

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 28, 2009**

**Board Approved June 11, 2009** 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 MiChelle Palmer on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 8:00 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 Administration Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Ms. Palmer announced notification of executive session as follows:

- ▶ May 28, 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 REPORT**

**Pleasant Valley Middle School: Mr. Drake**

Mr. Drake introduced Ms. Yeager, PVMS Band Director. Ms. Yeager introduced members of the PVMS Woodwind Ensemble, who performed in the lobby prior to the meeting. They were: Sofia Soares on Flute, Nicole Chouljian on Clarinet, Sarah Schillinger on Clarinet, Laura Gower on Flute and Shannon Serafin on Flute.

These students are part of the ninth grade band and the woodwind quintet. The band will be going to Hershey on Friday to participate in an adjudication competition.

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate: Mr. Storm**

Mr. Reese, PVI Band Director, thanked the Board for their support of the music department. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade band recently traveled to Southern Lehigh to compete in an adjudication competition and received many outstanding awards.

Mr. Reese invited everyone to the Band performance that will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm at PVI.

Mr. Heath, PVI Assistant Principal and Ms. Dekmar, a PVI teacher, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Positive Behavior Support program that was started in 2003 at PVI. The program is designed to encourage positive behavior in all students. The program is reinforced in the classroom, at assembly programs and by a staff monitoring system. The students are rewarded with “Gimme 5” coupons that can be spent in the school store.

**Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. Gress**

Mr. Gress introduced 11<sup>th</sup> grade MCTI student, Rolando Leon, who performed an award-winning speech that he previously presented at the Skills USA competition and that has guaranteed him a chance to present at the national level.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:**

John Cerbone, Eldred Township, addressed the Board by asking them to consider a swimming pool and aquatic program for the school district. He stated that his children participate with the YMCA swim team. He offered to bring the YMCA swim coach to meet the Board and speak about an aquatic program. Dr. Arnold asked Mr. Cerbone to e-mail him with details.

**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, May 14, 29009 as per the attached copy.

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**Roll Call: Voice Vote – 8-0 Carried**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Linda Micklos**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the Accounts Payable from 5/15/09 – 5/28/09 on pages 16-20 as per the attached copies.

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**Roll Call: 7-1 Carried      Voting no: M. Palmer**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn/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 reported:

- ▶ PSBA is launching a new Education Research and Policy Center to identify existing critical issues affecting public education. The first topic is school mergers and consolidations.
- ▶ The Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Health announced two initiatives aimed at increasing physical activity for middle school students. A \$5,000 grant will be issued to middle schools who implement physical activity programs that meet the federal guidelines.
- ▶ The General Assembly returns to Harrisburg next week and will be working to meet the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to pass the 2009-10 state budget.
- ▶ Dr. Arnold and Ms. Kresge attended a legislative meeting at NCCC on Tuesday. Items included on the agenda were school consolidations, PSERS rate increase, statewide health care, and PIAA officials' clearance requirements. HB850 was brought up for discussion, and most legislators have indicated that they are not in favor of the bill. It was mentioned by one legislator that school board members should also meet clearance requirements.

**Student Representative: Matt Thompson**

Mr. Thompson reported that:

- ▶ The prom was held last Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The theme was "Around the World". Decorations featured NYC, Europe, Asia and Africa.
- ▶ Graduation preparation is underway, with finals beginning next week.
- ▶ Student Government elections will take place next week.
- ▶ The Special Olympics was a huge success, with over 800 students volunteering.
- ▶ The Leo Club is conducting a drive for pet supplies that will be donated to our local shelters.
- ▶ The Chem-Free graduation party will take place after graduation.
- ▶ Co-Curricular Awards were issued last week.
- ▶ Honors English classes participated in the "Exploring a Whole New Mind in a Whole New Way" project. Mr. Thompson's group went to Harrisburg for Classrooms for the Future Day. Representative Siproth took the group on a tour.

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

Dr. Arnold referred to the school district enrollment information on pages 21-22.

**Policy Revisions (pages 23-28)**

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the following policy revisions:

Policy No. 200 – Enrollment in District

Policy No. 202.1 – Attendance Eligibility

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**Roll Call: 8 -0 Carried**

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Second Reading \*

- Policy No. 101 – Philosophy of Education
- Policy No. 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment/Contract Practices
- Policy No. 114 – Gifted Education
- Policy No. 140.1 – Extracurricular Participation By Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- Policy No. 203 – Communicable Diseases and Immunization
- Policy No. 208 – Withdrawal From School
- Policy No. 211 – Student Insurance
- Policy No. 224 – Care of School Property
- Policy No. 230 – Public Performances By Students
- Policy No. 231 – Social Events
- Policy No. 247 – Hazing
- Policy No. 248 – Unlawful Harassment

*These policies will be recommended for approval at the June 11, 2009 Board meeting.*

First Reading \*\*

- Policy No. 102 – Academic Standards
- Policy No. 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- Policy No. 105 – Curriculum Development
- Policy No. 105.2 – Exemption from Instruction
- Policy No. 106 – Guides for Planned Instruction
- Policy No. 118 – Independent Study
- Policy No. 119 – Current Events
- Policy No. 125 – Adult Education
- Policy No. 126 – Class Size

*\*\* These policies will be recommended for approval at the June 25, 2009 Board meeting.*

**Other**

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos, to approve the following requests for Homebound Instruction.

Pleasant Valley High School

ID#	Reason
H031709DA	Medical, retroactive to March 17, 2009
H041409MM	Medical, retroactive to April 14, 2009
H042409DS	Medical, retroactive to April 24, 2009
H042909CS	Medical, retroactive to April 29, 2009
H050509HK	Expulsion, retroactive to May 5, 2009
H050509CB	Medical, retroactive to May 5, 2009

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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**Noteworthy Accomplishments and Events**

EIE Award

- ▶ The “Exploring a Whole New Mind in a Whole New Way” project, led by Ms. McLain, Ms. Ludka and Ms. Reduzzi, received an award on May 5<sup>th</sup> from CIU 20.
- ▶ PVHS had a PDE monitoring visit from the PSSA team that went very well.
- ▶ PVHS will host an open house on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the courtyard garden. From 6 to 8:00 PM.

**Gifts/Donations**

- ▶ Pocono Cup Soccer has donated more than \$2,100 over the past few years to the Hall of Records and other athletic projects. Dr. Arnold will be sending a letter of recognition to the club.
- ▶ Dr. Arnold received a letter from the American Red Cross thanking PVSD for participating in the Monroe county Quarterathon for 2009. PVE students raised \$1,280.47.

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

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve items #6.4.1- #6.4.2 and Addendum 1 items #6.4.1 #6.4.2 with the following revisions: item #6.4.1.1.2 is effective July 1, 2009; item 6.4.1.1.6 (a) retroactive to May 22, 2009; item #6.4.2.1.3 leave is through April 24, 2009. On the Addendum, item #6.4.1.2.1(a) add Melissa Ruschak as co-coordinator. Report is as follows:

6.4	<b><u>Personnel and General Administration</u></b>	<b><u>May 28, 2009</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 Laurie Kratz was approved for the position of Eldred head cook, effective for the 2009-2010 school year. (Replacement position for Sally Haydt)
- 6.4.1.1.2 Anthony Palermo was approved for a promotion from the rank of Sergeant to the rank of Lieutenant in the Pleasant Valley School District Security Department effective July 1, 2009.
- 6.4.1.1.3 Nazare Pereira was approved for the position of custodian, effective May 31, 2009. Her 2008-2009 school year assignment is the high school. (Replacement position for Rosemarie Smale)
- 6.4.1.1.4 Christopher D. Pfancook, Jr. was approved for a change of employment status from casual security officer to part-time security officer, effective May 18, 2009.
- 6.4.1.1.5 Mark Sandt was approved for the position of custodian, effective May 31, 2009. His 2008-2009 school year assignment is Polk Elementary School. (Replacement position for George Lamp)
- 6.4.1.1.6 Substitutes
  - a. Joan Weimmer - Secretary retroactive to May 22, 2009
- 6.4.1.1.7 Transfer  
The following transfers are effective for the 2009-2010 school year:

NAME	FROM	TO
Janet Ackers, Cafeteria Worker	JCM	Middle School (Replacement position for Mary Ann Veneziano)
Mary Jean Dunleavy, Head Cook	PVE	Polk (Replacement position for Joanne Altemose)
Linda Chiesa, Cafeteria Worker	JCM	High School (Replacement position for Karen O'Connell)
Jean Hicks, Head Cook	JCM	PVE
Kristen Keller, Cafeteria Worker	Polk	PVE (Replacement position for Margaret Curcio)
Mary Provinciali, Cafeteria Worker	JCM	High School (Replacement position for Nazare Pereira)
Crystal Reph, Custodian	Polk	PVE
Jared Rechenberger, Custodian	High School	Polk

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.4.2.1.1 Joanne Cole, Polk Elementary School teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for four (4) days, effective June 9 through June 12, 2009.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Angela Chandler, PVI teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year and child-rearing leave of absence through the conclusion of the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year.
- 6.4.2.1.3 Paul Evans, high school teacher, was approved for intermittent Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for thirteen (13) days, effective October 27, 2008 through April 24, 2009.
- 6.4.2.1.4 Jacqueline Tortora middle school PPA, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for nineteen (19) days, effective May 18, 2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- 6.4.2.1.5 Bethanne Yanchick, PVE teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for five (5) days, effective April 27 through May 1, 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 Kimberly Ancona, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective May 6, 7 and 11, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.2 Kathleen Biro, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (.5) day, effective May 6, 2009.

- 6.4.2.2.3 Tammy Cannon, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 30, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.4 Diane DiBella, high school PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for one day, effective May 15, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.5 Christie Fleming, PVE cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for the following days: one-half (.5) day on May 15 and one (1) day on May 28, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.6 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 1, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.7 Lisa Hernandez, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for the following two (2) days: May 12 and 15, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.8 Elisabeth Johnson, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, May 13, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.9 Debra Mayer, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 18, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.10 Nancy Perry, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 7, 2009
- 6.4.2.2.11 Marcis Robenault, PVI PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective May 7 and 8, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.12 Maria Spence, Polk monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective May 13 and 14, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.13 Elizabeth Valentine, high school PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (.5) day, effective May 13, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.14 Karen Verhage, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 29, 2009.
- 6.4.2.2.15 Kimberly Wimmer, Eldred PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 18, 2009.

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration – Addendum #1** **May 28, 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 Summer Maintenance

The following individuals were approved for the position of summer maintenance, at the daily rate of \$75.00, effective on or about June 15, 2009:

- a. Diane Bednarek
- b. Patricia Brennan
- c. Linda Chiesa
- d. Sandra Eckman
- e. Barbara Farrington
- f. Catherine Masiello
- g. Harley Nelson
- h. Corey Smith
- i. Debbie Wadiak

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

The following individuals were approved for hire effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year:

6.4.1.2.1 Audio-Visual/Technology Building Coordinator

The following individuals were approved for the Audio Visual Technical Coordinator position:

- a. PV High School - Craig Morris  
Melissa Ruschak
- b. PV Middle School - Cliff McFarland/  
Theresa McDermott
- c. PVI - James Igoe/ Bobbi Shupp
- d. PVE - Barry Crown
- e. Polk - Steve Bitto
- f. Eldred - Christie Doll
- g. Chestnuthill - Roger Pomposello

6.4.1.2.2 Department Heads/Curriculum Leaders for the 2009-2010 school year:

**Language Arts**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Dave Weinman  
Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Roberta McMaster

Middle School Department Head-Vanessa Skrba  
 High School Department Head-Philomena Reduzzi

**Mathematics**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Teresa Weinman  
 Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Trevor Kresge  
 Middle School Department Head-Dana West  
 High School Department Head-Ken Piontkowski

**Social Studies**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Meghan Kondisko  
 Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Thomas Dudley  
 Middle School Department Head-Paul McCrone  
 High School Department Head-Tom Crosby

**Science**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Amy Polak  
 Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Crystal Hicks  
 Middle School Department Head-Rick Rimple  
 High School Department Head-Mark Liscinski

**Business Education**

High/Middle School Department Head-Melissa Ruschak

**Grades 7 – 12 Department Heads**

World Language - Alyssa Phillips  
 Family & Consumer Sciences- Luann James  
 Industrial Arts/Tech Education - Ken Santoro

**Grades K – 12 Department Heads**

Art - Barbara Cortese  
 ESOL- Patty Ising  
 Health & Phys. Ed. - Thomasine Falcone  
 Library Media - Deborah Lowenburg  
 Music - John DeVivo

6.4.1.2.3 Transfer

The following transfer is effective for the 2009-2010 school year:

NAME	FROM	TO
Gayle Markowski	PVI Special Education Teacher	Secondary Educational Consultant (Replacement position for Debra Bielawski)

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

6.4.2.1.1 Michael Kalinoski, middle school custodian, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective March 18 through June 11, 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 Carol Kearns, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for four (4) days, effective June 2 through June 5, 2009.

**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve item #6.5.1, item #6.5.7 and item #6.5 on the addendum as follows:

**6.5 Professional & Support Services**

**May 14, 2009**

6.5.1 For Approval

6.5.1.1 2009 – 2010 Fall Assistant Coaching Positions

6.5.1.1.1 Field Hockey

6.5.1.1.1.1 Jr. High - Ms. Meghan Lane

6.5.1.2 2009 – 2010 Co-curricular Advisor Positions

6.5.1.2.1 Advanced Placement Coord. - Ms. Sherri Fallon

6.5.1.2.2 Debate Club - Ms. Barbara Arroyo

6.5.1.2.3 Envirothon Club - Mr. Mark Liscinski

6.5.1.2.4 Freshman Class Split Stipend - Ms. Sandy D’Agostino

6.5.1.2.5 Freshman Class Split Stipend - Ms. Suzanne Powell

6.5.1.2.6 High School Student Gov’t. - Ms. Christina Castone

6.5.1.2.7 High School Yearbook - Ms. Jacqueline Ludka

6.5.1.2.8 Leo Club - Ms. Sherri Fallon

- 6.5.1.2.9 Marching Band Equip. Manager - Ms. Holly DeVivo
- 6.5.1.2.10 Middle Sch. Yearbook Split Stipend Ms. Sandy D'Agostino
- 6.5.1.2.11 Middle Sch. Yearbook Split Stipend Ms. Suzanne Powell
- 6.5.1.2.12 Mock Trial - Ms. Christina Castone
- 6.5.1.2.13 Mock Trial Assistant - Mr. Tim McCutchan
- 6.5.1.2.14 National Art Honor Society - Mr. George Boudman
- 6.5.1.2.15 Sophomore Class - Ms. Christina Castone
- 6.5.1.3 2009 – 2010 Fall *Volunteer* Coaching Position
  - 6.5.1.3.1 Varsity/JV Football - Mr. Chad Plummer
- 6.5.7 Facilities – Mr. Christopher Fisher, Ms. Viola Murphy
  - 6.5.7.1 Facility Use Requests: 3
    - 6.5.7.1.1 Organization Pleasant Valley Choral Society
      - Facility Requested HS New Auditorium, 1 Classroom, Music Room
      - Purpose Community Holiday Concert
      - Dates/Times December 12 & 13, 2009
      - Saturday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Set up & Rehearsal
      - Saturday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Concert
      - Sunday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Concert
      - December 18 & 20, 2009-Cancellation dates
      - Requestor Janet Serfass
      - Attendance 400 Each performance
      - Tuition \$6.00 Admission Fee
      - Fee by District Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Custodial & Security Fees Apply
    - 6.5.7.1.2 Organization Pleasant Valley Choral Society
      - Facility Requested HS New Auditorium, 1 Classroom, Music Room
      - Purpose Spring Pops Concert
      - Dates/Times April 23, 24, 25, 2010
      - Friday 4:00 pm – 10:30 pm Set up & Rehearsal
      - Saturday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Concert
      - Sunday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Concert
      - Requestor Janet Serfass
      - Attendance 400 Each performance
      - Tuition \$6.00 Admission Fee
      - Fee by District Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Custodial & Security Fees Apply
    - 6.5.7.1.3 Organization Monroe County Recreation
      - Facility Requested Tennis Courts
      - Purpose Tennis Program
      - Dates/Times June 30, 2009 thru August 4, 2009
      - Tuesdays- 5:00 pm -8:00 pm
      - Requestor Roberta Feiersten
      - Attendance 8 – 16
      - Tuition None
      - Fee by District Class 3- All Appropriate Fees Custodial & Security Fees Apply

**6.5 Professional & Support Services – Addendum May 28, 2009**

- 6.5.1 For Approval
  - 6.5.1.1 2009 – 2010 Winter Head Coaching Position
    - 6.5.1.1.1 Girls' Basketball - Ms. Nadia Gauronsky
  - 6.5.1.2 Parent Volunteer for Polk Elementary School
    - 6.5.1.2.1 Ms. Mary DiMichele
- 6.5.2 We wish to rescind the Facility Use Request from the Drum Corps International group submitted to the Board for approval at their meeting on May 14, 2009. The request was to use the high school gym for rehearsal and lodging July 30, 31 and May 1, 2. The request to rescind is due to unanticipated maintenance work scheduled for the gym floor during that time.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

Informational Item 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**

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

Informational report.

- ▶ Ms. Kresge referred to the informational item regarding a computerized IEP writer program, asking what the ongoing maintenance fees to be paid through ACCESS funds would cost. Ms. Caines stated that the fee is determined by the number of students enrolled. Ms. Kresge asked for an estimate, and Dr. Arnold asked that the information be provided him so he could distribute it to the Board on Tuesday.

**Mathematics Supervisor: Mr. Ken Newman**

No report

**Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar**

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**

Ms. Derr's report was informational.

**Polk Elementary: Ms. Amy Braxmeier**

Ms. Braxmeier's report was informational. She explained that Dr. Arnold approached her to start a pumpkin patch at Polk Elementary. Ms. Braxmeier researched the request and, with the help of her staff and the maintenance department, the project is in full swing.

**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. Shelly Larthey**

Mr. Drake's report was informational.

**Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy: Mr. Robert Hines, Mr. Doug Palmieri**

**Update:**

Mr. Hines presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress and success of the initial year of the PV Cyber Academy. Currently, there are 39 students enrolled. The approximate savings to the school district for the academy is \$48,000.

**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**

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia, to approve items #6.11.1 - #6.11.10 as follows:

<b>6.11</b>	<b><u>Business Management</u></b>	<b><u>May 28, 2009</u></b>
6.11.1	Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for April 2009 is approved. Total amount: \$240,444.30.	
6.11.2	Student Activity Accounts	
	Beginning Balance, April 1, 2009	\$287,426.12
	Receipts	74,472.72

	Expenditures	80,216.34
	Ending Balance, March 31, 2009	\$281,682.50
6.11.3	Informational – District investment report for April 2009	
6.11.4	Approval was granted for the PlanCon Part J: Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for the Polk Elementary Project is approved for submission to the Department of Education.	
6.11.5	The following contracts were approved by the Board:	
	• Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab For the period March 22, 2010 through March 26, 2010 Cost: \$2,300	
	• Pleasant Valley School District and PA Treatment and Healing Alternative Education for 2009-2010 Cost: to be provided by August 2009 (tuition rate of the school district in which the facility is located)	
	• Pleasant Valley High School Senior Class and M & M Sight N Sound DJ services for prom – May 22, 2009 Cost: \$750.00 Approval retroactive to May 18, 2009	
6.11.6	The following student placement was approved: Student #050191SD L.V. Hospital Transitions Effective date: 3/17/209 to 4/22/09	
6.11.7	Approval was granted to establish a new student activity account entitled High School Hip-Hop Dance Team.	
6.11.8	Approval was granted for the Audit Response Report and Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report of fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and 2005 be submission to the Department of Education.	
6.11.9	The following bid awards for the 2009-2010 school year were approved	
	Janitorial Supplies and Equipment	
	Northeast Janitorial	\$1,453.92
	American Janitor and Paper Supply	8,493.95
	M & S Hardware	3,277.13
	Calico	5,436.92
	Indco Inc.	329.80
	Philip Rosenau	7,882.58
	Hillyard	6,243.69
	Penn Paper	40,081.36
	Master Chemical	10,134.12
	LJC Distributors	17,074.05
	Total	\$100,407.52
6.11.10	The following invoices and applications were approved for payment from the bond funds indicated.	
	<b>2006 BOND FUND</b>	
	Lobar, Inc.	\$355,326.05
	Middle School Project: application #11	
	Marx Sheet Metal and Mechanical, Inc.	181,995.67
	Middle School Project: application #10	
	G. R. Noto Electrical Construction Inc.	34,437.50
	Middle School Project: application #12	
	LTS Plumbing and Heating, Inc.	55,172.00
	Middle School Project: application #8	
	11400 Inc.	13,050.00
	Middle School Project: application #8	
	James T. O'Hara, Inc.	51,681.53
	Middle School Project: application #7	
	Quad Three Group	39,427.76
	Middle School Project: #22 -- \$2,044.01	
	Middle School Project: #23 -- \$37,383.75	
	United Inspection Services	3,066.00
	Middle School Project: testing services	
	The Quandel Group, Inc.	63,466.66
	Middle School Project: invoices 19 and 20	

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**Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Voting no: H. Frable**

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**2009-2010 Budget Presentation: Ms. Donna Les and Dr. Arnold**

All questions were held until after the completion of the presentation.

Dr. Arnold led the presentation by outlining the planning procedure and preparation that goes into the budget process. Funding sources, assessment valuations, expenditures, property tax overview, gambling and property tax relief, and budgetary implications were all discussed. Currently, the budget is at a 5.44 mill increase from last year. However, the Board and administrative staff will be attending a public budget workshop on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Questions from the public:

- ▶ Jim Spinola, Chestnuthill Township, asked if the PSERS decrease in funds is incorporated in the governor's state budget. Dr. Arnold indicated that, if this is a recent development, then probably not.
- ▶ Jim Spinola, Chestnuthill Township, referred to the collection rate of real estate taxes. Ms. Les stated that the county is doing whatever it can by law to collect taxes.

**Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger**

No report

**Pleasant Valley School Directors:**

None

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President MiChelle Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 pm.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les, Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Zeliznik, Board Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:  
June 11, 2009 at 8:00 PM at the District Administration Offices**