

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
March 27, 2008**

Board Approved April 10, 2008

Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by Treasurer Russell Gould, on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Gould 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:	Treasurer Russ Gould	Ryan Hinton	Linda Micklos
	Susan Kresge	Harvey Frable	John Sabia
	H. Charles Hoffman		
Board Absentees:	President MiChelle Palmer and Vice-President Tom Murphy		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Canes, Ms. Derr, Mr. Drake, Ms. Franco, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Gress, Mr. Hines, Mr. Heath, Ms. McMasters, Mr. Meinhart, Mr. Scott, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stefani, Ms. Tartar and Mr. Wunder		
Solicitor:	Mr. Gerard Geiger		

Russell Gould announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- **March 27, 2008 - Personnel - Hiring of new and replacement staff and other issues; Negotiations; and Legal Issues**

MEETING PROCEDURES:

Russell Gould referred to the agenda that was available to everyone present and to the meeting procedures that were attached.

GOOD NEWS:

Pleasant Valley Middle School, Mr. Howard Drake

Mr. Drake distributed iPod's, a parental consent form and a printout of his PowerPoint presentation to the board. Ms. Composto and Ms. Barrett demonstrated the podcast on the iPod. The podcast was developed by using a series of technical components in addition to staff and student participation. The math podcast will be used for math remediation, homebound instruction, parent refresher and homework assistance.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

None

OTHER:

None

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote - 7-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the Budget Transfers on pages 8-9; and the accounts payable from 3/14/08 - 3/27/08 on pages 10-15 as per the attached copies.

- Linda Micklos asked if check #182008 for Pocono Limousine Service would be coming out of a student account for a trip. Ms. Les replied that was a general fund expenditure out of Mr. Fisher's budget.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corevelyn

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos

No report

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton reported:

- the last meeting was on March 26th.
- support staff negotiations are in process;
- the next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Hinton also distributed a copy of The Twenty and invitations to the Excellence in Education Awards Dinner and the Annual Merit Scholarship Brunch.

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge reported that:

- PSBA is soliciting proposals for the 2009 Legislative Platform. The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, July 18th.
- a PSBA update indicated that 100 districts passed the GCA resolution and sent them to PSBA.
- on May 18th and 19th, the 2008 Legislative Advocacy Conference in Harrisburg will be held. Ms.Kresge stated that she will not be able to attend.
- on March 18th, Ms. Kresge attended the Region 8 Business Meeting. A task force has been formed and is realigning the cabinet to include the assistant directors and the liaisons from each district. The task force is also looking at developing areas instead of zones.

Student Representative: Jessica Rizzo or Lukas Miedreich

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the following policy revision:

Policy #916 - School Volunteers

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Second Reading * Policy #118.1 - On-line Courses

**This policy will be recommended for approval at the April 10, 2008 Board Meeting*

First Reading *

Policy #705.1 - Standard Operating Procedures for the Authorized Use of Weapons

Policy #904 - Public Attendance at School Events (Options A & B)

**These policies will be recommended for approval at the April 24, 2008 Board Meeting*

Enrollment

Dr. Arnold stated that enrollment is holding steady and is down from this time last year.

- Ms. Kresge asked what the previous month's attendance was and wondered if it was lower than the present total. Dr. Arnold stated that he could provide a month- to- month comparison on the enrollment report.

Dr. Arnold stated that the cyber school number reflects the students that are being billed from cyber/charter schools; it does not indicate the total that currently attend cyber/charter schools.

Other:

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the following requests for homebound instruction request (*as per Board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 90 days*):

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

ID#	Reason
208229	Medical, retroactive to February 27, 2008

Pleasant Valley Middle School

ID#	Reason
204094	Medical, renewal retroactive to 3/13/08

Pleasant Valley High School

ID#	Reason
202880	Medical, retroactive to February 7, 2008
100169	Medical, retroactive to February 13, 2008

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Student and Staff Accomplishments

Dr. Arnold stated that Ms. Braxmeier and Ms. Franco continue to progress through the PILS program (PA Inspired Leadership Initiative). They are both on their second unit.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.3 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on the addendum:

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration** **March 27, 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 Substitutes
- a. Robyn Sengelaub - Transportation Aide/Monitor
 - b. Karen Smith - PPA/Monitor/Cafeteria Worker
 - c. Kenneth Titus - Bus Driver/Custodian,
Retroactive to March 17, 2008
- 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
- 6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley Elementary School
- 6.4.1.2.1.1 Jennifer Cinque was approved for the position of long-term substitute remedial mathematics teacher for Teresa Weinman, effective March 17, 2008.
- 6.4.1.2.2 Substitutes
- a. Joanne Aruta - All Areas
 - b. Damian Beaman - Elementary
 - c. Dawn Larkin - All Areas
 - d. Lynn Vento - All Areas
 - e. Heather Wadding - All Areas
 - f. Victoria Zangwill - All Areas
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
- 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
- 6.4.2.1.1 Pamela Downie-Rachwalski, PVE reading specialist, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for four (4) days, effective February 25, through February 29, 2008.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Bethanne Yanchick, PVE teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for eleven (11) days, effective February 28, 2008 through March 13, 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 Joyce Bereznak, PVI teacher, was approved for an extension of her unpaid leave for twenty-six (26) days, effective February 4, 2008 through March 14, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.2 Sandra Broyles, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective March 5 and 6, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.3 Jane Cadotte, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 9, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.4 Christie Fleming, cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 8, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.5 Vicky Garrido, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective February 27, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.6 Karen Jetty, PVE PPA, was approved for unpaid leave two (2) days, effective April 7 and April 14, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.7 Maureen Modzelewski, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (1/2) day, effective March 12, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.8 Nicholas Romano, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 27, 2008.
- 6.4.2.2.9 Cindy Walters, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective March 6 and 7, 2008.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
- Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following employee:
- a. Tamar Ulmer, PVI special education teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Ulmer wishes to remain on the substitute teacher list.
- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - Addendum #1** **March 27, 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 The following individuals were approved for the position of part-time paraprofessional associate, at an annual salary of \$19,250, prorated:

NAME	BUILDING	EFFECTIVE DATE
Gigi Barton	PVE, New Position	March 31, 2008
Vanessa Cole	PVE, New Position	TBD
Zachary Reborchick	Polk, New Position	April 4, 2008
Donna Szeliga	PVE, New Position	March 31, 2008

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Chestnuthill Elementary School

6.4.1.2.1.1 Jodi Berube - BA + 15, Step 9
 BS, Elementary/Special Education
 Salary=\$38,800 Prorated
 St. Joseph's College
 (Replacement Special Education Teacher for
 Timothy J. O'Connor, effective May 28, 2008, or
 sooner, depending upon release.)

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family & Medical Leave

6.4.2.1.1 Richard Price, maintenance worker, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective March 25, 2008 through June 17, 2008.

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 Sharon Graver, Eldred PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for the following six (6) days, effective March 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2008.

6.4.2.2.2 Raymond Krawczyk, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 18, 2008.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Asst. To The Superintendent For Professional/Support Personnel: Mr. Anthon Fadule

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve item #6.5.1:

6.5 Professional & Support Services March 27, 2008

6.5.1 For Approval

6.5.1.1 Fall 2008 Head Coaching Positions

6.5.1.1.1 Cross Country - Mr. George Fair
 6.5.1.1.2 Football - Mr. Mike Falcone
 6.5.1.1.3 Golf - Mr. Steve Krechel
 6.5.1.1.4 Field Hockey - Mr. Robert Young
 6.5.1.1.5 Boys' Soccer - Mr. Steve Hicks
 6.5.1.1.6 Girls' Tennis - Mr. Mark Allison
 6.5.1.1.7 Girls' Volleyball - Mr. John Gesiskie

6.5.1.2 Winter 2008-2009 Head Coaching Positions

6.5.1.2.1 Boys' Basketball - Mr. Ken Piontkowski
 6.5.1.2.2 Girls' Basketball - Mr. Jim Taylor
 6.5.1.2.3 Wrestling - Mr. Mark Getz

6.5.1.3 Fall/Winter 2008-2009 Advisor Positions

6.5.1.3.1 Football Cheering - Ms. Megan Kibler
 6.5.1.3.2 Football Cheering - Ms. Jennifer Kibler
 6.5.1.3.3 Basketball Cheering - Ms. Bernadette Fierro
 6.5.1.3.4 Wrestling Cheering - Ms. Megan Kibler
 6.5.1.3.5 Jr. High Winter Cheering -
 6.5.1.3.6 Jr. High Winter Cheering -
 6.5.1.3.7 Marching Band Director - Mr. James DeVivo
 6.5.1.3.8 Asst. Marching Band Dir. -
 6.5.1.3.9 Jazz Band Director -
 6.5.1.3.10 Marching Band Asst. Adv. -
 6.5.1.3.11 Marching Band Asst. Adv. -
 6.5.1.3.12 Marching Band Asst. Adv. -
 6.5.1.3.13 Marching Band Asst. Adv. -

6.5.1.4 2008 - 2009 Athletic Director/ Assistant Athletic Directors

6.5.1.4.1 Athletic Director - Mr. Jake Percey
 6.5.1.4.2 Asst. Athletic Director - Ms. Maureen Shields
 6.5.1.4.3 Asst. Athletic Director-

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

- Ms. Kresge asked about the Bus Boss training. Mr. Pierri was not present to comment. Dr. Arnold stated that Mr. Pierri will be presenting a report at the next Buildings and Grounds Workshop.

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the following request for facility usage:

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

Organization	Pocono Family YMCA
Facility Requested	High School New Gymnasium
Purpose	Dodgeball Tournament
Dates/Times	April 12, 2008, Saturday, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Requestor	Frank Rizza
Attendance	500+
Tuition	None
Fee by District	Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial and Security Apply

Roll Call: 7-0 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 Rissmiller

Mathematics: Mr. John Rushefski, Ms. Carole Rissmiller

No report

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

Ms. Tartar announced the 25th Annual Reading Fair which will take place on April 19th.

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the following request for summer school:

This summer program is funded through ESEA Title I program

- Classes will be held for Kindergarten through grade six in reading and math.
- Summer will begin on July 7 through August 1, 2008
- The daily sessions will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for students in grade K-4 and 8:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m. for instructors.
- For students in grades 5-6, the daily sessions will be 8:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and 8:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. for instructors
- Twelve instructors and six instructional aides will be needed for grades K-4.
- Instructors will be paid \$460/week and the instructional aides will be paid \$360/week.
- Two instructors and one instructional aide will be needed for grades 5-6.
- Grade 5-6 Instructors will be paid \$460/week and the instructional aides will be paid \$360/week
- Program is extended this year ½ hour each day because Pleasant Valley will be hosting the ESU Reading clinic.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Ms. Tartar and Ms. Meinhart presented a PowerPoint on a new Core Reading Program. The Houghton Mifflin Program will be used as a core reading program for grades K-2. A core is used as the base for reading instruction. It will be used as the shared reading material to ensure that children reach reading levels that meet or exceed grade level standards to meet the instructional needs of the majority of students in a school. A question and answer period transpired after the presentation. Approval will be sought at the April 10th meeting.

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

No report

Technology: 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. Patrick Smith

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

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

Ms. Derr'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. Shelley 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, Ms. Monica Kotzmann

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.6 and 6.10.8.1-6.10.8.2 on the addendum as follows:

6.10	<u>Business Management</u>	<u>March 27, 2008</u>
6.10.1	Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Accounts Payable for February 2008 be approved for payment. Total amount: \$204,765.24.	
	Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Bills Payable for March 2008 be approved for payment. Total amount: \$94,303.83.	
6.10.2	Student Activity Accounts - for informational purposes	
	Beginning Balance, 2/1/08	\$287,376.38
	Revenue	47,833.59
	Expenditures	38,619.58
	Ending Balance, 2/29/08	\$296,590.39
6.10.3	District Investment Report - attached	
6.10.4	The following invoice was approved for payment from the Courtyard Garden Account:	
	Sugar Hollow Farms	\$850.00
	Check #101, fountain for garden	
6.10.5	The following bid award was approved. Payment will be made from the Special Fund. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached.	
	Jerith Regency Aluminum Fence	
	Arbor Fence Co.	\$13,950.00
6.10.6	The following invoices were approved for payment from the bond fund indicated:	
	2006 Bond Fund	
	Quad Three Group	\$4,984.50
	Middle School Project	
	Quad Three Group	(16,595.00)
	Wastewater Treatment Project	
	Quad Three Group	13,051.23
	Athletic Field Project	
	Total	\$1,440.73

6.10 Business Management - Addendum #1 **March 27, 2008**

6.10.8 Supplement

6.10.8.1 Approval was granted to transfer \$20,600 from the budget reserve to account 2270-330-AS. This transfer will be utilized to fund the start-up costs for the Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy.

6.10.8.2 The following invoice was approved for payment from the bond funds indicated, retro-active to March 20, 2008:

2006 Bond Fund	
Delaware River Basin Commission	\$5,000.00
Wastewater treatment upgrades expedited review fee	
Check #4083	
Total	\$5,000.00

Roll Call: 6-1 Carried Voting no to item #6.10.5 - L. Micklos

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

None

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- Susan Kresge asked if there have been any inquiries from active PVSD students to attend our cyber school. Mr. Hines stated no, but there have been 3 inquiries from students already attending a cyber school.
- Susan Kresge commented on the possibility of having a single bear logo as our school mascot. Presently there are many versions of the Pleasant Valley Bear and she feels we need to approve one bear logo. She also stated that there are five claws on a bear paw and we should be using five, not four.
- Ryan Hinton commented that he is frustrated to constantly see PSSA as the justification for every decision and improvement that is made in the district regarding academics.
- Linda Micklos commented that she voted no on item 6.10.5, the fencing project at PVHS, not because she is opposed to the fence, but she feels that this is not the time to move forward with this project while there is some uncertainty on the future of Route 209.
- Russ Gould commented that he attended the 6th Annual Perryman- Keglovits game on Monday evening and that it was a wonderful event.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Russell Gould motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:21 PM.

Carried

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 10, 2008 at 8:00 PM, District Office

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder