

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
March 26, 2009

Board Approved April 16, 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, March 26, 2009 at 8:04 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 Administrative Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	President MiChelle Palmer	Harvey Frable	Russ Gould
	Vice-President Tom Murphy	H. Charles Hoffman	John Sabia
	Treasurer Linda Micklos	Susan Kresge	
Board Absentees:	Ryan Hinton		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Geary, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Caines, Ms.Derr, Mr. Drake, Ms. Larthey, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Gress, Mr. Heath, Mr. Hines, Mr. Kello, Mr. Kondisko, Mr. Krebs, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. Marcheski, Mr. Meinhart, Ms. Malligo, Mr. Newman, Mr. Scott, Ms. Siani, Mr. Stefani, Mr. Smith, Ms. Tartar, Ms. Walters		
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

Ms. Palmer announced notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- **March 26, 2009 – 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.

GOOD NEWS PRESENTATION:

PV Elementary

Ms. Derr introduced PVE third grade student Taylor Dahl and fourth grade student Hailey Holcomb, who each entered an essay contest on Americanism. Both students won \$75 savings bonds from American Legion Post 927 in Gilbert. Each student read aloud their winning essays.

PV High School

- ▶ Mr. Gress introduced Mr. Young, Academic Competition Team Advisor, who announced that, for the first time in history, the PV team placed first at the Colonial IU20 Academic Competition. The team will be going to Harrisburg in April to compete at the state level.
- ▶ Mr. Gress introduced Sofiya Ballin, an eleventh grade student, who participated in the Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition and placed first. She also placed in the top five in the state at the competition, which was held at the Governor's Mansion on March 12th. Ms. Ballin then recited three poems.

PV Middle School

- ▶ Mr. Drake stated that he is very proud of the PVMS faculty. He stated that one employee's son was deployed to Afghanistan and the faculty collected 14 boxes of personal items to send to the troops during Christmas. The son of Ms. Crimaldi, PVMS Librarian, sent a letter of thanks to the PV Middle School staff, which also included a flag that was flown by his team in Afghanistan. The flag will be displayed in the middle school.
- ▶ Mr. Drake introduced Sandi D'Agostino, a PVMS teacher, and Ms. Crimaldi, who reported on a program that they participated in at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. They reported on how this program and the opportunities inherent to the program will tie into the middle school curriculum and benefit our students. They also displayed copies of artwork that they were able to borrow from the museum.
- ▶ Mr. Drake announced that Ms. D'Agostino was nominated for the title of Gifted Teacher of the Year in the state of Pennsylvania. Although not chosen, she placed in the top five.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS

Larry Yozwiak, Chestnuthill Township, and John Olah, Chestnuthill Township, thanked the Board for the new turf field at the stadium. The gentlemen asked if the stadium scoreboard would be working for girls' soccer games, including the game that would be played at the stadium on Saturday, March 28th. Ms. Palmer replied that Mr. Percey was out of town but would be looking into the issue.

OTHER:

None

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable , to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote – 8-0 Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ms. Linda Micklos

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve Budget Transfers on pages 9-14 and the Accounts Payable 3/13/09 – 3/26/09 on pages 15-21 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 8-0 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

No report

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

No report

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms Kresge stated that PSBA testified this week on the use of the federal stimulus funds for education. She read some information received from PSBA regarding how the funds can be used.

Student Representative: Matt Thompson

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold

District Enrollment is holding at 6,348 students this month.

Policy Revisions

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve the following policy revisions:

Policy No. 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records

Policy No. 206 – Assignment Within District

Policy No. 218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts

Policy No. 220 – Student Expression

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

First Reading

Policy No. 708

Policy No. 710

These policies will be recommended for approval at the May 14, 2009 Board meeting.

Other:

Harvey Frable motioned, seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the following Homebound Requests (as per Board policy, re-evaluation will be done in 90 days)

Pleasant Valley High School

Student I.D. No.

Reason

H0226093

Expulsion, retroactive to February 25, 2009

H0226091

Expulsion, retroactive to February 25, 2009

Pleasant Valley Middle School

Student I.D. No.

Reason

H031109RK

Medical, renewal retroactive to March 11, 2009

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Dr. Arnold announced the following:

- The Academic Fair will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at PVHS
- Dr. Arnold received a letter from the Monroe County March of Dimes thanking PVSD for raising \$1,481 during the February Denim Day event. PV again raised the most funds of any county school district.
- Special Olympics for the northern part of IU20 will be held on May 13th (rain date May 14th) here at Pleasant Valley.
- Three students from PVHS will be honored for their status as National Merit Scholars at a ceremony on May 5th sponsored by IU20. Those students are: Michael Pierce, Colin Page and Michael Fogge.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake event will be held at Sky Lanes in East Stroudsburg on Saturday, March 28th. Currently, there are 43 teams registered, which is a record.
- Dr. Arnold received two letters of appreciation from people from Lehighon regarding our students who participated in the Carbon County Band Festival on March 12th.
- PVHS Guidance Counselor and Leo Club Advisor, Ms. Sheri Fallon, received the Lions Club Service Award.
- The PVHS Hallway of Records received a \$1,200 donation from the Pleasant Valley Youth Association. A letter of thanks and acknowledgement will be sent to PVYA.
- The PVHS Band will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper at PVE from 4- to 8 PM on Saturday, April 4th.

Susan Kresge motioned, seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the Agreements for the following Students:

- ▶ #032609M
- ▶ #031809H
- ▶ #031909H

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on pages 36 & 37 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on the addendum as follows:.

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration** **March 26, 2009**
- 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 Christopher Pfancook, Jr. was approved for the position of casual security officer, with wages and benefits as per the Security Department Compensation Plan.
- 6.4.1.1.2 Alex Wunder was approved for the position of temporary paraprofessional associate, effective March 30, 2009 through the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year, at an annual salary of \$19,250 prorated. His 2008-2009 school year assignment is at the high school for Lori Moeck.
- 6.4.1.1.3 Substitutes
- a. Denise Mascal - PPA
- b. Angela Rundle - Cafeteria Worker/Monitor
- c. Bruce Vogel - Custodian
- d. David Weibley - Custodian
- 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
- 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes
- a. Kathryn Martocci - Elementary
- 6.4.1.3 Administration
- 6.4.1.3.1 Anthony A. Fadule was approved for renewal of his commission as Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and General Administration for four (4) years, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
- 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
- 6.4.2.1.1 Laurie Koonce, PVE teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy for approximately twenty-three (23) days, effective May 11, 2009 through the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Jennifer O'Keefe, PVE speech therapist, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for sixteen (16) days, effective February 2 through February 24, 2009.

- 6.4.2.1.3 Janet Serfass, PVI teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for fourteen (14) days, effective March 9 through March 27, 2009.
- 6.4.2.1.4 Diane Siani, PVI assistant principal, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, effective for the following four (4) days: March 3, through 5 and March 10, 2009.
- 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 Perma Borger, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave effective for the following three (3) days: March 5, 6 and March 12, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Nicole Composto, mathematics coach, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 8, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Margaret Curcio, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave effective for the following four and one-half (4.5) days: February 27, one-half day on March 3, March 4, 5 and 6, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.4 Barbara Farrington, PVI cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective April 3, 6 and 7, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.5 Christie Fleming, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective March 11 and 12, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.6 Dolores George, PVI PPA, was approved for unpaid leave effective for the following three (3) days: March 5, March 11 and 12, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.7 Elisabeth Johnson, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective March 4 and 5, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.8 Rita Nelson, PVI cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for four (4) days, effective May 26 through 29, 2009.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration – Addendum March 26, 2009

- 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 Lori Bray was approved for the position of part-time paraprofessional associate, effective April 14, 2009, at an annual salary of \$19,250, prorated. Her 2008-2009 school year assignment is the high school. (New position)
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Heather Gross, Polk Elementary School teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for approximately twenty-four (24) days, effective May 11 through the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year.
 - 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 Kathy Biro, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 13, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Theresa Brookes, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for the following two (2) days: March 20 and 25, 2009.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Kim Wimmer, Eldred PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective March 30, 2009 and April 3, 2009.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve item #6.5.1 on page 38 and item #6.5.1 on the addendum as follows:

6.5 Professional & Support Services March 26, 2009

- 6.5.1 For Approval
 - 6.5.1.1 2008 – 2009 Spring *Volunteer* Coaching Positions
 - 6.5.1.1.1 Track & Field - Mr. Kyle Bonser
 - 6.5.1.1.2 Track & Field - Mr. Jesse Motko
 - 6.5.1.2 2009 – 2010 Marching Band Positions
 - 6.5.1.2.1 Assistant Director - Mr. Aaron Boligitz
 - 6.5.1.2.2 Advisor - Ms. Amy Boligitz
 - 6.5.1.2.3 Advisor - Ms. Rebecca Martini
 - 6.5.1.2.4 Advisor - Mr. Mike Martini
 - 6.5.1.3 2008 – 2009 Parent Volunteers for Polk Elementary School

- 6.5.1.3.1 Ms. Mary Dennehy
- 6.5.1.3.2 Ms. Suzanne Geer
- 6.5.1.3.3 Ms. Antoinette Gravell
- 6.5.1.3.4 Ms. Stephanie Havansky
- 6.5.1.3.5 Ms. Paolina Lindner
- 6.5.1.3.6 Ms. Rebecca Diane Lucas
- 6.5.1.3.7 Ms. Mercedes Ramos

6.5 Professional & Support Services - Addendum March 26, 2009

- 6.5.1 For Approval
 - 6.5.1.1 Field Trip Request – Pleasant Valley High School
 - 6.5.1.1.1 Grade/Organization – Scholastic Scrimmage Team
 - Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Bob Young
 - Destination of Trip – State Capitol, Harrisburg for the PAC I Unit Scholastic Scrimmage Competition
 - Date of Trip – April 24, 2009
 - District Buses Needed – yes
 - Cost per Student – none

Roll Call: 8-0 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

Mathematics Supervisor: Mr. Ken Newman

No report

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the following request for summer school.

- Classes will be held for kindergarten through grade six in reading and math.
- Summer school will from July 6- July 31, 2009.
- The daily sessions will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for students in grade K-4
 - 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for instructors.
- For students in grades 5-6, the daily sessions will be 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for instructors.
- Twelve instructors and seven instructional aides will be needed for grades K-4.
 - Instructors will be paid \$460/week
 - The instructional aides will be paid \$360/week.
- Two instructors and two instructional aides will be needed for grades 5-6.
 - Instructors will be paid \$460/week
 - The instructional aides will be paid \$360/week.
- This summer program is funded through ESEA Title I program

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

A video on Read Across America festivities at PV elementary schools was shown by Ms. Erica Walters.

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

No report

Technology: Dr. Lee Lesisko

No report

Title 1 and Title III

No report

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve the following parent volunteers. All requirements have been met.

- a. Joan Frost
- b. Denise Shank
- c. Jennifer Carr
- d. Dale Morris

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Remainder of Ms. Derr’s report was informational.

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

Informational report on upcoming events and current enrollment.

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve items #6.11.1 - #6.11.5 and items #6.11.1 - #6.11.4 on the addendum as follows:

6.11 Business Management

March 26, 2009

6.11.1 Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for February 2009 be approved.
Total amount: \$194,256.88.

6.11.2 Student Activity Accounts	
Beginning Balance, February 1, 2009	\$270,065.74
Receipts	14,102.72
Expenditures	25,448.34
Ending Balance, February 28, 2009	\$258,720.12

6.11.3 Informational – District investment report for February 2009

6.11.4 The following invoices/applications were approved for payment from the Bond Fund listed:

	2006 Bond Fund	
Lobar, Inc.	\$746,091.44	
Middle School Project: application #9		
Marx Sheet Metal and Mechanical, Inc.	105,950.41	
Middle School Project: application #8		
G. R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc.	104,072.50	
Middle School Project: application #10		
11400, Inc.	42,174.00	
Middle School Project: application #6		
LTS Plumbing & Heating	40,950.00	
Middle School Project: application #6		
United Inspection Services	9,585.50	
Middle School Project: testing services	\$2,985.50	
Middle School Project: testing services	\$6,600.00	
The Quandel Group, Inc.	31,733.33	
Middle School Project: construction management		
Total	\$1,080,557.18	

	2003AA Bond Fund	
Quad Three Group	\$1,824.00	

Polk Project: monitoring wells lab services
Total \$1,824.00

- 6.11.5 The following student placements were approved for approval:
Student Number: 022509KB Laurel Youth Services
Effective 2/25/09
Student Number: 022509ZH Northwestern Academy
Effective 2/25/09
Student Number: 030509SH LVH Psychiatric Unit
Effective 3/5/09

6.11 Business Management – Addendum March 26, 2009

- 6.11.1 The following contracts were granted approval.
PV Intermediate School 7th Grade Semi-Formal
Contract with Backtrax Mobile DJ's--DJ for dance on March 30, 2009
\$550.00
6.11.2 The following applications were approved with payment from the Bond Fund indicated.
2006 BOND FUND

James T. O'Hara, Inc.	\$13,500.01
Middle School Project: application #5	
James T. O'Hara, Inc.	18,142.69
Middle School Project: application #6	

Total \$31,642.70

- 6.11.3 Approval was granted by the Board for the attached amendments for the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description pertaining to the district's indemnity and preferred provider medical plans. Effective date: July 1, 2009. The amendments are to incorporate the required language of Act 62 of 2008 covering colorectal cancer screening services.
6.11.4 Approval was granted to re-purchase a van from First Student at a cost not to exceed that which they paid the school district. Cost: \$2,500.00.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corvelevn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- ▶ Ms. Kresge asked if the Business Office could include a column on the investment report that indicates the length of the term.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Francesca Zielkowski, Chestnuthill Township, asked if elementary students would be allowed to wear their gym clothing to school on gym days and not follow the dress code. Dr. Arnold answered that would not be permitted.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President MiChelle Palmer as to adjourn, Charles Hoffman motioned, seconded by Harvey Frable to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:07 pm.
Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les, Board Secretary _____

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder _____

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting - April 16, 2009 at 8:00 pm, District Offices