

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
December 7, 2006

Board Approved December 21, 2006 Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

The scheduled reorganization meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President, Thomas Murphy, on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Murphy welcomed those present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	Thomas Murphy	Harvey Frable	Linda Micklos
	John Sabia	H. Charles Hoffman	
	Treasurer Russ Gould	Susan Kresge	
Board Absentees:	Michelle Palmer		
	Ryan Hinton (arrived at 8:21 pm)		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Ms. Kotzmann, Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Seiler		
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corevelyn		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- ▶ November 16, 2006 - (After regular meeting) - Personnel
- ▶ December 7, 2006 - Personnel - Hiring of new and replacement positions (full-time, part-time, and substitute); Legal - Portnoff Case

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

BOARD REORGANIZATION

(In compliance with Article IV, Section 401(b) of the Pennsylvania School Code, as amended)

Mr. Corevelyn conducted the election of Board President

Election of a School Board President- term expiring December 6, 2007

Harvey Frable nominated Thomas J. Murphy as School Board President

Russ Gould Seconded the motion.

Charles Hoffman closed the motion, seconded by Russ Gould

Roll Call: 7-0 Unanimous Vote - Carried

It is hereby recorded that Thomas J. Murphy is elected as President of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education by a unanimous ballot to serve until the next reorganization meeting of the Board to be held on December 6, 2007.

The newly elected Board President Tom Murphy took his place as presiding officer and conducted the election to fill the office of Vice President (term expires December 6, 2007)

President Murphy opened the nomination for the office of Vice President of the School Board:

Susan Kresge nominated John Sabia for School Board Vice President

Russ Gould seconded the motion

Charles Hoffman closed the motion, seconded by Thomas J. Murphy

Roll Call: 7-0 Unanimous Vote - Carried

It is hereby recorded that John Sabia is elected as Vice President of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education by unanimous ballot, to serve until the next reorganization meeting of the Board to be held on December 6, 2007.

At this time, President Murphy made the following appointments:

Monroe County Technical Institute Representative

- ▶ Charles Hoffman, three year term expiring December, 2009
- ▶ Alternates, John Sabia and Russ Gould

Legislative Chairperson

- ▶ Susan Kresge, one year term expiring December, 2007

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the School Board Meetings and Building and Grounds Meetings from January 2007 - December 2007

Roll Call: 7-0 - Carried

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

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 2006:

Roll Call: Voice Vote - Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the Accounts Payable 12/1/06-12/07/06 on page 15-20 per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

President Murphy indicated that the agenda will be changed slightly because some board members need to leave the meeting, the following requests occurred:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/REQUESTS: DR. FRANK A. PULLO

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 and item #6.4.1 - #6.4.3 on the addendum with the following revisions noted: page 22, #6.4.2.1.2 retroactive to 1/3/07 and page 1 on the addendum, #6.4.1.2.1.1 is deleted. Report is as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration - December 7, 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 The following individuals were approved for the position of monitor, effective December 11, 2006, at an hourly wage of \$8.15:

2006-07 School Year Assignment

- a. Lisa Hernandez PVE
(Replacement position for Pat Rubelowsky)
- b. Christine Lorch PVE
(Replacement position for Sandra Seda)
- c. Mildred Maldonado PVI
(Replacement position for Kathy Beidleman)
- d. Lyn Ower Mohle PVI
(Replacement position for Tammy VanHouwe)

6.4.1.1.2 Linda Chiesa was approved for the position of part-time cafeteria helper, effective December 11, 2006, at an hourly wage of \$9.14. Her 2006-2007 school year assignment is Pleasant Valley Elementary School. (Replacement position for Sophia Rozwadowski)

6.4.1.1.3 Dennis Hynes’ employment status was changed from mechanic II to mechanic I. The effective date of this change was August 24, 2006.

6.4.1.1.4 Substitutes

- a. Thomas Bellersen - Bus Driver, retroactive to 11-30-06
- b. Daniel Everett - Custodian
- c. Kelly Frinzi - Monitor, retroactive to 11-20-06
- d. Adrienne Keefer- Secretary, retroactive to 12-1-06
- e. Karen O’Connell - Custodian, retroactive to 11-13-06
- f. Carrie Poskitt - Monitor, retroactive to 11-7-06
- g. Lori Snyder - Secretary, retroactive to 11-8-06

6.4.1.1.5 Transfers

Name	From	To
Regina DeNaro	Part-Time Cafeteria Helper, PVE	Part-Time Cafeteria Helper, Polk

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes

- a. Nicholas Farkas - Elementary
- b. Jessica Torrente - Elementary, retroactive to 11-20-06

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.4.2.1.1 Karen Deppen, PVE healthroom technician, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for five (5) days, effective November 16, 2006 through November 22, 2006.
- 6.4.2.1.2 Randy Hinton, middle school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for approximately twenty-three (23) days, effective on or about January 3, 2007 through on or about February 5, 2007.
- 6.4.2.1.3 Nicole Composto, middle school teacher, was approved for to return from her leave of absence, retroactive to December 4, 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 Mary Jane Feeley, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for eight (8) days, effective October 27, 2006 through November 8, 2006.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration - Addendum December 7, 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 Elisabeth Johnson was approved for the position of monitor at an hourly rate of \$8.15, effective December 11, 2006. Her 2006-07 school year assignment is the Pleasant Valley Intermediate School. (Replacement position for Margurite Dillon)
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes
 - a. Lucinda Hurst - Healthroom Technician
 - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley High School
 - 6.4.1.2.1.1 Deleted**
 - 6.4.1.2.1.2 Denise Lenox MS, Step 3
BA, Psychology Salary=\$36,500
MA, Counseling Ed. prorated
PSU
(New guidance counselor position, effective February 7, 2007, or sooner, depending upon release)
 - 6.4.1.2.1.3 Edward Slatky BS + 37, Step 1
BS, Accounting Salary=\$35,050
Lockhaven Univ. prorated
Math Certification, ESU
(Replacement mathematics teacher for Brad Rogers, effective January 22, 2007, or sooner, depending upon PDE certification)
 - 6.4.1.2.2 Substitutes
 - a. Brenda Jordan - All Areas
 - b. Edward Slatky - All Areas
 - 6.4.1.3 Administration
 - 6.4.1.3.1 Mark Meinhart was approved for the position of Director of Building and Grounds, at an annual salary of \$60,000, prorated, effective February 7, 2007, or sooner, depending upon release. (Replacement position for Roger Borger)
- 6.4.2 Leave 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 six (6) days, effective December 20, 2006 through January 5, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Laura Constable, PVE teacher, was approved for unpaid leave, for one (1) day, effective January 19, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.3 Diane DiBella, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave, for one (1) day, effective December 19, 2006.
- 6.4.3 Resignation

Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from Matthew Treese, PVI English teacher, effective February 2, 2007, or sooner, depending upon release.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Asst. To The Superintendent For Professional/Support Personnel: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approved item #6.5.1.1-6.5.1.3 & #6.5.7 with the addition of Thomas Kresge as Middle School Volunteer Basketball coach., as follows:

6.5 Professional & Support Services **December 7, 2006**

- 6.5.1 Request for Approval
 - 6.5.1.1 Winter Assistant Coaching Position
 - 6.5.1.1.1 Jr. High Wrestling-Mr. Keith Kutzler
 - 6.5.1.2 2006 - 2007 Co-curricular Positions
 - 6.5.1.2.1 High School Musical Director-Mr. Brent Lewis
 - 6.5.1.2.2 High School Asst. Musical Directors-Ms. Christina Castone
-Mr. Craig Morris
(split stipend)
 - 6.5.1.2.3 High School Set Painter -Mr. Craig Morris
 - 6.5.1.3 Volunteer Assistant Coaching Position
 - 6.5.1.3.1 Girls' Basketball-Mr. Tom Lusto

6. 5.7 Facilities:

- 6.5.7.1.1
 - Organization PV Little Bears Wrestling
 - Facility Requested High School Cafeteria
 - Purpose Wrestling Parents Meeting
 - Dates/Times January 8, 2007, Monday, 6:45pm-7:30pm
February 5, 2007, Monday, 6:45pm-7:30pm
 - Requestor Glenn Jacobi
 - Attendance 50
 - Tuition None
 - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
- 6.5.7.1.2
 - Organization PV Little Bears Wrestling
 - Facility Requested High School New Gymnasium and Concession Stand
 - Purpose EPYWC Wrestling Tournament
 - Dates/Times February 10 & 17, 2007, Saturday, 6:00am-8:00pm, Set-up
February 11 & 18, 2007, Sunday, 6:00am-7:00pm, Tournament
 - Requestor Ken Pritchard
 - Attendance 600
 - Tuition None
 - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
- 6.5.7.1.3
 - Organization American Cancer Society
 - Facility Requested Football Stadium, New Gymnasium (In Case of Rain)
 - Purpose Relay for Life Fundraiser
 - Dates/Times May 31, 2007, Thursday, 3:00pm - June 3, 2007, Sunday, 3:00pm
 - Requestor Michael Hurley
 - Attendance 1000
 - Tuition None
 - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
- 6.5.7.1.4
 - Organization Monroe County Recreation
 - Facility Requested PVE, PVI, Playgrounds, Fields, Cafeterias, Gymnasiums
 - Purpose Summer Camp
 - Dates/Times June 25, 2007, - August 3, 2007, Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm
 - Requestor Roberta Feierstein
 - Attendance 200
 - Tuition \$270.00 - \$290.00
 - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

- ▶ **Susan Kresge commented that she thought that Mr. Percy indicated that Tom Kresge would be a varsity volunteer basketball coach, not middle school.**

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

Informational Items included: District Events List

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman is approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.2 and #6.10.3.-#6.10.3.2 on the addendum with one addition to item #6.10.3.1 add "the individual must work for the district a minimum of 30 days":

6.10	Business Management	December 7, 2006
6.10.1	Approval was granted to make the final payment of \$15,070.00 for the new marquee. Funds will be utilized from the special fund account.	
6.10.2	Approval was granted for the Board to continue legal proceedings in the matter of Pennsylvania Land Title Association vs. ESASD and PVSD at no cost to Pleasant Valley School District.	

6.10	Business Management - Addendum	December 7, 2006
6.10.3	<i>Supplement</i>	
6.10.3.1	Approval was granted to award the fuel bids as follows (full tabulation is attached for review):	
	Pleasant Valley School District	
	Petroleum Traders	
	#2 Fuel Oil, consumer tank	\$2.1368 per gallon
	#2 Fuel Oil, tank transport	\$2.1368 per gallon
	estimated contract total	\$397,231.12
	Ultra low sulfur diesel, tank transport	\$2.1716 per gallon
	Ultra low sulfur diesel winterblend	\$2.3716 per gallon
	estimated contract total	\$549,984.00
	89 Octane gasoline, tank transport	\$2.0641 per gallon
	estimated contract total	\$84,628.10
	Monroe Career and Technical Institute	
	Petroleum Traders	
	#2 Fuel Oil, consumer tank	\$2.1368 per gallon
	#2 Fuel Oil, tank transport	\$2.1368 per gallon
	estimated contract total	\$89,211.40
	89 Octane gasoline	\$2.0641 per gallon
		\$1,548.08
6.10.3.2	Approval was granted from the board to adopt the bus driver training program commitment agreement for immediate use. Additional language to read that the individual must work for the district a minim of 30 days. A copy is attached.	

- ▶ Mr. Murphy asked with we always use 89 octane gasoline. Ms. Les indicated that we do, that is what the mechanics recommend. The smaller vehicles and the vans use 89 octane.

Roll Call: 7-0 Carried

At this time 8:14pm, Mr. Sabia and Mr. Frable left the meeting.

Returning to the original agenda, item #1.6.

Dr. Pullo welcomed and thanked the Tax Study Commission for the volunteer work they did by coming up with a recommendation on this issue. Ms. Campbell, Ms. Nardone, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Foucault were in attendance.

Recommendation by Pleasant Valley Tax Study Commission (Act 1 of 2006) - Ms. Patricia Campbell

Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Patricia Campbell read a statement that was prepared indicating the recommendation of an additional 1% Earned Income Tax with a reduction in property tax of at least \$250.

Dr. Pullo stated that this is the first step; the board has until March 13, 2007 to approve that recommendation, amend it, reject it or make a change to any of the ballot questions. There will be another public hearing for the community to attend and that will take place before March, 2007. He stressed how important it is for community members to learn about Act 1 because the decision will be up to the tax payers. Please go to our website to learn about Act 1. Dr. Pullo then presented token plaques to the commission members for their time and commitment to this issue.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Dawn Walp, Ross Township, a girl scout leader, asked permission from the board for her troop to post posters at PVI containing the pro's and con's of seat belts on school buses. After some discussion and viewing the posters, it was decided that the girls may post the posters after receiving approval from the principal, Mr. Storm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

OTHER:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute - Ms. Sue Kresge

No report

Colonial IU 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

No report

Legislative Report: - Ms. Susan Kresge

No report

Policy Revisions

Dr. Pullo indicated that he would be tabling all policies #707, #100, #103, #112, #113, because there is not enough board members present to vote.

Curriculum and Staff Development: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

No report

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- ▶ Mr. Hoffman stated that it is a state law that if the bus driver gets out of his seat on the bus, he must shut the bus down, if there is a five year old student on the bus, someone needs to make sure that he or she has her seat belt on, that would be the driver, every time he opens the door to let a student on, he would have to shut the bus down. That is my problem with using seat belts on school buses.
- ▶ Mr. Hoffman asked everyone to remember what today is, because of the WW II, we all would not be speaking English, and we would be speaking something else.
- ▶ Dr. Pullo stated that there will be representative from Laidlaw coming to our January meeting and perhaps we can discuss then the seat belt issue.
- ▶ Mr. Murphy commented that he is not in favor of the belts for various safety reasons.
- ▶ Board members present indicated that need time to discuss the seat belt issue.
- ▶ Mr. Hinton stated that he was late because of parent/teacher conferences. IU board will be meeting next Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President motioned, seconded by Ryan Hinton and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:28PM.

Carried

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: December 21, 2006 AT 8:00 PM, District Office

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder