

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
October 19, 2006

Board Approved Nov 16, 2006 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 19, 2006 at 8:10 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.

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	President Thomas Murphy	Harvey Frable	Susan Kresge
	Vice-President John Sabia	H. Charles Hoffman	Ryan Hinton
	Treasurer Russ Gould	MiChelle Palmer	Linda Micklos
Board Absentees:	None		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Caines, Mr. Drake, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Heath, Mr. Hines, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. Meckes, Mr. Pierri, Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seiler, Mr. Stefani, Mr. Storm, Ms. Tartar, Mr. Wunder		
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- ▶ October 19, 2006 - Personnel (Hiring of new and replacement positions - full-time, part-time, and substitute)

GOOD NEWS:

Dr. Pullo introduced Mr. Kevin Scheller, a 1973 graduate of PVHS and owner of Koehler Marvin Realty. Mr. Scheller spoke of the William Bowker Memorial Fund which contributes toward many Pleasant Valley athletic programs. He spoke of Mr. Bowker, a 1971 graduate of PVHS who died in a tragic drowning accident in 2002. The William Bowker Memorial Fund donated \$1500 to the wrestling team for their future trip to Reno. Mr. Mark Getz, wrestling coach received the check on the team's behalf.

Dr. Pullo presented honor roll awards to both John Sabia and MiChelle Palmer from PSBA for 12 years of service to the school district.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Deborah Raseley, Ross Township, expressed her concerns regarding her son's bus stop on Ross Road. She read a letter that she distributed to the school board displaying her proposal to change the location of the stop.

Bridget Shanley, PV Cubs Football Organization, expressed her opinion on an incident that occurred Monday evening. She stated that the organization was not aware that parents should not be parking in the administrative parking lot on Monday evening. The organization was told not to park there on School Board Meeting nights only. She expressed her opinion on the events that took place on Monday evening and offered her apology for the incident.

Ken Kovacs, Effort, asked for suggestions from the board and Dr. Pullo on learning more information regarding the school district and its practices. He stated that he is new to the area and his children are reaching school age. Dr. Pullo suggested that he make an appointment with a principal to visit a school while in session to observe the daily activities. He also offered information through our website.

Mike Masllo, West End Soccer, asked permission to use several lights and a generator of his own on Wednesday evening. The soccer team is having a training session and they wish to have the lights available for approximately 30 minutes at the conclusion of the event so the team can safely exit the field. Mr. Murphy stated that the board would discuss the request and get back to him.

OTHER:

None

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2006 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote - Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the Accounts Payable 9/1/06-9/30/06 (Manual Checks) on page 12; Accounts Payable 10/1/06-10/5/06 on pages 13-16; Accounts Payable 10/6/06-10/19/06 on pages 17-22; Trial Balance / Financial Statement on pages 23-29 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

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. Susan Kresge

Ms.Kresge stated that the meeting was routine business.

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton reported that the meeting in September was routine. The next meeting is October 25 at 7:30 pm, and December 13,2006 at 7:30 pm. There is no November meeting.

Legislative Representative: vacant position

Mr. Murphy stated that a legislative chairperson is needed and he asked the board members to consider the position.

Student Representative: Darlene Smith

Ms. Smith reported that:

- ◆ Homecoming game and the dance were a big success
- ◆ Senator presented a check to the school for the turf field
- ◆ The dance brought in a \$3000 profit for the senior class
- ◆ This coming week is Spirit week with a different theme planned for each day
- ◆ Friday is the bonfire and student rally
- ◆ Seniors participated in a work event at Dorney Park and made \$4000 for their class
- ◆ Next Fundraiser is a paranormal speaker, Mrs. Warner
- ◆ Junior class is preparing for their winter concert and prom

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

Policy Revisions

Policy #707 - Facility Usage

Dr. Pullo indicated that more revisions were made to the policy, copies were given to the board members and approval will be sought at the next meeting.

- ◆ Ms. Palmer asked when the board would be given the fees involved. Dr. Pullo stated that they would be emailed to the board next week.

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the following School-Affiliated Organizations (Policy #915)

- Elementary PTO's

- Middle School PTO
- PV Band Parents Association
- URSA Parents Club - PV Field Hockey
- Friends and Fans of the Pleasant Valley Boys' Basketball Parent Club

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve Dr .Pullo as a representative of the school district for the West End Peer Commission. Three township members from Ross and Chestnuthill and one school district member will make up the seven member commission.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the recommendation to *reject* Grievance #BU029706

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Other

Dr. Pullo noted the enrollment report on page 35.

Dr. Pullo that the Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2005 is on page 36 and was approved.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.3 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.3 on the addendum with the following revisions noted:. Page 37, item #6.4.1.1.3B is retroactive to 10-14-06; item #6.4.1.1.5D is retroactive to 10-16-06. Request is as follows:

- 6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - October 19, 2006**
- 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 Ed Lauritsen was approved for the position of PPA at an annual salary of \$18,900, prorated, retroactive to September 11, 2006. His 2006-07 school year assignment is the high school. (New position)
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Regina Denaro was approved for the position of part-time cafeteria helper, effective October 23, 2006, at an hourly wage of \$9.14. Her 2006-07 school year assignment is PVE. (Replacement position for Mary Smith)
 - 6.4.1.1.3 Security
 - The following individuals were approved for the position of casual security officer:
 - a. Amy Dowling (retroactive to October 6, 2006)
 - b. Anthony Candella retroactive to October 14, 2006.
 - 6.4.1.1.4 Allen Christman was approved for the position of temporary custodian, effective October 23, 2006, at an hourly wage as per the support staff collective bargaining agreement. (Substitute position for George Swanger)
 - 6.4.1.1.5 Substitutes:
 - a. Wendy Fisher - Transportation Aide
 - b. Rebecca Gares - Cafeteria Helper/Monitor
 - c. Amanda Kaulfers - Transportation Aide/Custodian
(Retroactive to 10/10/06)
 - d. Mark Malfa - Custodian retroactive to 10/16/06
 - e. Elizabeth Strohl Sansone - Custodian
 - f. Dawn Wilson -Transportation Aide/PPA
(Retroactive to 09/27/2006)
 - 6.4.2 Leave of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Shirley Fluck, district secretary, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for thirty-six (36) days, effective August 17, 2006 through October 6, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Keith Hess, high school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for ten (10) days, effective September 25, 2006 through October 6, 2006.

- 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 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for four (4) days, effective October 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Carol Kearns, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective October 5 and 6, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Vickie O'Rourke, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective September 13, 2006.

6.4.3 Resignation

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

- a. Lisa Eberhart, PVI monitor, effective October 13, 2006. Ms. Eberhart wishes to remain on the substitute list for monitor.
- b. Tammy VanHouwe, from the position of monitor, effective August 23, 2006.

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - Addendum** **October 19, 2006**

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 Diane Bochicchio was approved for the position of part-time secretary at an annual salary of \$23,328 prorated, effective October 23, 2006. Her 2006-07 school year assignment is the high school. (New position)
- 6.4.1.1.2 Desiree Murray was approved for the position of monitor, effective October 23, 2006, at an hourly wage of \$8.15. Her 2006-07 school year assignment is Chestnuthill Elementary School. (Replacement position for Barbara Hill)
- 6.4.1.1.3 Substitutes:
 - a. Carrie Stasiak -Monitor/Transportation Aide/
Secretary/PPA/Cafeteria
Helper/Custodian
 - b. Debra Velez-Bus Driver

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

- 6.4.1.2.1 Tenure
The following teachers have served Pleasant Valley School District for three (3) years and have been rated as satisfactory. By the provisions of the School Code, they were approved for tenure.
 - a. Alyssa Mollo
 - b. Jason Smith
- 6.4.1.2.2 Substitutes
 - a. Kelly Leeman - Elementary
 - b. Keri Ramsay - Elementary

6.4.2 Leave of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.4.2.1.1 Anita Borger, PVI teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for fifteen (15) days, effective August 28, 2006 through September 19, 2006.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Jay Brown, middle school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for forty-seven (47) days, effective November 2, 2006 through on or about January 19, 2007.
- 6.4.2.1.3 Kimberly Kebort, high school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective September 5, 2006 and child-rearing leave through the conclusion of the 1st semester of the 2006-07 school year.
- 6.4.2.1.4 Christine Sabatini, middle school teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave for fifteen (15) days, effective November 2, 2006 through November 20, 2006.

6.4.3 Resignation

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

- a. Cheryl Warner, para-professional associate, effective October 27, 2006.

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

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve item #6.5.1 on pages 39-44, item #6.5.7 on pages 47-48, item #6.5.1 on the addendum and one addition: Todd Anderson as volunteer basketball coach. Report is as follows:

6.5 Professional & Support Services

October 19, 2006

6.5.1 Request for Approval

- 6.5.1.1 Approval was granted to contract with Coordinated Health Systems for the Athletic Training Program at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School, August 2006 to June 1, 2007. The total cost to the district would be \$16,500.
- 6.5.1.2 2006-2007 Winter Assistant Coaching Positions
 - 6.5.1.2.1 Jr. High Boys' Basketball. - Mr. Stan Reese
 - 6.5.1.2.2 JV Wrestling - Mr. Anthony Rizzolino
- 6.5.1.3 2006-2007 Winter Volunteer Coaching Position
 - 6.5.1.3.1 Wrestling - Mr. Matt Getz
- 6.5.1.4 Field Trip Requests - Pleasant Valley High School
 - 6.5.1.4.1 Grade/Organization - Chorus, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Lois Mann
Destination of Trip - Notre Dame High School, E. Stroudsburg
Date of Trip - November 8, 2006
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$20.00
 - 6.5.1.4.2 Grade/Organization - AP Portfolio, grade 12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Barbara Cortese
Destination of Trip - Drexel University, Philadelphia
Date of Trip - November 12, 2006
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - none
 - 6.5.1.4.3 Grade/Organization - Media, grades 11-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Jacqueline Ludka
Destination of Trip - NSPA Fall National Journalism Convention, Nashville TN
Date of Trip - November 9-12, 2006
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$260.00
 - 6.5.1.4.4 Grade/Organization - F.B.L.A., grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Adam Whisel
Destination of Trip - F.B.L.A. Conference, East Brunswick, NJ
Date of Trip - November 10-12, 2006
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$137.00
 - 6.5.1.4.5 Grade/Organization - S.A.D.D., grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Elaine Snow; Ms. Shannon Mackes
Destination of Trip - Lancaster, PA
Date of Trip - November 15, 2006
District Buses Needed - 1 van
Cost per Student - none
 - 6.5.1.4.6 Grade/Organization - Yearbook Production, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Philomena Reduzzi
Destination of Trip - PSPA Conference, Altoona, PA
Date of Trip - November 17, 2006
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$50.00
 - 6.5.1.4.7 Grade/Organization - Media, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Jacqueline Ludka; Ms. Philomena Reduzzi
Destination of Trip - PSPA Conference, Altoona, PA
Date of Trip - November 16-17, 2006

- District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$50.00
- 6.5.1.4.8 Grade/Organization - Junior Statesmen of America, grades 11-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Karen Fuls
Destination of Trip - Fall State Convention, Cherry Hill, NJ
Date of Trip - November 16-19, 2006
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$2,000.00
- 6.5.1.4.9 Grade/Organization - National Art Honor Society, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Amy Pettit
Destination of Trip - Museum of Modern Art, New York City
Date of Trip - December 6, 2006
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$40.00
- 6.5.1.4.10 Grade/Organization - History, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Keith Hess, Mr. Drew Dangler, Mr. Brent Lewis, Mr. Tom Crosby, Mr. Eric Schneider
Destination of Trip - Washington, D.C.
Date of Trip - December 8, 2006
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$35.00
- 6.5.1.4.11 Grade/Organization - Business, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Teresa Galicki
Destination of Trip - Sony Wonder, New York City
Date of Trips - December 5, 2006 and April 24, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$27.00
- 6.5.1.4.12 Grade/Organization - History, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Keith Hess (and other faculty members)
Destination of Trip - Washington, D.C.
Date of Trip - March 2, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$35.00
- 6.5.1.4.13 Grade/Organization - Varsity Chorale, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Lois Mann
Destination of Trip - Broadway Show & Workshop, New York City
Date of Trip - March or April, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$120.00
- 6.5.1.4.14 Grade/Organization - Key Club, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Sarah Rusnock
Destination of Trip - Pittsburgh, PA
Date of Trip - March 23-25, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$250.00
- 6.5.1.4.15 Grade/Organization - Gifted, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Robert Young
Destination of Trip - University of Villanova, Philadelphia
Date of Trip - April 11, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - none
- 6.5.1.4.16 Grade/Organization - Music Honor Society, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Lois Mann
Destination of Trip - New York Philharmonic, New York City
Date of Trip - April 13, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$100.00
- 6.5.1.4.17 Grade/Organization - National Honor Society, grades 11-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Philomena Reduzzi, Ms. Valerie Eblin

- Destination of Trip - Washington, D.C.
Date of Trip - Spring 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$500.00
- 6.5.1.4.18 Grade/Organization - Advanced Art I & II, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Barbara Cortese
Destination of Trip - Philadelphia Museum of Art
Date of Trip - April 13, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$10.00
- 6.5.1.4.19 Grade/Organization - Cultural Diversity, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Ramona Parsons, Ms. Caroline Gold
Destination of Trip - Baltimore, MD
Date of Trip - April 20, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$30.00
- 6.5.1.4.20 Grade/Organization - Creative Communication, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Ramona Parsons
Destination of Trip - DeSales University, Allentown, PA
Date of Trip - April 27, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$18.00
- 6.5.1.4.21 Grade/Organization - Media I & II, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Jacqueline Ludka
Destination of Trip - Kent State University
Date of Trip - April 25, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$150.00
- 6.5.1.4.22 Grade/Organization - Junior Statesmen of America, grades 9-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Karen Fuls
Destination of Trip - Parsippany, NJ
Date of Trip - April 26-29, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$2,000.00
- 6.5.1.4.23 Grade/Organization - Creative Communication, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Ramona Parsons
Destination of Trip - DeSales University, Allentown, PA
Date of Trip - April 30, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$35.00
- 6.5.1.4.24 Grade/Organization - Drama Club, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Ramona Parsons
Destination of Trip - Times Square, Broadway, New York City
Date of Trip - May 2, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$50.00
- 6.5.1.4.25 Grade/Organization - Physics, grade 12
Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Ross Partington
Destination of Trip - Dorney Park
Date of Trip - May 11, 2007
District Buses Needed - 1
Cost per Student - \$18.00
- 6.5.1.4.26 Grade/Organization - National Art Honor Society, grades 10-12
Teacher(s) Involved - Ms. Amy Pettit
Destination of Trip - Baltimore, MD
Date of Trip - May 18, 2007
District Buses Needed - none
Cost per Student - \$70.00
- 6.5.1.4.27 Grade/Organization - Chorus, grades 10-12

- Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Lois Mann
 Destination of Trip – Hershey Park (competition)
 Date of Trip – May 26, 2007
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student - \$80.00
- 6.5.1.4.28 Grade/Organization – High School Ski Club, grades 10-12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Tom Crosby and other faculty members
 Destination of Trip – Big Boulder Ski Area
 Date of Trip – January and February 2007 (total of six evenings)
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student - \$100.00
- 6.5.1.4.29 Grade/Organization – Physics, grade 12
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Ross Partington
 Destination of Trip – Widener University, Chester, PA
 Date of Trip – October 24, 2006
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student - none
- 6.5.1.5 Field Trip Requests – Pleasant Valley Middle School
- 6.5.1.5.1 Grade/Organization – Drama Club, grades 8-9
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Rollene Gougher
 Destination of Trip – Civic Theatre of Allentown, PA
 Date of Trip – December 6, 2006
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student - none
- 6.5.1.5.2 Grade/Organization – F.B.L.A., grade 9
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Jenny Laubscher
 Destination of Trip – Tour of Local Resorts
 Date of Trip – March 2007
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student - \$10.00
- 6.5.1.5.3 Grade/Organization – Gifted, grades 8 and 9
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Sandy D’Agostino
 Destination of Trip – Museum of Natural History, New York City
 Date of Trip – April 25, 2007
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student - \$45.00
- 6.5.1.5.4 Grade/Organization – National Jr. Honor Society, grades 8 & 9
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Rollene Gougher, Ms. Nicole Composto
 Destination of Trip – Harrisburg, PA
 Date of Trip – May 14, 2007
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student - \$35.00
- 6.5.1.5.5 Grade/Organization – Ski Club, grades 8 and 9
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Robert Petit-Clair and other faculty members
 Destination of Trip – Big Boulder Ski Resort
 Date of Trip – January and February 2007 (total of six evenings)
 District Buses Needed – none
 Cost per Student - \$60.00+
- 6.5.1.6 Field Trip Request – Pleasant Valley Intermediate School
- 6.5.1.6.1 Grade/Organization – Grades 5 and 7 Ski Clubs
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Melinda Ludwig and other faculty members
 Destination of Trip – Blue Mt. Ski Area
 Date of Trip – January & February 2007 (total of six evenings for each club)
 District Buses Needed – 2+
 Cost per Student - \$140.00 (approximate)
- 6.5.1.6.2 Grade/Organization – Grade 6 Ski Club

- Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Jamie Schuler and other faculty members
 Destination of Trip – Camelback Ski Area
 Date of Trip – January, February, March 2007 (total of six evenings)
 District Buses Needed – 1+
 Cost per Student – N/A
- 6.5.1.7 Field Trip Request – Pleasant Valley Elementary School
- 6.5.1.7.1 Grade/Organization – PVE Ski Club
 Teacher(s) Involved – Mr. John Gesiskie and other faculty members
 Destination of Trip – Camelback Ski Area
 Date of Trip – January and February 2007 (total of six evenings)
 District Buses Needed – 1+
 Cost per Student – N/A

6.5.1 Professional & Support Services - Addendum October 19, 2006

- 6.5.1.1 2006 – 2007 Co-curricular Co-advisor Position
- 6.5.1.1.1 National Honor Society -Ms. Valerie Eblin (split stipend with Philomena Reduzzi)
- 6.5.1.2 Field Trip Request – Polk and Eldred Elementary Schools
- 6.5.1.2.1 Grade/Organization – Ski Club, grade 3 and 4
 Teacher(s) Involved – Ms. Darcy Smith, Ms. Sandi Kaspszyk
 Destination of Trip – Blue Mountain Ski Area
 Date of Trip – January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2007
 District Buses Needed – 1
 Cost per Student - \$20.00
- 6.5.1.3 Todd Anderson - volunteer basketball coach

6.5.7.1 Facility Use Requests: 7

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| 6.5.7.1.1 | Organization | Pleasant Valley Youth Association |
| | Facility Requested | High School New Gymnasium |
| | Purpose | Youth Basketball Registration |
| | Dates/Times | October 21 and 28, 2006, Saturday. 9:00 am-1:00 pm |
| | Requestor | Hope Smith |
| | Attendance | 300-500 |
| | Tuition | \$75.00 Competitive, \$30.00 Instructional |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |
| 6.5.7.1.2 | Organization | Pocono Chamber of Commerce |
| | Facility Requested | High School New Auditorium |
| | Purpose | Senatorial Debates |
| | Dates/Times | November 2, 2006, Thursday, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm |
| | Requestor | Peter Alasty |
| | Attendance | 300 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |
| 6.5.7.1.3 | Organization | Pleasant Valley Youth Association |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School, Middle School, PVE and PVI Gymnasiums |
| | Purpose | Basketball Practice |
| | Dates/Times | Monday through Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, November 13 -March 18, 2007, 6:00-9:00 pm * Pending approval of practice schedule by Jake Percey |
| | Requestor | Hope Smith |
| | Attendance | Estimated 30-40 |

	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.4	Organization	PV Bruins Wrestling
	Facility Requested	PVI Cafeteria
	Purpose	Parents Meetings
	Dates/Times	Friday, November 10, 2006, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Thursday, January 4, 2007, February 1, 2007, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
	Requestor	Nellie Gehr
	Attendance	75
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.5	Organization	Monroe County Coyotes
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate Gymnasium
	Purpose	Baseball Practice
	Dates/Times	Saturdays December 2-March 27, 2007, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
	Requestor	Sandra LaLicata
	Attendance	Estimated 14
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.6	Organization	West End Soccer
	Facility Requested	PVI Cafeteria
	Purpose	Soccer Travel Banquet
	Dates/Times	Saturday, November 18, 2006, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Requestor	Tami Sever
	Attendance	200
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.7.1.7	Organization	West End Little League
	Facility Requested	High School Old Gymnasium
	Purpose	Baseball/Softball Winter Training
	Dates/Times	Friday, December 1, 2006 - March 2, 2007, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Sunday, December 3, 2006 - March 4, 2007, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
	Requestor	Lisa Kaye
	Attendance	40
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

Roll Call: 9-0 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

- ◆ Ms. Kresge asked Mr. Pierri about a bus that goes into PVI very early in the morning. She asked for an

explanation. Mr. Pierri stated that the driver drops off students at PVI, then goes to PVE, picks up students from the Growing Place and brings them to PVI.

Custodial and Warehouse : Mr. Howard Scott

No report

Buildings and Grounds:

No report

Technology Systems Coordinator: Mr. Rocco Seiler

No report

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

Update on Stepping Up program

Ms.Rissmiller distributed a document with the student count for the Stepping Up program. Currently the program is running in all of the elementary schools and PV Intermediate. There are 344 students participating. The tutoring program will be offered in Math and Reading.

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the Home School Policy #137

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Mathematics: Mr. John Rushefski, Ms. Carole Rissmiller

Presentation on Accelerated Math, Scott Foresman, and Math Remediation Update

Mr. Rushefski and Ms .Danielle Argot presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding:

- ◆ Scott Foresman math Update
- ◆ Accelerated Math PSSA Data
- ◆ Roles of Math Support and the Math Coach
- ◆ Structure of the Stepping Up Math Program

Mr. Rushefski provided a handout that presented timelines, PSSA levels in grades 4, 5 and 6. He showed comparison levels for non-accelerated math groups vs. accelerated math groups. Ms. Argot outlined the roles of the math support teachers and herself, math coach.

- ◆ Mr. Murphy questioned whether a substitute teacher could be part of the stepping up program. Ms.Rissmiller explained the steps on training teaching staff, paraprofessional staff that hold certificates and substitute professional staff. Training sessions were offered three times in August, 1/2day in-service and various times throughout the year. Program is funded through the block grant.

Reading Supervisor: Ms. Dora Tartar

No report

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

No report

Technology: Dr. Lee Lesisko

No report

Dr. Pullo asked for the following action to occur:

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

Pleasant Valley High School District

Student - Reason

100169 Medical, retroactive to September 27, 2006

201839 Medical, retroactive to September 28, 2006

202216 Medical, retroactive to September 13, 2006

As per Board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 45 days

Pleasant Valley Middle School District

Student-Reason

204094 Medical, retroactive to 9/25/06

204088 Medical, retroactive to 9/25/06

Eldred Elementary: Ms. Kris Meckes

Student ID# 10236 Medical, retroactive to September 15, 2006

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Pleasant Valley Intermediate: Mr. J. Storm, Mr. D. Heath

Remainder of Mr. Storm's report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School: Mr. Dan Wunder, Ms. Lila Metz, Ms. Penny Derr

Remainder of Mr. Wonder's report was informational and included the enrollment report.

Polk/Eldred Elementary: Ms. Kris Meckes

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. Barry Hamlin, Mr. Michael Kello

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. Monica Kotzmann

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Fable is approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.9 and item #6.10.10.1 with one revision noted, item #6.10.10.1, High School Complex, Richard Frantz, third line down, change to read \$75.00/dozer. Report is as follows:

6.10.1 Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for September 2006.
Total amount: \$117,593.60.

Approval was granted for the bills payable for October 2006.
Total amount: \$114,088.73.

6.10.2 Student Activity Accounts - For informational purposes -- full report to be submitted upon completion of the 2006 year-end audit

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2006	\$251,599.42
Receipts	27,148.63
Expenditures	32,910.98
Ending Balance, August 31, 2006	\$245,837.07

6.10.3 Informational - District investment report for September 2006. (handout)

6.10.4 The following invoices/applications were approved for payment from the Bond Fund listed:

	2006 Bond Fund	
Quad Three Group		\$3,835.50
Transportation facility: schematic design, partial		
	Total	\$3,835.50

6.10.5 The following bid awards were granted approval. Tabulation is available in the business office for review.

Musical Instruments (PVI)	
Interstate Music	\$3,637.54

(1 bassoon, 2 tambourines, 1 concern toms with stand,
 1 bass clarinet mouthpiece, 1 tenor saxophone mouthpiece,
 10 music stands)

Total \$3,637.54

6.10.6 The following educational contracts were granted approval for the 2006-2007 school year:

Educare, alternative education/special education	\$89.00 per day
Behavioral Health Associates, Inc., regular ed/special education	\$89.00 per day

6.10.7 Approval was granted for the Revision of Policy #620: Capital Reserve Fund. A copy of the proposed revised policy is attached.

6.10.8 Informational Item: ACT 1 INFORMATION. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006 (Act 1) includes a number of substantial changes affecting school districts and their taxpayers and residents. It is important that the public be informed as to the homestead and farmstead exclusions, installment tax payments, the spring tax-shift referendum, distribution of gambling revenues, etc. The business managers of the four county school districts are putting together a series of public information sessions, with one to be held in each district, to provide information and answer questions. There will be an announcement when these plans are finalized.

6.10.9 Policy revisions per state audit observations - First reading of Policies #302, #303, #404 and #504.

6.10 Business Management - Addendum October 19, 2006

6.10.10 Supplement

6.10.10.1 The following bid awards for snow plowing were approved: (see attached):

High School Complex	Richard Frantz	\$58.00/hr truck \$70.00/hr loader \$75.00/hr dozer \$60.00/hr tandem truck \$70.00/hr tri-axle truck
PVE/PVI Complex:	Bruce George	\$58.00/hr truck \$70.00/hr loader \$75.00/hr dozer \$70.00/hr trucking if needed
Polk/Eldred/Op Facility	Bruce George	\$58.00/hr truck \$70.00/hr loader \$75.00/hr dozer \$70.00/hr trucking if needed

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried Voting no: T. Murphy

Ms. Kotzmann distributed several handouts, first one regarding policies #302, 303, 404 and 504. The revisions were noted on each copy for the board to review.

- ◆ Mr. Murphy had some concerns regarding some of the revisions to policy 504. Mr. Corevelyn suggested bringing these questions to the exit conference.

Second handout was Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of October 11, 2006 and the Investment Report.

Dr. Pullo announced the next Buildings and Grounds workshop is Monday, November 13, next board meeting is November 16 and on November 8th, 7:00pm there will be a public presentation regarding Act 1 and Tax Reform.

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

Mr. Corevelyn reported that he attended the annual School Law Workshop in Hershey on October 11, 2006. He stated that he attended various workshop sessions throughout the day. He stated that he has shared this information with Mr. Fadule and anyone who would like a copy of the material should contact him.

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- ◆ Mr. Murphy asked if Mr. Pierri had looked at the bus stop that was a concern this evening. He stated that Dr. Pullo went to view the stop. Dr. Pullo stated that this was a compromise to combine two stops. The student is dropped off at 3:00pm when it is still light out and there is a field for the student to walk through rather than the road. Mr. Murphy asked the board if they wanted to change the stop. Ms. Raseley will be notified of the board's discussion.
- ◆ Mr. Gould asked what discussion would be made regarding the request from West End Soccer to use their own flood lights and generator for a session on Wednesday evening. The board decided to allow the lights as long as the team will not be practicing in the dark when the lights are setup.
- ◆ Ms. Micklos asked Mr. Corevelyn if there was legal standpoint why the board should not allow the lights to be used. Mr. Corevelyn stated that as long as the district is assured that no practice would be taking place a
- ◆ Ms. Kresge asked that security be asked to monitor the situation that evening. Mr. Murphy asked that Mr. Fisher relay that information to West End Soccer and security.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Jeff Hollenbeck, Polk Township, expressed his concerns on how he was informed on his son's bus stop being changed. He stated that his seven year old son came home and announced that his bus stop was being changed as of Monday. Mr. Hollenbeck tried to call Transportation for several days before receiving a call back. He felt that the manner in which the information was communicated to the parent was inappropriate and asked that the district come up with a better process on informing parents of such changes.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Thomas Murphy motioned, seconded by John Sabia and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:13 PM.

Carried

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 16, 2006 AT 8:00 PM, District Office
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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder