

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
October 25, 2007**

Board approved November 15, 2007 Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Thomas Murphy, on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 8:02 p.m. President Murphy welcomed those present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	President Thomas Murphy	Harvey Frable	Ryan Hinton
	Vice-President John Sabia	H. Charles Hoffman	Linda Micklos
	Treasurer Russ Gould	Susan Kresge	
Board Absentees:	MiChelle Palmer		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Geary-Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Braxmeier, Ms. Caines, Ms. Derr, Mr. Drake, Ms. Franco, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Heath, Mr. Kello, Mr. Krebs, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. McMasters, Mr. Meinhart, Mr. Pierri, Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Scott, Mr. P. Smith, Mr. Storm, Ms. Tartar, Mr. Wunder		
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- ▶ **October 11, 2007 (held before and after the regular Board meeting) - Personnel - Hiring of new and replacement staff and other issues; Negotiations; and Legal Issues**
- ▶ **October 25, 2007 - Personnel - Hiring of new and replacement staff and other issues; Negotiations; and Legal Issues**

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Kathy Klapach, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the administration and staff at PVE and PVI for the excellent 504 Plan that was put in place for her son who has severe food allergies. She also expressed her opinions regarding the bus drivers who have driven her son back and forth to school for the last several years. She stated that they have gone beyond the job requirements and commended them for doing so.

PVESPA Presentation

Scott Carpenter and Paul Shemansky from PVEA distributed packets of articles that they retrieved from the internet with regard to privatizing the Transportation and Food Service Departments. The representatives asked the Board to review the articles before making any decisions and offered their services to help provide efficient, reliable services to the district. They made statements suggesting that privatizing these departments could result in poor service, missed routes and also jeopardize the safety of students. Both representatives also stated that the jobs on the line are held by taxpayers, people who live in the community and voters.

Mr. Shemansky stated that he could provide petitions with 1200 signatures from community members who are opposed to outsourcing the Transportation or Food Service Departments.

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

OTHER:

None

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 11, 2007 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote - 8-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the Accounts Payable from 10/12/07 - 10/25/07 on pages 9-13 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried Abstaining from check #0179837 - S. Kresge Abstention Memorandum is attached

The Asset Cost Summary on page 30 and the Revenues/Expenditures on pages 31-34 were included for information only.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corveleyn

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos

Ms. Micklos had no report. Mr. Hoffman stated that support staff negotiations were completed on Tuesday and the new contract is being printed and will be available by November 5, 2007.

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton reported that the General Operating Budget is near completion. Ms. Moyer will be addressing Pleasant Valley at the December Board meeting. General operating budget increase is under 3%. There is no meeting scheduled for November. The December meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 7:30 pm in Easton.

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

No report

Student Representative: Jessica Rizzo or Lukas Miedreich

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas Arnold

Dr. Arnold stated that an enrollment report is usually submitted to the State of Pennsylvania by October 1st. He stated that our district has dropped approximately 120 students from last year's enrollment. He stated that despite the slight decline in enrollment, student transient remains a source of strain on the district. To gain further information in this regard, Mr. Fisher has implemented a program to track the transient in the district.

Dr. Arnold announced that Policy #109 – Resource Materials – Selection and Policy #202.1 – Attendance Eligibility were being removed from consideration for approval for this meeting and asked for the following action:

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the following policies

Policy Revisions:

- Policy #108 – Adoption of Textbooks and Policy
- Policy #109.1 – Resource Materials – Challenges/Reconsideration
- Policy #113.4 – Chapter 15/Section 504

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Second Reading *

- Policy #127 – Assessment
- Policy #130 – Homework

**These policies will be recommended for approval at the November 15, 2007 Board Meeting*

First Reading *

- Policy #209.1 – Pediculosis
- Policy #915 – School-Affiliated Organizations

**These policies will be recommended for approval at the December 6, 2007 Board Meeting*

Other:

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Charles Hoffman to approve the following requests for homebound instruction:

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Homebound Requests (As per Board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 90 days)

ID#	Reason
202800	Medical, retroactive to October 9, 2007
100169	Medical, retroactive to September 19, 2007
203792	Medical, retroactive to October 12, 2007

PLEASANT VALLEY INTERMEDIATE

Request for homebound instruction for student #206631 due to disciplinary reasons. Appropriate paperwork has been submitted to Central Administration. The request is retroactive to October 11, 2007.

▶ Ms. Kresge asked if the buildings can be listed on the request in the future.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Presentation: ADT – Visitor Identification Management System

Dr. Arnold stated that ADT was not available to do their presentation.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on the regular personnel report; item #6.4.1 - #6.4.3 on addendum #1 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on addendum #2 with the following revisions: on noted:. On addendum #1, item #6.4.1.1.4 a & e, both hires are retroactive to 10/24/07. Report is as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration October 25, 2007

- 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
 - a. Ann Behringer -HRT, retroactive to October 18, 2007
 - b. Rosemary Youmans-Cafeteria Helper
 - 6.4.1.1.2 JoAnna Jones’ effective date of hire is October 18, 2007. Ms. Jones is a part-time paraprofessional associate assigned to Pleasant Valley Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year.
 - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes
 - a. Norman Burger -Business/Computer; Social Studies
 - b. Denise Hopely -HPE; All Areas
 - c. Rachel Livesey -English
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 James Conklin, high school custodian, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective for the following dates: September 20, 2007 through September 24, 2007 and September 27, 2007 through December 19, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Jon Pavuk, PVI teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy for seven and one-half (7.5) days, effective October 8, through October 16, 2007 and October 19, 2007.
 - 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 Nicholas Romano, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective October 8, through October, 12, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Cindy Walters, high school monitor, requests unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective November 19, through November 21, 2007.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration - Addendum #1 October 25, 2007

- 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 Approval was granted to appoint the following individuals to the position of School Police Officer:
 - a. Richard Marsili
 - b. John Laird
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Gabrielle Weaver was approved for the position of custodian, effective October 29, 2007, with remuneration as per the support staff collective bargaining agreement. Her 2007-08 school year assignment is Pleasant Valley Intermediate School. (Replacement position for George Swanger)
 - 6.4.1.1.3 The following individuals were approved for the position of monitor:

NAME	BUILDING	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jeanne Bizousky	PVI	October 29, 2007 Replacement position for Lisa Eberhart
Theresa Brookes	PVI	November 5, 2007 Replacement position for Dolores Symancek
Jane Cadotte	Middle School	October 29, 2007 Replacement position for Linda Carr

- 6.4.1.1.4 Substitutes
 - a. Dale Barra -Bus Driver, retroactive to 10/24/07
 - b. Stephen DeBellis -Bus Driver

- c. Ida Gallant -Secretary/PPA/ Transportation Aide/Monitor
- d. Lorri Kajetzke -Bus Driver, effective October 23, 2007
- e. Jeffrey Patascher-Transportation Aide/Monitor retroactive to 10/24/07
- 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes
 - a. George Rose - Elementary
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Donna Berg, middle school teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy for approximately eleven (11) days, effective October 26, 2007 through November 9, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Ruth Ann Winders, PVE secretary, requests Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy for twenty-one (21) days, effective September 21, 2007 through October 19, 2007.
 - 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 Ruth Frable, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective November 7, through November 9, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Joan Gajkowski, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for fourteen (14) days, effective October 17, through November 6, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Karen Verhage, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective October 17, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.4 Wanda Bonser's previously approved unpaid leave should be amended to reflect the following three (3) days: October 3, 4 and 5, 2007.
- 6.4.3 Retirement
 - Approval was granted to accept the letter of retirement from the following employee:
 - a. Roxanne Eckert, cafeteria worker, effective October 24, 2007.

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - Addendum #2** **October 25, 2007**

- 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 Joan Toolan was approved for the position of part-time Paraprofessional Associate at an annual salary of \$19,250, prorated, effective October 29, 2007. Her 2007-2008 assignment is Polk Elementary School. (New position)
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Kathy Cesare, monitor, was approved to increase her work day by fifty (50) minutes. Her 2007-2008 assignment remains at Eldred Elementary School. (Replacement position for Kim Dieter.)
 - 6.4.1.1.3 Substitutes
 - Rosemarie Coppola - Cafeteria/Monitor/Secretary
 - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes
 - a. Andrea Blanco - Elementary/Early Childhood
 - b. Terri Trotter - Special Education
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Pamela Downey-Rachwalski, PVE teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for five (5) days, effective October 9 through October 15, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2 Leave Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave.):
 - Taunya Pettis' previously approved, unpaid leave should be amended to reflect October 8, 2007 through April 1, 2008.

**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried Abstaining from item #6.4.2.2.1 on addendum #1- H. Frable
Abstention Memorandum is attached.**

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

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve item #6.5.1 and item #6.5.7 and item #6.5.1 on addendum #1 as follows:

6.5 **Professional & Support Services** **October 25, 2007**

- 6.5.1 For Approval
 - 6.5.1.1 2007 - 2008 Supplemental, Non-athletic Advisor/Asst. Advisor Positions

- 6.5.1.1.1 H. S. Asst. Drama Advisor - Donna Morris
- 6.5.1.2 2007 - 2008 Volunteer Coaching Positions
- 6.5.1.2.1 Girls' Basketball - Robert Madsen
- 6.5.1.2.2 Wrestling - Anthony Rizzolino
- 6.5.1.2.3 Wrestling - Matt Getz
- 6.5.1.3 Field Trip Requests - Pleasant Valley High School
- 6.5.1.3.1 Grade/Organization - AP Studio Art/ Art Explorations, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Barbara Cortese
Destination of Trip - Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC
Date of Trip - November 2, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$ 5.00
- 6.5.1.3.2 Grade/Organization -Yearbook/Newspaper, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Philomena Reduzzi
Destination of Trip - Columbia University, NYC
Date of Trip - November 5, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - none
- 6.5.1.3.3 Grade/Organization - AP Studio Art Portfolio, grade 12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Barbara Cortese
Destination of Trip - University of the Arts, Philadelphia
Date of Trip - November 11, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - none
- 6.5.1.3.4 Grade/Organization - S.A.D.D., grades 11-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Elaine Snow; Ms. Shannon Mackes
Destination of Trip - Lancaster, PA
Date of Trip - November 14, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1 van
Cost per Student - none
- 6.5.1.3.5 Grade/Organization - Business students, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Teresa Galicki
Destination of Trip - Sonywonder and South Street Seaport
Date of Trip - December 6, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$ 27.00
- 6.5.1.3.6 Grade/Organization - History students, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Keith Hess and other H. S. teachers
Destination of Trip - Washington, D. C.
Date of Trip - December 7, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$ 35.00
- 6.5.1.3.7 Grade/Organization - Jr. Statesmen of America, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Jacqueline Ludka
Destination of Trip - Winter Congress, Washington, D.C.
Date of Trip - February 21-24, 2008
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - money from fundraising activities
- 6.5.1.3.8 Grade/Organization - Creative Communications, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Ramona Parsons
Destination of Trip - DeSales University, Allentown, PA
Date of Trip - February 26, 2008
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$ 15.00
- 6.5.1.3.9 Grade/Organization - History students, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Keith Hess and other H. S. teachers
Destination of Trip - Washington, D.C.
Date of Trip - March 7, 2008
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$ 35.00
- 6.5.1.3.10 Grade/Organization - 20th Century History, grade 11
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Mark Tramontina
Destination of Trip - Boalsburg Military Museum, State College, PA
Date of Trip - March 26, 2008
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - N/A

- 6.5.1.3.11 Grade/Organization – Sculpture/Art, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. George Boudman
 Destination of Trip – Keystone College
 Dates of Trips – March 28 and April 14, 2008
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student – none
- 6.5.1.3.12 Grade/Organization – Gifted students, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Bob Young
 Destination of Trip – Philadelphia, PA
 Date of Trip – April 4, 2008
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student – none
- 6.5.1.3.13 Grade/Organization – Band & Chorus, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. James DeVivo
 Destination of Trip – Virginia Beach, VA (Adjudication)
 Date of Trip – April 17-20, 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 500.00
- 6.5.1.3.14 Grade/Organization – Advanced Art I/Art Explorations, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Barbara Cortese
 Destination of Trip – Museum of Modern Art, NYC
 Date of Trip – April 18, 2008
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student – \$ 5.00
- 6.5.1.3.15 Grade/Organization – Cultural Diversity, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Ramona Parsons; Ms. Caroline Gold
 Destination of Trip – Washington, D.C.
 Date of Trip – April 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 50.00
- 6.5.1.3.16 Grade/Organization – Media I & II, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Jacqueline Ludka
 Destination of Trip – Kent State University
 Date of Trip – April 22-24, 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 50.00
- 6.5.1.3.17 Grade/Organization – Chorus/Varsity Chorale, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Lois Mann
 Destination of Trip – Broadway, NYC
 Date of Trip – April 23, 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 75.00
- 6.5.1.3.18 Grade/Organization – Business students, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Teresa Galicki
 Destination of Trip – Sonywonder and South Street Seaport
 Date of Trip – April 24, 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 27.00
- 6.5.1.3.19 Grade/Organization – Gifted/German students, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Bob Young; Ms. Janice Young
 Destination of Trip – Smithsonian Museum, Washington, D.C.
 Date of Trip – April 25, 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 32.00
- 6.5.1.3.20 Grade/Organization – National Art Honor Society, grades 11-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. George Boudman; Ms. Barbara Cortese
 Destination of Trip – Baltimore, MD
 Date of Trip – April 25-26, 2008
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student – \$ 60.00
- 6.5.1.3.21 Grade/Organization – Creative Communications, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Ramona Parsons
 Destination of Trip – DeSales University, Allentown, PA
 Date of Trip – April 28, 2008
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student – \$ 15.00

- 6.5.1.3.22 Grade/Organization – Physics students, grade 12
Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Ross Partington
Destination of Trip – Dorney Park, Allentown, PA
Date of Trip – May 9, 2008
District Buses Needed – 1
Cost per Student - \$ 20.00
- 6.5.1.3.23 Grade/Organization – Chorus, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Lois Mann
Destination of Trip – Hershey, PA
Date of Trip – May 24, 2008
District Buses Needed – 2
Cost per Student - \$ 50.00
- 6.5.1.3.24 Grade/Organization – Life Skills, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Kristen Matweecha
Destination of Trip – Knobel’s Grove
Date of Trip – May 29, 2008
District Buses Needed – 1
Cost per Student - \$ 10.00
- 6.5.1.4 Field Trip Requests – Pleasant Valley Middle School
 - 6.5.1.4.1 Grade/Organization – Gifted students, grades 8-9
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Sandy D’Agostino
Destination of Trip – Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA
Date of Trip – April 25, 2008
District Buses Needed – none
Cost per Student - \$ 40.00
 - 6.5.1.4.2 Grade/Organization – 8S Team
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Rollene Gougher
Destination of Trip – Civic Theater, Allentown, PA
Date of Trip – April 29, 2008
District Buses Needed – none
Cost per Student - \$ 20.00
 - 6.5.1.4.3 Grade/Organization – Language Arts, grade 8
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. April Rechenberger
Destination of Trip – Civic Theater, Allentown, PA
Date of Trip – April 29, 2008
District Buses Needed – none
Cost per Student - \$ 7.00
 - 6.5.1.4.4 Grade/Organization – Drama/Musical Clubs, grades 8-9
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Rollene Gougher
Destination of Trip – Neil Simon Theatre, NYC
Date of Trip – May 21, 2008
District Buses Needed – none
Cost per Student - \$ 50.00
 - 6.5.1.4.5 Grade/Organization – National Jr. Honor Society/Student Council, grades 8-9
Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Nicole Composto; Ms. Donna Berg
Destination of Trip – Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA
Date of Trip – May 22, 2008
District Buses Needed – none
Cost per Student - \$ 20.00
- 6.5.1.5 Field Trip Requests – Pleasant Valley Intermediate School
 - 6.5.1.5.1 Grade/Organization – Grade 5 students
Teacher(s) Involved – 5th grade teachers
Destination of Trip – Bronx Zoo
Dates of Trips – May 27, 28, 29, 30; June 2, 2008
District Buses Needed – 3 each trip
Cost per Student – none
 - 6.5.1.5.2 Grade/Organization – Grade 7 students
Teacher(s) Involved – 7th grade teachers
Destination of Trip – Camden Aquarium, New Jersey
Dates of Trips – June 3, 4, 5, 6, 2008
District Buses Needed – 4 each trip
Cost per Student - none

6.5.7 Facilities – Mr. Christopher Fisher, Mr. James Percey

6.5.7.1 Facility Use Requests: 3

6.5.7.1.1	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	PVI Gymnasium
	Purpose	Indoor Soccer Practice
	Dates/Times	November 5, 2007 – April 1, 2008, Mondays, 7:30pm – 10:00pm and Tuesdays, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
	Requestor	Marcia Hansen
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	As Per Contract Arrangements, Class 3
6.5.7.1.2	Organization	Amore Dance (Monroe County Recreation)
	Facility Requested	High School Auditorium
	Purpose	Dance Recital
	Dates/Times	May 29, 2008, Thursday, 4:00pm – 8:00pm, Rehearsal May 30, 2008, Friday, 4:00pm – 10:30pm, Rehearsal May 31, 2008, Saturday, 9:00am – 10:30pm, Recital June 1, 2008, Sunday, 10:00am – 7:00pm, Recital
	Requestor	Roberta Feierstein
	Attendance	200 per Night
	Tuition	\$10.00 per Person
	Fee by District	As Per Contract Arrangements, Class 3
6.5.7.1.3	Organization	Spelling Bee Coordinator
	Facility Requested	High School New Auditorium
	Purpose	2008 National Spelling Bee
	Dates/Times	March 25, 2008, Tuesday, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
	Requestor	Deborah Brooks
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	As Per Contract Arrangements, Class 3

6.5 Professional & Support Services - Addendum #1 October 25, 2007

6.5.1 For Approval

6.5.1.1 2007-2008 *Volunteer* Coaching Position

6.5.1.1.1 Boys' Basketball - Thomas Kresge

- ❖ Linda Micklos referred to a field trip to Virginia Beach, asking what type of bus would be used. Mr. Fisher stated that a trip that far is usually taken by a chartered bus. Ms. Micklos asked if the number of students participating on the field trips could be listed. Ms. Micklos questioned two trips to the Civic Center in Allentown and the fees for students were different. Mr. Drake indicated that it may be a typo error and would look into it.
- ❖ Susan Kresge asked if the reason for the trip could be included. Mr. Fisher explained that a two page form is filled out by the teacher and then goes through an approval process, this is a condensed version.
- ❖ Susan Kresge asked if the volunteer for the Girls Basketball team was a district employee.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Informational Items included:

- ▶ District Events List
- ▶ Metal Detector Report

Food Services: Ms. Bonnie Grammes

Participation reports were attached.

Transportation Services: Mr. Tony Pierri, Ms. Viola Murphy

No report

Custodial and Warehouse : Mr. Howard Scott

No report

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Mark Meinhart

No report

Technology Systems Coordinator: Mr. Rocco Seiler

No report

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Geary-Rissmiller

Ms. Geary -Rissmiller reported that the next Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, October 29th. The committee is working on the district belief statement. She stated that the AFG Visiting team chairs were present today and visited every school except Eldred. There will be a district wide meeting on November 1st at 8:30 and the next visit is scheduled for December 4th.

Stepping Up is running in all buildings K-7, there are approximately 250 students. Next meeting she will distribute the break down by building and grade.

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the High School – School Improvement Plan and Middle School – School Improvement Plan

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Mathematics: Ms. Carole Rissmiller, Mr. John Rushefski

No report

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

No report

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

No report

Technology Service Coordinator: Dr. Lee Lesisko

No report

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

Mr. Storm’s report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Mr. Dan Wunder, Ms. Lila Metz, Mr. P. Smith

Mr. Wunder’s report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Polk/Eldred Elementary: Ms. Penny Derr, Mr. J. Krebs

Ms. Meckes’s report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Chestnuthill Elementary: Mr. John Rushefski

Mr. Rushefski’s report was informational and included the enrollment report.

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

Mr. Drake’s report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Pleasant Valley High School: Mr. John Gress, Mr. R. Hines, Mr. D. Stefani, Mr. G. Donadi

Mr. Gress’s report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Business Manager: Ms. Donna Les

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.7 on the regular report, item #6.10.9.1 - #6.10.9.2 on addendum #1; item #6.10.9.3 on addendum #2 and #6.10.9.4 on addendum #3 with the following revision: item #6.10.5 should read: 2006 Bond Fund” report is as follows:

6.10 Business Management October 25, 2007

- 6.10.1 Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Accounts Payable for September 2007 is approved for payment. Total amount: \$66,976.08.
Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Bills Payable for September 2007 is approved for payment. Total amount: \$130,787.64
- 6.10.9.1 Student Activity Accounts – pending audit

Beginning Balance,		\$
Revenue		
Expenditures		
Ending Balance, September 30, 2007		\$260,207.59
- 6.10.3 District Investment Report – attachment
- 6.10.4 Approval was granted by the Board of Education to reject the offer of \$167,500 from TowerCo for a perpetual easement on the cell tower site.
- 6.10.5 The following invoices were approved for payment from the bond fund indicated:

2006 Bond Fund	
Newman, Williams, Mishkin, Corveleyn,	
Wolfe & Fareri	\$937.50
Transportation Facility: legal services	

Quad Three Group	\$14,472.54
Transportation Facility	
Total	\$15,410.04

6.10.9.2 The following reservations/designations of the 6/30/07 fund balance were approved for inclusion in the minutes:

Reserved to balance 07-08 budget:	\$4,031,760
Designated to medical claim mgmt:	\$1,000,000
Designated to safety improvement fund:	\$250,000
Designated to repair improvement fund:	\$200,000
Designated to PSERS stabilization fund: \$2,000,000	
Designated to tax stabilization fund:	\$3,534,187

6.10.9.3 The following bids were approved:

Snow Plowing		
Brodheads ville Campus		
Richard Frantz	truck	\$63/hour
	Loader	\$75/hour
	Dozer	\$80/hour
	Large tire loader	\$85/hour
	Tandem truck	\$65/hour
	Tri-axle truck	\$75/hour
PVE/PVI, Polk, Operations Facility, Eldred		
Bruce George	truck	\$63/hour
	Loader	\$75/hour
	Dozer	\$80/hour
	Tandem truck	\$65/hour
	Tri-axle truck	\$75/hour

These were the only two bids received.

6.10.8 Attachment: Charter/Cyber Charter School Report

6.10 Business Management - Addendum #1 October 25, 2007

6.10.9 Supplement

6.10.9.4 The following invoices were approved for payment from the bond fund indicated:

2006 Bond Fund	
Pan Cultural Associates, Inc.	\$8,200.00
Transportation facility: archaeology survey	
GeoStructures	43,135.00
Middle School Project: geotechnical analysis	
Middle School Project: hydrogeologic study	
Middle School Project: base and additional scopes	
Middle School Project: geotechnical investigation	
Total	\$51,335.00

6.10.9.5 Approval was granted to utilize East Stroudsburg Savings Association as a district depository, pending receipt of collateralization documentation.

6.10 Business Management - Addendum #2 October 25, 2007

6.10.9 Supplement #2

6.10.9.3 Approval was granted to participate in The Pennsylvania Treasury INVEST Program. INVEST is a family of highly rated investment pools designed specifically for local government and nonprofit groups. The program was created by the Pennsylvania Treasury and is managed by the PA Treasury's investment staff. The program has received the highest rating from both Standard & Poor's (AAAm) and Fitch Ratings (AAA/V1+). There are no transaction fees, unlimited transactions, no minimum balance requirement, no minimum or maximum on deposits, interest is calculated daily/paid monthly with an administration fee of between 6 and 11 basis points depending upon investment pool.

6.10 Business Management - Addendum #3 October 25, 2007

6.10.9 Supplement #3

6.10.9.4 Approval was granted to contract with Angelo Senese to provide a review and analysis of the RFP's for contracted food service and pupil transportation at an hourly rate of \$100 with the total expense not to exceed \$5,000.

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Voting no: T. Murphy

- ❖ Ms. Les stated that the Cyber School is attached; we are receiving better data from the schools and have a better handle on the numbers; she stated that she has 7 more students to include.

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- ❖ Ms. Kresge asked Mr. Meinhart about repairing the air conditioner at the Library at Polk School in September. She asked if it was under warranty. Mr. Meinhart stated that the air conditioner was struck by lightning and a board needed to be replaced.
- ❖ Mr. Hoffman commented on the trees. Mr. Meinhart stated that 5 trees were rotted to the base.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Deb Daly, Polk Township, commented on the safety in the High School. She stated that she was told that security guards will be carrying hand guns. Mr. Sabia answered that they will not be security guards, they will be police officers. She asked why we do not use more metal detectors.

Sue LaFever, Ross Township, commented that there are a lot of people in the community against outsourcing transportation and asked the board to take a better look at the situation to see if the conflicts can be taken care of in house. She stated that she is a human resource manager for a large company in the area and has money to spend on a project for the school. She stated she has been trying to contact Chestnuthill School regarding the shelter for the butterfly garden. Her company has a program that is designed to give money to a community project.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Thomas Murphy motioned, seconded by Charles Hoffman and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:47 PM.

Carried

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 15, 2007 AT 8:00 PM, District Office

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder