2.2.2 Christie Fleming, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective December 8, 2008.

6.4.2.2.3 Christine Lorch, PVE PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for six (6) days, effective March 20, 2009 through March 27, 2009.

6.4.3 Resignation

Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following employee:

a. Elisa Belk, high school paraprofessional, effective December 15, 2008.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration – Addendum #2 December 18, 2008

6.4.1 Sabbatical Leave of Absence

6.4.1.1 Julie Romanisko, PVI counselor, was approved for a sabbatical leave of absence effective for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call: 5-2 Carried Voting no: T. Murphy, H. Frable

Asst. To The Superintendent for Professional /Support Personnel: Mr. Christopher Fisher

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable, to approve item # 6.5.1.1 on page 43 and item # 6.5.1.1 on addendum #1 as follows:

6.5 Professional & Support Services December 18, 2008

6.5.1 For Approval

6.5.1.1 Approval is requested to adopt the Pleasant Valley School District Crisis Plan.

6.5 Professional & Support Services – Addendum #1 December 18, 2008

6.5.1 Field Trip Requests – Pleasant Valley High School

6.5.1.1 Grade/Organization – High School Ski Club

Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Amy Kucheruck/Mr. Tim McCutchan

Destination of Trip – Big Boulder Ski Area

Date of Trip – January 7, 14, 21, 27, February 4, 11

District Buses Needed – yes

Cost per Student – varies on package (\$40 to \$161)

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Informational Items included:

- ▶ District Events List

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 were attached.

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Geary

Ms. Geary's informational report showed updated participation numbers for the Stepping Up after school tutoring program and the pre-kindergarten parent training program, Ready, Set, Read! The next Ready, Set, Read! event will be held on January 26th. Ms. Geary stated that a draft copy of the PVMS School Improvement Plan has been submitted to the Board for review. Approval for the plan will be sought at the January 8, 2009 meeting. Any questions are to be directed to Ms. Geary or Mr. Drake

Mathematics Supervisor: Mr. Ken Newman

No report

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

Ms. Tartar's report was informational on a Title 1 School Improvement Grant.

Special Education: Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines

Informational report on the special education teacher training that took place on December 4th. The annual special education child accounting information was submitted to IU 20 on December 8th.

Technology: Dr. Lee Lesisko

Dr. Lesisko reported that he is currently working with a second grade teacher, Jessica Henninger, on a technology totem pole project based on a social studies unit.

Title 1 and Title III

No report

Dr. Arnold asked Mr. Pierri to report on a project he conducted in conjunction with First Student in which a food drive was organized for donation the food to the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Council. The food was delivered on November 25th.

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

Mr. Storm’s report was informational.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Ms. Penny Derr, Mr. Patrick Smith, Mr. J. Krebs

Ms. Derr’s report was informational. Ms. Derr presented a video showcasing some of the events happening at PVE. Ms. Derr also stated that Staff Sergeant Eric Bussman donated a flag, which was flown in Afghanistan, to PVE. Mr. Smith presented the flag and a certificate to President Palmer.

Polk Elementary: Ms. Amy Braxmeier

Ms. Braxmeier’s report was informational.

Chestnuthill/Eldred Elementary: Mr. Joseph Kondisko, Ms. Erica Walters

Mr. Kondisko’s report was informational.

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

Mr. Drake’s report was informational.

Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy: Mr. Robert Hines

Mr. Hines stated that he had no report, except that enrollment is still at 31 students.

Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress, Mr. D. Stefani, Ms. Malligo

Mr. Gress’s report was informational.

Business Manager: Ms. Donna Les, Ms. Monica Kotzmann

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton, to approve items #6.11.1 - #6.11.10 on page 54 and 55; items #6.11.1 - #6.11.3 on addendum #1 and items #6.11.1 - #6.11.3 on addendum #2 with the following revisions/additions noted: on page 55, item #6.11.8 change completion date to January 31, 2010; addendum #2, item # 6.11.3 the recommendation would be to accept the bid. Report is as follows:

6.11	<u>Business Management</u>	<u>December 18, 2008</u>
6.11.1	The cafeteria accounts payable for November 2008 were approved. Total amount: \$242,075.08.	
6.11.2	Student Activity Accounts	
	Beginning Balance, November 1, 2008	\$243,209.19
	Receipts	75,323.71
	Expenditures	35,073.20
	Ending Balance, November 30, 2008	\$283,459.70
6.11.3	Informational – District investment report for November 2008	
6.11.4	The following invoices/applications were approved for payment from the Bond Fund listed:	
	<u>1996 Bond Fund</u>	
	Quad Three Group	\$183.91
	Middle School Project: wastewater testing	
	Total	\$183.91
	<u>2004 Bond Fund</u>	
	Quad Three Group, Inc.	\$2,952.08

Polk Project: septic system monitoring wells
Total \$2,952.08

2006 Bond Fund

Quad Three Group, Inc.	\$1,396.09
Middle School Project: wastewater testing	
Atlas Track & Tennis	97,639.23
Stadium renovations. Balance due.	
Pleasant Valley School District General Fund	62,196.26
Stadium renovations: reimbursement for invoices	
Relating to stadium project.	
Lobar, Inc.	
Middle School Project: application #4	615,184.95
Middle School Project: application #5	1,501,740.30
Marx Sheet Metal and Mechanical, Inc.	
Middle School Project: application #5	245,535.12
Clark Food Service Equipment	
Middle School Project: application #2	56,061.00
The Quandel Group, Inc.	
Middle School Project: invoice #14	31,733.34
Middle School Project: invoice #15	31,733.34
G. R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc.	
Middle School Project: application #5	208,323.00
Middle School Project: application #6	129,123.00
James T. O'Hara, Inc.	
Middle School Project: application #1	\$18,436.50
Middle School Project: application #2	75,313.44
Middle School Project: application #3	66,165.75
LTS Plumbing and Heating	
Middle School Project: application #3	20,700.00
Middle School Project: application #4	30,330.00
TGW Corporation	
Middle School Project: application #2	151,650.00
11400, Inc.	
Middle School Project: application #3	44,100.00
Total	\$3,387,361.32

- 6.11.5 Approval was granted for the Pleasant Valley School District Food Service Department participate in the LENORCO Purchasing Cooperative for food and supplies. Annual participation fee is not to exceed \$350.00.
- 6.11.6 Approval was granted to advertise the 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget with a millage rate of 152.50. This reflects a 19.5 mill increase over the 2008-2009 approved budget. It is important for everyone to understand that this is a working document. There are many items that are unknown at this time. The Preliminary Budget will be changed many times prior to final adoption by June 30, 2009.
- 6.11.7 Approval was granted to advertise the intent to file for exceptions under Act 1. The district would be filing for all exceptions for which we qualify.
- 6.11.8 Approval was granted to request a third extension from the Department of Education for the filing of PlanCon J – Final project costs, for the High School Auditorium project. The original date for filing was no later than April 2007. Approved extensions moved the filing date to April 25, 2008 and then February 20, 2009. The new completion date request would be for January 31, 2010.
- 6.11.9 Approval was granted to advertise for sealed bids for the following items:
 Fall Athletic Supplies and Equipment
- 6.11.10 The following student placement was approved:
 Student No.: 110108TR Youth Services Alternatives
 Effective date: 11/1/08

6.11 Business Management – Addendum #1 December 18, 2008

6.11.1 The following student placements were approved:

	Student #112008DJ	VisionQuest	
	Effective 11/20/08		
	Student #092408NM	Glen Mills School	
	Effective 9/24/08		
6.11.2	The following application was approved for payment from the Bond Fund indicated: 2006 Bond Fund		
	Lobar, Inc.		\$586,480.81
	Middle School Project: application #6		
	Total		\$586,480.81
6.11.3	The following invoice was approved for payment from the Pleasant Valley High School Courtyard Garden Account:		
	Check #138	Chestnuthill Nursery	\$99.99
		Christmas tree & décor	

6.11 Business Management - Addendum #2 December 18, 2008

- 6.11.1 Approval was granted for the Board to contract between Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 and the Pleasant Valley School District for the IU to provide services for the 2008-2009 school year to fulfill the district's responsibility for nonpublic school participation in the Title 1 program at Immaculate Conception and Out Lady of Mt. Carmel Schools. The cost of these services shall not exceed \$2,000.
- 6.11.2 Approval was granted for the Board to contract an addendum between Pleasant Valley School District and Frontier Communications to modify our long distance services, effective immediately. [Note: Frontier Communications (formerly Commonwealth Telephone) provides our local 570 service.] Mr. Seiler, with financial data support from Ms. D'Amato, met with representatives of Frontier Communications to negotiate this contract addendum, resulting in significant savings to the district. The contract addendum will incorporate our AT&T long distance service and the Frontier Communications local long distance service under the Frontier Communications umbrella. The charges for the AT&T long distance service will be a flat \$2,000 per month for 20,000 minutes per month (there will be no additional "fees" added onto the bill). Local long distance services will not be affected by this contract addendum. The overall impact of this change will be a savings to the district of approximately \$25,900 per year.
- 6.11.3 Approval was granted for the Board to accept following bid for the 2009-2010 school year for Pleasant Valley School District (this was the only bid received). [Estimated savings from 08-09 pricing: \$333,976.45]
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| #2 Fuel Oil | Isobunkers | | |
| Consumer Tank | \$3.0727/gallon | est. cost: | \$ 73,437.53 |
| #2 Fuel Oil | Isobunkers | | |
| Tank Transport | \$1,8787/gallon | est. cost: | \$355,074.30 |
| 89 Octane Gasoline | Isobunkers | | |
| Tank Transport | \$1.5993/gallon | est. cost: | \$ 65,571.30 |

It is recommended to reject the bid for Monroe Career and Technical Institute.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corvelevn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Grammes about an increase that was shown in breakfast participation. And a decline in a la carte sales.
- Mr. Murphy made a statement regarding the dress code policy. He commented on Mr. Hinton's statements by saying that Mr. Hinton did a very good job. He also stated that he is not 100% in favor of everything that is in the policy and urged people to send Dr. Arnold their suggestions so that we can refine the policy, if need be, in order to make it better for everyone. He feels this policy will be a positive thing for everyone.
- Mr. Murphy addressed comments regarding the 30 students involved in constructing the dress code policy by stating that they were randomly picked from three different buildings. The students were brought together to discuss every issue that was brought up this evening. The students were concerned over the colors available, but many of them were in favor of the dress code.

- Mr. Sabia reiterated what Mr. Murphy stated. He also is not 100% in favor of everything, but feels that things are getting out of hand and we need to bring everyone together. He noted that the policy is not permanent and can be tweaked. He also stated that teachers will also have some kind of a dress code.
- Ryan Hinton commented on the PVHS Program of Studies, which was not on the agenda tonight. He commended the increase in AP courses. He also stated that the school district should take the initiative and be the first to pass the 2009-10 calendar. He also commented on Board Policy #221 by stating that the Board members, along with faculty and staff, should also be adhering to the same standards of the dress policy.
- Harvey Frable stated that our soldiers who fight for our freedom conform to a dress code. He stated that we are only asking the students to start to dress for success. He also stated that he does not agree with everything in the policy and that the school district is open-minded with regard to proposed changes.

Pleasant Valley Citizens: 10:03 pm

- Alice Ginder, Polk Township, asked if parents could be part of the decision that is made concerning the dress code. She commented that she felt the Board already had their minds made up and did not listen to what the community had to say.
- Cyd Skinner, Ross Township, stated that she would be removing her student from Pleasant Valley and putting him into a cyber charter school.
- Kathy Schuma, Chestnuthill Township, stated that she will support the school district on their decision, even though she does not agree with the newly approved dress code policy.
- Greg Carrier, Polk Township, stated that the vote should have been postponed since so many people did not know about this issue and so many came tonight that were opposed. He also complimented Mr. Hinton on his statements regarding the policy.
- A student came to the podium and stated that he was not a soldier.
- Susan Young, Chestnuthill Township, asked the Board to consider a dress down Friday. She also asked why the parents have to be packed into the cafeteria and gym in some of the buildings when there are concerts, since the school district has a new auditorium. She asked if that facility could be used for certain events around the school district.
- John Ginder, Polk Township and 11th grade student, commented on the soldier comment made by Mr. Frable. He also asked why there is not a community night organized where everyone gathers to discuss the dress code issue.
- Francesca Zielkowski, Chestnuthill Township, asked if the school district would consider putting in a handball court.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Palmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:13pm.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder

<p>Next Regular Scheduled Meeting - January 8, 2009 at 8:00 pm, District Offices</p>
