

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
April 24, 2008

Board Approved May 8, 2008

Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President MiChelle Palmer, on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 8:03 p.m. President Palmer 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 MiChelle Palmer	H. Charles Hoffman	Ryan Hinton
	Vice-President Tom Murphy	Susan Kresge	Linda Micklos
	Treasurer Russ Gould		John Sabia
Board Absentees:	Harvey Frable		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Braxmeier, Ms. Caines, Mr. Drake, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Gress, Mr. Heath, Mr. Hines, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. McMasters, Mr. Meinhart, Ms. Metz, Mr. Scott, Mr. P. Smith, Mr. Stefani, Ms. Tartar, Mr. Wunder		
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

President MiChelle Palmer announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- ✎ **April 10, 2008 (after the regular meeting)** – Negotiations; **and** Legal Issues
- ✎ **April 24, 2008** – Personnel – **Hiring of new and replacement staff and other issues**; Negotiations; **and** Legal Issues
- ✎ **April 24, 2008** – **The board will be returning to executive session at 9:15 pm to receive a conference call**

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

GOOD NEWS: PV ELEMENTARY: MR. DAN WUNDER

Mr. Wunder announced that Ms. Judy Hartzler was awarded the Monroe County Conservation Educator of the Year Award for 2007. Ms. Hartzler presented a PowerPoint presentation on the stream study project that she conducted with Pleasant Valley students.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Hope Smith, Polk Township, representing the Pleasant Valley Youth Association Basketball Program, shared the 2007-08 season statistics. Ms. Smith presented trophies that were won by PVYA teams which were made up of all PV students.

Janet Serfass, Polk Township, announced that the PV Choral Society has been working with the Pleasant Valley School District for 25 years. A spring concert, The Best of the Best: 25-year Celebration, is being held on May 3rd and 4th. Ms. Serfass invited all to attend.

OTHER:

None

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote – 8-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the Accounts Payable 4/11/08 – 4/24/08 on pages 9-15 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

Mr. Hinton reported that the meeting held on April 23rd was routine. He distributed copies of The Twenty and announced the next meeting for May 28th at 7:30 pm. Mr. Hinton stated that he would not be able to attend and, if any board member would like to attend in his place, to let him know.

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

No report

Student Representative: Amanda Altemose, Senior Class President

Ms. Altemose reported:

- The Prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at the Skylands in Randolph, NJ from 7:00 to 11:30 pm
- Saturday, April 26th will be the third senior makeup day so the students can graduate on June 13th.
- Special Olympics is scheduled for May 14th.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold

District Enrollment (page 16)

Dr. Arnold referred to the enrollment report, stating that this new format will be reported each month. The purpose of the report is to account for all students for which the school district bears a responsibility. Future reports will separate cyber charter schools from brick-and-mortar charter schools.

Policy Revisions

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

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

Roll Call: 8--0 Carried

Dr. Arnold explained that the next policy has an Option A or Option B. Option A would permit staff to attend all school-sponsored events for free; Option B would allow staff to attend, without charge, events that are fully funded by the district, but staff may be charged staff for those events that are not fully funded. The following action occurred:

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve the following policy revision:

Policy #904 - Public Attendance at School Events *Option B*

- Mr. Murphy commented that he feels that staff should not be charged to attend school-sponsored events, because they donate much of their time to the school district. He feels there would not be a lot of money lost.
 - Mr. Sabia commented that he agrees with Mr. Murphy that everyone works hard, but we should have this option available to use when needed.
 - Mr. Hinton commented that he will be voting for Option B because there are some school sponsored events that are not fully funded and these clubs or organizations have accounts with no funds.
 - Ms. Palmer asked if an organization wants to charge a fee, would they need to come to the Board for approval. Mr. Sabia indicated that is how it will work. Mr. Murphy commented that the Board does not have time to get involved; he feels the club or organization should decide.
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Roll Call: 6-2 Carried Voting No: M. Palmer, T. Murphy

Other:

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the request **to advertise** the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget at 133.78 mills, an increase of 7.48 mills from the 2007-2008 approved budget. **This action allows for public inspection of the budget proposal. It does not signify approval of the budget.**

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

- Susan Kresge commented that the budget is not where she would like to see it and stated that she knows that Administration is working hard, but the increase in millage needs to be a lot lower than it is now (7.48 mills).

Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the request **to advertise** for professional/support staff positions for 2008-2009.

- Ms. Kresge commented that she had not seen the list of anticipated staff openings and that she does not know what positions she would be voting on. Dr. Arnold apologized by stating that the budget committee has seen the list and he should have shared it with everyone on the Board.
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Roll Call: Voice Vote 7-1 Carried Voting no: S. Kresge

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve the request to hire the firm of Newman, Williams, Mishkin, Corveleyn, Wolfe, and Ferrara as solicitor for the 2008-2009 school year at an annual retainer of \$18,000 and an hourly rate of \$135 for services not covered by the retainer.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the following Homebound Instruction Requests (as per Board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 90 days)

6.5.1.1	Eldred Elementary School		
	ID#		Reason
	208425	Medical, retroactive to March 31, 2008	
6.5.1.2	Pleasant Valley Middle School		
	ID#		Reason
	205440	Medical, renewal retroactive to March 24, 2008	
	204488	Medical, retroactive to March 31, 2008	

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Dr. Arnold stated that he received a letter from the Pocono Autism Society Inc. thanking Pleasant Valley for the \$1,471 donation. Dr. Arnold stated that the money came from the Denim Days the FBLA conducts throughout the school year.

Dr. Arnold stated that he received an email from a student asking him not to change our mascot. Dr. Arnold clarify that we are not changing the mascot, it will still be a bear. The board is trying to agree on a logo.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 and items #6.4.1 - #6.4.4 on the addendum as follows:

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration** **April 24, 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 Alfred Nyegaard was approved for the position of part-time bus driver, retroactive to April 7, 2008.
- 6.4.1.1.2 Brenda Crowley is recommended for the position of temporary full-time bus driver, retroactive to April 10, 2008.
- 6.4.1.1.3 Substitutes
- a. Gloria Myler - Bus Driver, retroactive to 3/28/08
- 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
- 6.4.1.2.1 Summer Music Program
- a. John DeVivo - Music Director
- b. Ron Bielecki - Assistant Music Director
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
- 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
- 6.4.2.1.1 Tara Bunchalk-Orefice, middle school teacher, was approved for an extension of her Family & Medical Leave for nine (9) days, effective May 19, 2008 through May 30, 2008.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Marissa McKenna, middle school teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for approximately twenty-one (21) days, effective on or about May 27, 2008 through the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year.
- 6.4.2.2 Sabbatical Leave of Absence
- 6.4.2.2.1 Valerie Rudawski, Chestnuthill Elementary School teacher, was approved for sabbatical leave for the purpose of professional development, effective for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year.
- 6.4.2.3 Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave.):
- 6.4.2.3.1 Kathleen Alicea, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave effective April 21, 2008 through the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year.
- 6.4.2.3.2 Theresa Brookes, transportation aide/PVI cafeteria monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective April 7, through April 11, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.3 Margaret Curcio, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave effective for the following days: one-half (.5) day on April 17 and one (1) day, April 18, 2008.

- 6.4.2.3.4 Drew Davis, middle school teacher, was approved for unpaid leave effective for the following three (3) days: April 8, 10 and 11, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.5 Carol Kearns, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective April 21 through April 25, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.6 Patricia Kerwin, PVI cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective April 4 and 11, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.7 Raymond Krawczyk, middle monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 11, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.8 Mary Anne Peleschak, high school PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for three and one-half (3.5) days, effective one-half (.5) day on March 11 and March 12, 13 and 14, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.9 Maria Sarwar, PVI PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 11, 2008.
- 6.4.2.3.10 Cindy Walters, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 8, 2008.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration - Addendum April 24, 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. Karen Lee-Cafeteria Worker
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave.):
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Irene Bell, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 10, 2008.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 14, 2008.
 - 6.4.2.1.3 Elisabeth Johnson, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective April 17 and 18, 2008.
 - 6.4.2.1.4 Raymond Krawczyk, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 25, 2008.
 - 6.4.2.1.5 Carmen Quaranta, middle school cafeteria worker, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 9, 2008.
- 6.4.3 Resignation

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

 - a. Taunya-Pettis, bus driver, effective April 21, 2008.
- 6.4.4 Retirement

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

 - a. Walter Serfass, bus driver, effective May 5, 2008.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve item #6.5.1 and item #6.5.7 as follows:

6.5 Professional & Support Services April 24, 2008

- 6.5.1 For Approval
 - 6.5.1.1 2008-2009 Boys' Soccer Assistant Coaching Positions
 - 6.5.1.1.1 Varsity - Tim Hinton
 - 6.5.1.1.2 JV - Robert Pipech
 - 6.5.1.1.3 JV - Jim Shoopack
 - 6.5.1.1.4 Jr. High - Nicole Spagnuolo
 - 6.5.1.1.5 Jr. High - Roxanne Gougher
 - 6.5.1.2 2008-2009 Cross Country Assistant Coaching Positions
 - 6.5.1.2.1 Varsity - Rick Rimple
 - 6.5.1.2.2 Jr. High - James Igoe
 - 6.5.1.3 2008-2009 Field Hockey Assistant Coaching Positions
 - 6.5.1.3.1 Varsity - Christine Collaro
 - 6.5.1.3.2 JV - Colleen Dinan
 - 6.5.1.3.3 Jr. High - Melanie Wisby-Bankus
 - 6.5.1.3.4 Jr. High - Kristina Osmulski
 - 6.5.1.4 2008-2009 Football Assistant Coaching Positions
 - 6.5.1.4.1 Varsity - Greg Bowman
 - 6.5.1.4.2 Varsity - Dan Muir
 - 6.5.1.4.3 Varsity - Tierney Myers

	6.5.1.4.4	Varsity	-	Mark Versuk
	6.5.1.4.5	Freshman	-	Joe Anderton
	6.5.1.4.6	Freshman	-	Mike Birnbaum
	6.5.1.4.7	Jr. High	-	Jim Saylor, Jr.
	6.5.1.4.8	Jr. High	-	Jim Saylor, Sr.
	6.5.1.4.9	Jr. High	-	Matt Triolo
	6.5.1.4.10	Jr. High	-	
6.5.1.5	2008-2009 Girls' Tennis Assistant Coaching Position			
	6.5.1.5.1	JV	-	Ralph Weichand
6.5.1.6	2008-2009 Golf Assistant Coaching Position			
	6.5.1.6.1	Varsity	-	Paul Evans
6.5.1.7	2008-2009 Volleyball Assistant Coaching Positions			
	6.5.1.7.1	Varsity	-	Kathleen Gesiskie
	6.5.1.7.2	JV	-	Craig Morris
6.5.1.8	2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Assistant Coaching Positions			
	6.5.1.8.1	Varsity	-	Steve Ayars
	6.5.1.8.2	JV	-	
	6.5.1.8.3	Freshman	-	
	6.5.1.8.4	Jr. High	-	
	6.5.1.8.5	Jr. High	-	
6.5.1.9	2008-2009 Girls' Basketball Assistant Coaching Positions			
	6.5.1.9.1	Varsity	-	Gena Orłowski
	6.5.1.9.2	JV	-	Matt Triolo
	6.5.1.9.3	Freshman	-	Dan Beck
	6.5.1.9.4	Jr. High	-	Paul McCrone
	6.5.1.9.5	Jr. High	-	Erica Walters

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

Facility Use Requests: 6

6.5.7.1.1	Organization	CIU 20
	Facility Requested	High School Old Auditorium, classroom
	Purpose	In-service Training of Staff
	Dates/Times	August 21, 2008, Thursday, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm August 22, 2008, Friday, 8:00 am -3:30 pm
	Requestor	Gail Vogel
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.2	Organization	West End Youth Association
	Facility Requested	Middle School Baseball Field
	Purpose	Baseball Games and Practice
	Dates/Times	May 1, 2008 – September 1, 2008, Sunday – Saturday 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, weekdays, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, weekends
	Requestor	Emil Suarez
	Attendance	50
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.3	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	Middle School Tennis Courts
	Purpose	Tennis Program
	Dates/Times	June 23, 2008 – August 4, 2008, Mondays, 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm June 26, 2008 – July 31, 2008, Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
	Requestor	Linda Breen
	Attendance	16
	Tuition	\$55.00 - \$90.00
	Fee by District	Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.4	Organization	CIU 20
	Facility Requested	PVI Multipurpose Room
	Purpose	Graduate Course

	Dates/Times	July 7, 2008 – August 1, 2008, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
	Requestor	Michael Caprari
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.5	Organization	West End Soccer League
	Facility Requested	High School Classroom
	Purpose	FIFA Referee Class
	Dates/Times	June 19,2008 – June 24, 2008, Thursday, Friday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Requestor	Brett Moyer
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.6	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	PVE (2) Music Rooms
	Purpose	Children’s Dance Program
	Dates/Times	June 25, 2008 – August 27, 2008, Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
	Requestor	Jane Porter
	Attendance	30
	Tuition	\$95.00
	Fee by District	Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

**Roll Call: 5-2-1 Carried Voting no: M. Palmer, T. Murphy
 Abstaining from item # 6.5.1.1.1 - R. Hinton
 Abstaining from item #6.5.1.4.2 - S. Kresge
 Abstention Memorandums are attached**

Informational Items included:

- ▶ District Events List

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

Mathematics: Mr. John Rushefski, Ms. Carole Geary-Rissmiller

No report

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the 2008 Houghton Mifflin Program to 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 materials 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. The cost of the core reading program will be approximately \$120,000 which can be paid over a two year period. Some of the cost of the core program will be taken from grant money to defray expenses to the district.

- Ms.Kresge asked what portion of the expense of the core would be taken from grant money.
- Ms. Geary-Rissmiller stated that a portion would be taken from grant money and that amount has not been settled yet, she is still working on that. The minimum would be \$45, 000 each year; some cost would come from building budgets and also from Ms. Tartar’s budget.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Charles Hoffman to approve the request to conduct Summer School for Grade 8 as follows:

Responsibility and Subjects

Grade 8 Middle School responsibility, located at the Middle School
Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and English

Hours of Operation (30)

8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. (Session I)
10:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. Break
10:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. (Session II)
15 days – July 7 through July 25, 2008

Tuition Costs (No Refunds)

- \$150.00 per course for district residents
- \$250.00 per course for nonresidents

Miscellaneous

- Registration completed by the guidance office through July 1, 2008.
- Payment due by July 3, 2008 for each course. Only certified checks, money orders, or cash accepted.
- Transportation arranged by the parent.
- Students may be absent only one (1) time with a required doctor’s note.
- Students dismissed from the program for discipline/attendance reasons will not receive a refund.
- Only one discipline warning will be given.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

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

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the request to conduct a Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring School for Grades 9-12 for the remediation of students who have failed previous courses.

Responsibility and Subjects

Grades 9-12 High School responsibility, located at the High School.
All subjects as needed.

Hours of Operation

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (15/7 days)	Summer	(Tentative) July 7-July 25
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (15/7 days)	Fall	November
	Winter	February
	Spring	April

- 30 hours 1 credit--15 days
- 15 hours .50 credit--7 days

Tuition Costs (No Refunds)

- \$150.00 per 1 credit course for district residents

- \$75.00 per .50 credit course for district residents

Miscellaneous

- Payment and registration are due 1 week prior to the beginning of session.
- Only certified checks, money orders, or cash accepted.
- Registration completed by the appropriate guidance office.
- Transportation arranged by the parent.
- Students may be absent only one (1) time as excused by a doctor’s note.
- Students dismissed from the program for discipline, attendance reasons will not receive a refund.
- Only one discipline warning will be given.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy is approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.7 and item #6.10.8-1 – #6.10.8.5 on the addendum with one revision noted, item #6.10.8.5 should read DRBC. Report is as follows:

6.10 Business Management April 24, 2008

- 6.10.1 Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Accounts Payable for March 2008 be approved for payment. Total amount: \$183,820.66.
- Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Bills Payable for April 2008 be approved for payment. Total amount: \$111,225.48.
- 6.10.2 Student Activity Accounts – for informational purposes
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|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance, 3/1/08 | \$296,590.39 | |
| Revenue | | 45,462.76 |
| Expenditures | | 76,951.97 |
| Ending Balance, 3/31/08 | | \$265,101.18 |
- 6.10.3 District Investment Report – attached
- 6.10.4 The following resolution was granted approval:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, a dispute exists between or among the School District, the Monroe County Tax Claim Bureau (“Tax Claim Bureau”), and/or Monroe County or their officials; and

Whereas, the Tax Claim Bureau, the County and/or their officials have withheld approximately \$791,954.90 of taxes due and payable to the School District; and

Whereas, it is believed, based on the opinions of legal counsel, that neither the Tax Claim Bureau, the County, and/or any of them have the right to withhold the amounts that they did;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that:

1. The Levin Legal Group, P.C. and the solicitor of the School District (together of individually referred to hereinafter as “Counsel”) are hereby authorized to file an appeal under the Local Agency Law and to file, pursue and appeal such further litigation, petitions, motions, claims and appeals (hereinafter referred to individually or together as the “litigation”) as may be necessary to protect the School District’s interests and the interests of its taxpayers against the Tax Claim bureau, the County and/or appropriate officials or employees of either; and
2. Counsel is authorized to retain such experts and incur such costs as deemed reasonable and necessary in pursuit of the litigation; and
3. Counsel is authorized to make such demands on such parties as deemed reasonable and necessary to recover all taxes improperly withheld.

- 6.10.5 The following bid awards for the 2008-2009 school year were approved through the Northampton-Monroe-Pike Joint Purchasing Board :

Office Paper	
Kurtz Bros.	\$467.20
20 cases composition paper	

Xerox Corp.	109,296.80
4164 cases white 8 ½ x 11	
Paper Mart	1,854.92
12 cases white 8 ½ x 14; 47 cases white 11 x 17	
Ris Paper	15,052.90
348 cases colored paper; 118 cases colored index	
Total	\$126,671.82

Janitorial Paper

Whiteman Tower	\$24,806.25
1225 cases c-fold paper towels	
Penn Paper and Supply	16,492.57
544 cases unbleached roll towels; 575 cases facial tissue	
Abaline Supply	10,657.60
248 cases one-ply toilet tissue; 40 cases one-ply jumbo roll toilet paper	
Total	\$51,956.42

GRAND TOTAL **\$178,628.24**

6.10.6 Approval was granted to advertise for the following items:
HVAC Air Filters

6.10.7 The following invoices are recommended for payment from the Bond Fund indicated:

1996 Bond Fund

Quad Three	\$4,352.40
Wastewater project	
Total	\$4,352.40

2006 Bond Fund

Quad Three	\$7,476.75
Middle School Project	
Quad Three	3,279.67
Athletic Field Project	
Total	\$10,756.42

6.10 Business Management Addendum April 24, 2008

6.10.8 Supplement

6.10.8.1 The following invoices were approved for payment from the Pleasant Valley High School Courtyard Garden Fund:

Check #106	Sugar Hollow Farms	\$4,062.37
	Paving materials and brick pavers	
Check #107	Sugar Hollow Farms	\$1,025.27
	Pavers and pond items	
Check #108	Saylorsburg Lumber	\$460.00
	Lumber for arbors	
Check #109	Jason Smith	\$151.62
	Materials for arbors	
Check #110	Robert Young	\$59.34
	Pots for plants	
Check #111	Kim Economy	\$162.12
	Plants and supplies	
	Total	\$5,920.72

6.10.8.2 Approval was granted to advertise for sealed bids for the following item:

Propane
Winter Athletic Supplies and Equipment

6.10.8.3 The following invoices were approved for payment from the bond funds indicated:

2006 Bond Fund

Quad Three Group, Inc.	\$8,047.75
Athletic Field Project	
Total	\$8,047.75

6.10.8.4 The following resolution was presented and approved:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of School Directors of the Pleasant Valley School District (the "School District") has determined that additional and improved school facilities are required for use of the pupils of the School District and has authorized certain preliminary steps to be taken to plan for construction and equipping of additions and renovations to Pleasant Valley Middle School and Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to take certain action with respect to the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Pleasant Valley School District, Brodheadsville, Monroe County, Pennsylvania:

1. The School Board authorizes approval of PlanCon Part F, Attachment C, Post Bid Opening Certification.
2. The School Board authorizes PlanCon Part G., The Project Accounting Based on Bids.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 24th day of April, 2008.

Total Construction Costs:	\$18,859,180
Total Project Costs:	\$20,661,551

6.10.8.5 The following bid award were presented and approved, pending receipt of DRBC final approval and PDE PlanCon approval:

General Trades:	Lobar, Inc.	\$9,239,000
Roofing	TGW Corporation	\$1,077,000
Food Services	Clark Food Service Equipment	\$398,400
Plumbing	LTS Plumbing & Heating	\$589,780
HVAC	Marx Sheet Metal & Mechanical	\$2,373,000
Electric	G.R. Noto Electrical	\$2,176,000
Waste Water Treatment Upgrade	James T. O'Hara	\$1,888,000

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- Linda Micklos commented that she attended the Academic Fair on Monday evening, April 21st. She stated that the event was both exceptional and impressive. She commented on the excellence of the recycling event presented by the elementary students.
- Linda Micklos reported that she attended a NSBA conference in which Sandra Day O'Connor was the speaker. The subject was regarding students and their civic duties. She informed Ms. Geary-Rissmiller that a website starting this fall, www.ourcourts.org, is being made available with instructional programs on this subject.
- Susan Kresge reported that she attended the academic fair and stated that the kickoff of the Pleasant Valley Walkway and Wall of Honor took place. She distributed forms to everyone present, asking for the community and staff to recognize and honor alumni, present students, staff, community and local businesses.
- Tom Murphy commented that the cafeteria report showed that breakfast and lunches are down. He asked what is being done to get these programs to be successful. Ms. Grammes stated that a student advisory committee has been formed in the high school to get feedback on what the students would like to have. She stated that they are not sure why the breakfast is down; it is a grab-and-go type of meal.
- Charles Hoffman commented that the Chestnuthill Alumni banquet is on Saturday night. Dr. Arnold and Mr. Fisher will be speakers. There are currently 162 reservations.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President MiChelle Palmer motioned, seconded by John Sabia to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:07 PM.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting - May 8, 2008 at 8:00 pm, District Offices