

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
June 26, 2008

Board Approved July 17, 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, June 26, 2008 at 8:08 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	Harvey Frable	Susan Kresge
	Vice-President Tom Murphy	H. Charles Hoffman	Linda Micklos
	Treasurer Russ Gould	Ryan Hinton	John Sabia

Board Absentees: None

Administrative Attendees: Dr. Arnold, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Braxmeier, Ms. Caines, Ms. Franco, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Hines, Mr. Kello, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. Marcheski, Mr. Meinhart, Ms. Metz, Ms. V. Murphy, Mr. Pierri, Mr. P. Smith, Ms. Tartar

Solicitor: Mr. Gerard Geiger

President MiChelle Palmer announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- ▶ **June 26, 2008 - Personnel** - Hiring of new and replacement staff and other issues; Negotiations; and Legal Issues

MEETING PROCEDURES:

President Palmer referred to the agenda that was available to everyone present and to the meeting procedures that were attached. President Palmer informed everyone present that the board policy, which permits public participation one hour during the first part of the meeting and one hour during the later part of the meeting with a three minute time limit, would be enforced. After the three minute limit, the citizen would then be asked to go to the end of the line if they choose to speak again.

GOOD NEWS:

Pleasant Valley High School

Ms. Patti McLain, Honors English teacher and Classroom of the Future technology coach, presented examples of the English honor class projects. The theme was "Temporary Social Injustice." The students outlined what steps they took to research their information.

Employee Recognition Program

Dr. Arnold acknowledged the staff that retired at the end of this school year. He also recognized those staff members for their years of service.

BBBS Awards

Dr. Arnold reported that the Pleasant Valley School District raised the most money for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake. Dr. Arnold presented a gold bowling pin to the Board for this achievement and one to Ms. Kresge for recording the highest score for a female.

Growing Place

Lisa Eick, representing the Growing Place, shared the success of the Pre-K Counts program. This program is designed to help children that are at risk before entering Kindergarten. 68 children participated in the program this year with an 86% attendance rate. Ms. Eick distributed documents explaining the program guidelines and the state's first-year evaluation. Several parents read testimonials regarding the merits of the program.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

The following citizens expressed their opinions regarding the privatization of the PVSD Transportation Department: Stephen Russo, Chestnuthill Township; Dale Klausman, PVSD employee, Stroud Township; Scott Carpenter, PSEA Union Representative; and Kim Sharp, PVSD employee.

At 8:48 pm, President Palmer announced that the Pleasant Valley School Board would be breaking into a brief executive session and the Board left the board room.

At 9:37 pm, President Palmer re-convened the meeting.

OTHER:

None

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

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote - 9-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy, to approve the Accounts Payable 6/13/08 - 6/26/08 on pages 13-17 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corveleyn

Mr. Geiger stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss contract negotiations.

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos

Ms. Kresge reported that, on Wednesday, June 25th, a tentative agreement was reached regarding a new teacher's agreement which should be ratified in August.

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton reported that he was not able to attend the meeting held on Wednesday, June 25th. He stated that there will be no meeting in July. The next scheduled meeting will be August 18th.

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge reported that:

- ▶ By a vote of 22-1, the House Education Committee has voted to send a letter to the State Board of Education asking them to step back and reevaluate their proposal to implement the Graduation Competency Assessments.
- ▶ Governor Rendell's administration has assured PSBA that the Governor's plan for the six year funding proposal is still on the table.

Student Representative:

None

OTHER

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos, to accept the RFP submitted by First Student Transportation to enter into a contract acceptable to the District and to authorize the administration to negotiate the final contract.

Ms Les outlined some of the details that were included on the RFP. Ms. Les also stated that the RFP document has been in the hands of the District and the association since at least January 2008, prior to commencing negotiations. An issue looked at was state reimbursement. The state funding formula pays a higher rate for contracted services than for District-operated services, which means additional state revenue for this component of school operations.

Within the RFP, there are a number of issues that address our staff who would hopefully be seeking employment with the contractor. Those items included but were not limited to: new driver training; various professional development programs and pupil management programs that will be offered to the drivers in addition to annual refresher training; and a driver recognition and incentive program which rewards the drivers and transportation aides for accident free driving, perfect attendance, workplace safety and safety competition participation.

Benefits and compensation: part of the District request for proposal requirement was that the contractor offer employment to all existing drivers, transportation aides, mechanics and secretaries within the Transportation Department. The First Student RFP does, in fact, incorporate that provision within their document.

Other items listed as part of the RFP:

- ▶ Hourly rates will be effective beginning the 2008-2009 school year; the rate will be evaluated and adjusted in subsequent years of the contract per market conditions:

- ▶ Drivers will be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours per day;
- ▶ Company paid individual life insurance policy;
- ▶ Long-term disability coverage;
- ▶ Participation, without pre-qualification or a waiting period, in a 401(k) pre-tax retirement plan;
- ▶ Full-time employees receive a company match of 50% of the first 6% contributed;
- ▶ Unemployment compensation eligibility for any day that school is not in session

Mr. Murphy stated that, included in the motion, should be that it will commence with the 2008-09 school year to last for a period of five years.

Amended motion by Harvey Frable; seconded by Linda Micklos, to accept the RFP submitted by First Student Transportation to enter into a contract acceptable to the District and to authorize the administration to negotiate the final contract. This contract will commence with at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year and last for a period of five years (September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013).

- ▶ Mr. Murphy commented by stating that he is not voting for this proposal. He stated that this is an emotional issue for him personally and believes that the District has a good group of people working as bus drivers; they are all citizens in our community and that the deal is not any better financially for the district. He stated that, if you look at the whole package it drags us down as a community.
- ▶ Mr. Sabia commented that this decision is also hard for him and all the board, but it is a business decision and that he has nothing against bus drivers, aides or mechanics. He feels this is the right decision.

Roll Call: 6-3 Carried Voting no: M. Palmer, T. Murphy, and C. Hoffman

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold

Policy Revisions

Second Reading*

Policy #121 – Field Trips

Policy #210 – Use of Medications

Policy #237 – Use of Communication Devices, Cellular Telephones and Other Devices

**These policies will be recommended for approval at the July 17, 2008 Board Meeting*

Approval of the 2008-09 General Fund Budget

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton, to approve the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008-09 General Fund Budget be approved, calling for a tax levy of **133.0 mills** in property tax and the Act 511 Earned Income Tax of 1% and the Real Estate Transfer Tax of 1%. This represents a **5.3% mill** increase from last year's budget.

Note: The school district budget was advertised for public inspection on April 24, 2008.

- ▶ Mr. Murphy commented that the Board just voted on a contract to outsource the Transportation Department, which is supposed to net the District approximately \$1.3 million and stated that he would like to turn that money back to the taxpayers. We should be lowering our tax millage, not raising it. He stated that he is not voting for the budget.
- ▶ Mr. Gould clarified that the District does not have that money yet.
- ▶ Mr. Sabia commented that he does not have a problem in doing so next year.

Mr. Geiger, Solicitor, stated that there is an issue with Monroe County on collecting back taxes. The Monroe County Tax Claims Bureau has withheld \$791, 000 in delinquent tax fees that the District believes should have been paid to the school district. Litigation has been filed over whether the MCTCB is entitled to that money. A final decision could take more than 2-3 years. Ms. Les stated that the withholding of \$791,000 reflects slightly less than 2.5 mills in taxes.

Roll Call: 5-4 Carried Voting no: M. Palmer, T. Murphy, H. Frable, and S. Kresge

Mr. Hinton left the meeting at 9:52 pm.

Other:

Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable, to approve the following requests for homebound instruction: *(as per Board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 90 days)*

Pleasant Valley High School

ID#	Reason
204225	Expulsion, retroactive to June 2, 2008
204403	Expulsion, retroactive to June 4, 2008
103505	Expulsion, retroactive to June 4, 2008

Pleasant Valley Middle School

ID#	Reason
205245	Medical, retroactive to 5/16/08

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Dr. Arnold announced that he received an email from Jenny Hackett, 4th grade teacher at PVE, stating that a yard sale at Polk Elementary raised \$3000 for a family in need. \$200 was raised by one student alone. Wal-Mart has indicated that they would double the money raised for the family.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.3 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on the addendum#1 and items #6.4.1-#6.4.3 on addendum #2 with one revision noted: page 18, #6.4.1.1.3, this person is also being hired as a Summer Computer Technician. Report is as follows:

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration** **June 26, 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 Barbara Catalano was approved for a change of employment status from part-time to full-time bus driver, retroactive to May 23, 2008.
- 6.4.1.1.2 Sandra Urash's change of employment status from part-time to full-time bus driver was amended to reflect an effective date of May 25, 2007.
- 6.4.1.1.3 Substitutes
- 6.4.1.1.4 a. Paul Vegetabile - Summer Computer Technician
Rickie Serfass, school police officer, was approved to carry a weapon on his person, as per policy # 705.1, at his compensation plan hourly rate plus an additional stipend of \$2.40 per hour worked, effective July 1, 2008.
- 6.4.1.2 Act 93/Central Office Agreements
- 6.4.1.2.1 As per the Act 93 and Central Office Administrative Agreements, approval was granted for the salaries of administrators, including merit awards for the 2008-09 school year .
- 6.4.1.2.2 Permission was granted for commissioned officers to teach college level courses and/or provide consulting services.
- 6.4.1.3 Professional Staff
- 6.4.1.3.1 Department Head/Curriculum Leader for the 2008-2009 year: Language Arts HS Department Head-Philomena Reduzzi
- 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 Maryjean Fedin, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective June 4, and 6, 2008.
- 6.4.2.1.2 John Grimaldi, transportation aide, was approved for unpaid leave for one and one-half (1-1/2) days, effective June 5 and one-half (1/2) day on June 11, 2008.
- 6.4.2.1.3 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective June 12, 2008.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
- Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following employees:
- 6.4.3.1 Shamim Colon, PVI PPA, effective August 27, 2008.
- 6.4.3.2 JoAnna Jones, PVE part-time PPA, effective June 18, 2008.
- 6.4.3.3 Shirley Mennella, PVI part-time PPA, effective June 18, 2008.

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - Addendum#1** **June 26, 2008**
- 6.4.1 Leaves of Absence
- 6.4.1.1 Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave.):
- 6.4.1.1.1 Christine Koflanovich, middle school monitor, was approved to extend her unpaid leave for fifty (50) days, effective April 9 through June 18, 2008.

6.4.1.1.2 Joanne Siragusa, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective June 10, 2008.

6.4.2 Resignation

Approval was granted to accept the letters of resignation from the following employees:

- a. Marcy Cetnar, PVI secretary, effective July 11, 2008.
- b. Michael Hyde, PVE music teacher, effective June 18, 2008.
- c. Mark D. Johnson, high school mathematics teacher, effective June 19, 2008.
- d. Judy Marsiliano, high school mathematics teacher, effective June 19, 2008.

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - Addendum #2** **June 26, 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. Tracy Mina - Transportation Aide

6.4.1.1.2 ESEA Title I Summer School

The following individual was approved for the position of para-professional associate for the ESEA Title I Summer School at PVE, grades K-4:

a. Megan Miller

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

The following individuals were approved for hire effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year:

6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley High School

6.4.1.2.1.1 Derek Strohl BS, Step 1
BS, Mathematics Salary=\$37,100
PSU

(Replacement mathematics teacher for Judy Marsiliano)

6.4.1.2.2 Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

6.4.1.2.2.1 Nicole Moore MS, Step 8
BS, Human Development & Family Studies Salary=\$42,500
PSU

MS, Secondary School Counseling

Kutztown University

(Replacement guidance counselor for Nicole Layton)

6.4.2 Resignation

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

- a. Anastasia Caltabiano, resigning from PVE as guidance counselor, effective August 22, 2008, or sooner, depending upon release.

6.4.3 Retirement

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

- a. Diane Doll, PVE teacher, effective the conclusion of the second marking period of the 2008-2009 school year.

► Mr. Murphy stated that he did not have an opportunity to review the Act 93 agreement and would be voting no on that item.

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Voting no on item #6.4.1.2.1 - T. Murphy

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

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman, to approve item #6.5.1 and item #6.5.7 as follows:

6.5 **Professional & Support Services** **June 26, 2008**

6.5.1 For Approval

6.5.1.1 2008 - 2009 Assistant Coaching Position

6.5.1.1.1 Jr. High Football - Ed Pietroski

6.5.1.2 2008 - 2009 Advisor/Co-curricular Positions

6.5.1.2.1 Jr. High Cheering (8th Gr)-Melissa Bitler

6.5.1.2.2 Jr. High Cheering (7th Gr) (split stipend) Tracey Toth

6.5.1.2.3 Jr. High Cheering (7th Gr) (split stipend) Ashley Rampulla

6.5.1.2.4 Chess Club - Ross Partington

6.5.1.2.5 FBLA - Teresa Galicki

6.5.1.3 2008 - 2009 Marching Band Positions

6.5.1.3.1 Assistant Director- Amy Boligitz

6.5.1.3.2 Assistant (Advisor)- Aaron Boligitz

- 6.5.1.4 2008 – 2009 Volunteer Coaching Position
 - 6.5.1.4.1 Jr. High Football - Phil Masiello

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

6.5.1.1	Facility Use Requests: 3	
6.5.7.1.1	Organization	Pleasant Valley Choral Society
	Facility Requested	High School New Auditorium and Classroom
	Purpose	Holiday Concert
	Dates/Times	Sunday, December 7, 2008, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Rehearsal Saturday, December 13, 2008, 9:00 am– 3:00 pm, Set-Up, Rehearsal Saturday, December 13, 2008, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, Concert Sunday, December 14, 2008, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm, Concert Friday, December 19, 2008, 4:00 pm -6:00 pm, Snow Date Sunday, December 21, 2008, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, Snow Date
	Requestor	Janet Serfass
	Attendance	400 +
	Tuition	\$6.00 per person
	Fee by District	Class 4, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.2	Organization	Pleasant Valley Choral Society
	Facility Requested	High School New Auditorium and Classroom
	Purpose	Holiday Concert
	Dates/Times	Friday, April 7, 2009, 6:00 pm-10:30 pm, Rehearsal Friday, April 24, 2009, 4:00 pm-10:30 pm, Set Up and Rehearsal Saturday, April 25, 2009, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, Concert Sunday, April 26, 2009, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm, Concert
	Requestor	Janet Serfass
	Attendance	300 +
	Tuition	\$6.00 per person
	Fee by District	Class 4, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.3	Organization	Millersville University
	Facility Requested	PVE Cafeteria
	Purpose	Millersville Workshop
	Dates/Times	Monday-Friday, July 14 – 18, 2008, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Class-Workshop Monday-Friday, July 21 – 25, 2008, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Class-Workshop
	Requestor	Diane Charles
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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 Rissmiller

Mathematics: Mr. John Rushefski, Ms. Carole Rissmiller

No report.

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

No report.

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

John Sabia Motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.9 and item #6.10.10.1-6.10.10.2 on Addendum as follows:

10	<u>Business Management</u>	<u>June 26, 2008</u>
6.10.1	Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Accounts Payable for May 2008 For payment. Total amount: \$236,934.63.	
	Approval was granted for the Cafeteria Bills Payable for June 2008 for payment. Total amount: \$131,740.23.	
6.10.2	Student Activity Accounts - for informational purposes	
	Beginning Balance, 5/1/08	\$271,792.76
	Revenue	24,471.83
	Expenditures	69,323.07
	Ending Balance, 5/31/08	\$226,941.52
6.10.3	District Investment Report - attached	
6.10.4	The following bid awards for the 2008-2009 school year were approved:	
	Winter Athletic Supplies and Equipment	
	Anaconda sports	\$13.00
	Bethlehem Sporting Goods	1,331.59
	Kellys Sports	5,133.25
	Metuchen	1,922.00
	Sportsmans	1,780.74
	Triple Crown	1,346.70
	Total	\$11,527.28
6.10.5	The following invoices were approved for payment from the Bond Fund indicated:	
	2006 Bond Fund	
	Robert G. Beers, Surveyor	\$3,725.00

Lot joinder plan		
Quad Three Group		\$23,838.91
Middle School Project: \$13,845.69		
Athletic Field Project: \$9,993.22		
Quandell Group, Inc.		\$10,894.84
Management Services		
	Total	\$38,458.75

6.10.6 The following lunch prices were approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

Breakfast – Paid Daily		\$1.25
Breakfast – Reduced		.30
Breakfast – 10-Day Ticket	11.50	
Breakfast – Adult		2.70
Milk Only	.50	
Elementary Lunch – Paid Daily		2.25
Elementary Lunch – 10-Day Ticket	21.50	
Elementary Lunch – Reduced		.40
Secondary Lunch – Paid Daily		2.35
Secondary Lunch – 10-Day Ticket	22.50	
Secondary Lunch – Reduced		.40
Kindergarten Juice		.30
Kindergarten Milk		.10
Adult Lunch		4.20

6.10.7 Approval was granted for the attached 2008 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. The maximum homestead assessment exclusion will be 3,457. The maximum farmstead assessment exclusion will be 3,457. The maximum homestead tax exclusion will be \$459.78. The maximum farmstead tax exclusion will be \$459.78.

6.10.8 Chestnuthill Township is considering the purchase of 55+ properties from the County Repository. All properties are in the Sun Valley Development. The goal of the township is to join lots and 1) attempt to get them back on the tax rolls or 2) transfer ownership to the development association with the stipulation that the properties be maintained as Open Space. The Board granted their approval for this request providing that the purchase and transfer of ownership is at no cost to the school district.

6.10.9 In accordance with School Code requirements, each year the Board of Education must review bond figures and have them recorded in the minutes. The following are the positions affected and the corresponding bond amounts.

District Employees		
Board Treasurer		\$20,000
Business Manager		\$100,000
Superintendent		\$25,000
Blanket policy (all other employees)		\$30,000
Earned Income Tax Collectors		
Joanne Wernet, Chestnuthill Twp.		\$250,000
Kathleen Klingel, Eldred Twp.		\$45,000
Beverly Christman, Polk Twp.		\$100,000
Linda Marsili, Ross Twp.		\$69,000
Elected Tax Collectors (bond is set by the County Judge)		
June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Twp.	\$11,218,105	
Helen Mackes, Eldred Twp.		\$1,772,893
Carolyn Meinhart, Polk Twp.		\$4,549,021
Richard Todora, Ross Twp.		\$3,389,152
Other		
Monroe County Recorder of Deeds		\$15,000
Pool pledges in accordance with School Code: 120%		
of school district daily balance:		
First National Bank of Palmerton		
East Stroudsburg Savings Association		

6.10 Business Management - Addendum#1 June 26, 2008

6.10.10 Supplement

6.10.10.1 The following invoice was approved for payment from the PVHS Courtyard Garden Fund:

Check #119 Sugar Hollow Farms \$163.00
Sealer and spikes for pavers

6.10.10.2 Approval was granted for PlanCon Part H: Project Financing for the Middle School project to be submitted to the PA Department of Education.

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Voting no on item #6.10.7 - T. Murphy

Ms. Les noted to everyone present, that the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion dollars for 2008 taxes was part of the Business report. The assessment exclusion is 3,457 and the dollar exclusion is \$459.78. This applies to both homestead and farmstead properties.

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- ▶ Susan Kresge commented that she voted no to the 2008-09 general fund budget because she feels that enrollment is going down and hiring additional monitors was an issue for her.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

- ▶ Ed Larson, Polk Township, voiced his opinion regarding the Board's decision to privatize the Transportation Department.
- ▶ Karen Garmony, Polk Township, wanted to know how the gaming funds would be passed onto the taxpayers.
- ▶ Kim Sharp, PVSD employee, voiced her opinion regarding the Board's decision to privatize the Transportation Department.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President MiChelle Palmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:09 PM.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting - July 17, 2008 at 8:00 pm, District Offices