

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
January 11, 2007

Board Approved January 25, 2007 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, January 11, 2007 at 8: 05p.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.

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, Mr. Pierrri, Mr. Scott		
Solicitor:	Mr. Gerard Geiger		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- ▶ **January 11, 2007 - Personnel (Hiring of new and replacement positions - full-time, part-time, and substitute)**

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

Presentation:

Dr. Pullo introduced Laidlaw Education Services Director of Business Development, Barry Bryan and Area General Manager, Randy Williams.

Mr. Bryan presented a PowerPoint on who Laidlaw is and their services. He outlined the benefits of partnering with Laidlaw, how it affects district employees, what happens to district buses, safety for students, how contract services work. He mentioned the company's transportation history with other school districts and mapped out branch locations. He also outlined the contracting features that are offered with a focus on current employees and our fleet of school buses. He reviewed how management is handled and training for present employees and new employees. Mr. Bryan answered questions after the presentation. Dr. Pullo stated that the board would discuss what was presented and get back to Laidlaw with their next move.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Susan LaFever, Ross Township, began her questioning by stating that she was not a bus driver. Ms. LaFever expressed her concerns over some of the information that was presented by Laidlaw and asked for clarification.

OTHER:

None

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

Ryan Hinton motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, December 21, 2006 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote - Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the Budget Transfers on page 11; Accounts Payable 12/22/06 - 12/29/06 on pages 12-15; Accounts Payable 12/1/06 - 12/31/06 (Manual Checks) on page 16; Accounts Payable 1/1/07 - 1/11/07 on pages 17-18; Trial Balance/Financial Statement on pages 19-25 as per the attached copies:

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

The Asset Cost Summary on page 26 and the Revenues/Expenditures on pages 27-30 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. Linda Micklos

Ms. Micklos reported that the last meeting was routine. MCTI and all the school districts agreed to return the Computer Application program back to the home districts. She stated that all superintendents were involved in the decision and that this affected approx. 20 students. She also stated that all of the districts currently have these programs offered.

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

No report

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

No report

Student Representative: Darlene Smith

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

Policy Revisions

Dr. Pullo referred to policy #707 and highlighted some of the changes that were included. Mr. Fisher added some additional revisions to the policy and the following action occurred:

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve policy #707 with the recommended additional revisions stated by Mr. Chris Fisher

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to waive tuition for senior student #202353 who has moved out of the district.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.3 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.4 on the addendum as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration - January 11, 2007

- 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 Thomas Bellersen was approved for a change of employment status from substitute to part-time bus driver, retroactive to December 9, 2006.
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes
 - a. Lynda Klinger - Monitor/Cafeteria Helper
 - b. Amanda Stecko - Cafeteria Helper, retroactive to January 4, 2007
 - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes
 - a. Kathryn Andrews - Elementary
 - b. Rachel Hahn - Elementary
 - c. Kayla Heffley - Elementary
 - d. Eddy Landstrom - Special Ed./Elementary, retroactive to 1-3-07

- Leave of Absence
- 6.4.1.3 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.1.3.1 Jamile Ferrara, Polk teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective January 3, 2007 through on or about March 29, 2007.
 - 6.4.1.3.2 Judy Hartzler, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for four and one-half (4-1/2) days, effective December 18, 2006 through December 22, 2006.
 - 6.4.1.3.3 Sharon Konawalik, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for approximately sixteen (16) days, effective January 17, 2007 through February 7, 2007.
 - 6.4.1.3.4 Robbin Serfass, PVI secretary, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for approximately thirty-one (31) days, effective January 5, 2007 through February 16, 2007.
 - 6.4.1.3.5 Kelly Sheeley, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy for five (5) days, effective November 13, 2006 through November 17, 2006.
- 6.4.1.4 Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave):
 - 6.4.1.4.1 Nicole Composto, middle school teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective January 4, 2007.
 - 6.4.1.4.2 James Conklin, high school custodian, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective December 19 and 20, 2006.
 - 6.4.1.4.3 Paulette Percey, PVE teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (1/2) day, effective December 13, 2006.
- 6.4.2 Resignation

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

 - a. Gigi Barton, Polk Elementary School part-time PPA, effective January 16, 2007. (Ms. Barton wishes to remain on the substitute PPA list.)

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration - Addendum** **January 11, 2007**

- 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 Kathleen Maltez was approved for the position of part-time para-professional associate, effective January 22, 2007, at an annual salary of \$18,900, prorated. Her 2006-2007 school year assignment is Chestnuthill Elementary School. (New position)
 - 6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes:
 - a. Bruce Chechel - Bus Driver/Transp Aide, retroactive to Jan 8, 2007
 - b. Todd Zeliznik - Computer Technician
- 6.4.2 Leave of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Randy Hinton, middle school teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave, for approximately six (6) days, effective February 6, 2007 through February 13, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Cia Kneebone, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for approximately thirty-two (32) days, effective January 30, 2007 through March 15, 2007.
 - 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 Shirley Mennella, PVI PPA, requests unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective February 27, 2007.
- 6.4.3 Resignation

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

 - a. Elizabeth A. Strohl-Sansone, middle school monitor, effective January 19, 2007.

(Ms. Sansone wishes to remain on the substitute custodian list.)

6.4.4 Retirement

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

- a. John McMasters, PVI computer teacher, effective June 15, 2007.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

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

Ryan Hinton motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve item #6.5.1 and the facility usage under item #6.5.7 :

Professional & Support Services

January 11, 2007

6.5.1	Request for Approval	
	6.5.1.1	Field Trip Request - Middle School Grade / Organization - Middle School Ski Club Teacher(s) Involved - Robert Petit-Clair Destination of Trip - Big Boulder Ski Resort, Lake Harmony Date of Trip - January and February 2007 District Buses Needed - none Cost per Student - N/A
	6.5.1.2	Winter <i>Volunteer</i> Coaching Position
	6.5.1.2.1	Jr. High Wrestling-Mr. William Gouger
6.5.7.1	Facility Use Requests: 2	
	6.5.7.1.1	Organization Pocono Family YMCA Facility Requested PVI Lower Field Purpose Flag Football League Dates/Times Sundays, April 15, 2007 - June 10, 2007 Requestor Nicole Hill Attendance 50 - 80 students Tuition None Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Fees Custodial & Security Fees Apply
	6.5.7.1.2	Organization Pocono Pride Fast Pitch Softball Facility Requested Middle School Fields and JV Baseball Field Purpose Softball Tournament Dates/Times Friday, July 13, 2007 - Sunday, July 15, 2007 Requestor Randy Altemose Attendance 150-200 Tuition None Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Fees Custodial & Security Fees Apply

- ◆ Ms. Micklos asked if buses were being contracted out for the field trip request. Mr. Fisher stated that they would be chartering buses.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Food Services: Ms. Bonnie Grammes

No report

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

No report

ELEMENTARY DIVISIONS:

No report

SECONDARY DIVISIONS:

No report

Business Manager: Ms. Monica Kotzmann

Ms. Les asked to table item #6.10.4 and if the board wanted to discuss item #6.10.1 before we put a motion on the floor. Discussion occurred on item 6.10.1 and the following action occurred:

- ◆ Ms. Micklos asked if we were purchasing 2006 buses because of the fuel being used. Mr. Pierri stated no, it was because chains could not be provided and the bus needs to be equipped with chains.
- ◆ Mr. Sabia asked if a 24-passenger bus is sent out to pick up one student in a wheelchair why aren't vans being used. Mr. Pierri stated that he stopped using vans because he may be picking up more than one student in a wheelchair and some wheelchairs are too large for the vans, a mini bus allows him to pick up the student with the wheelchair and also others in the same area rather than sending out another van to pickup the additional students.
- ◆ Dr. Pullo asked if we have a lot of 24-passenger buses being sent out for only one student. Mr. Pierri stated no and that he had information to show who is being picked up.
- ◆ Ms. Kresge asked if the mini buses could go over some of the bridges in the area.
- ◆ Mr. Murphy asked who was in favor of voting the buses. Ms. Kresge stated that she just received additional information regarding the 24 passenger mini buses and would prefer not to vote on them tonight. Leibensperger Transportation stated that they would improve on the warranty of new buses if the district decided to purchase from them. Mr. Pierri stated the gesture was very nice but would recommend not purchasing their buses until they have proven that their construction is vastly improved.

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve items #6.10.1, third item on list under 6.10.1 , 72-passenger buses only and item # 6.10.2-6.10.3:

Discussion began; Mr. Murphy was concerned that if everyone voted no because of item #6.10.1, the other items would also not be carried; he felt that the items should be voted separately. The following action occurred:

Susan Kresge amended her original motion; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve item #6.10.2 and #6.10.3 as follows:

6.10 Business Management January 11, 2007

6.10.2 The following individuals were approved for appointment to the position of Earned Income Tax Collector for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2007 for their respective townships. It is recommended that the wage rate be a flat 3.25% commission on all dollars remitted to the district, excluding interest earnings. These appointments are subject to change based upon modifications to Act 511, enactment of legislation changing any parameter of the earned income tax process or taxpayer approval of an Earned Income Tax under Act 1 of 2006.

Chestnuthill Township
Eldred Township
Polk Township
Ross Township

Joanne Wernett
Kathy Dorpfeld
Beverly Christman
Linda Marsili

6.10.3 Approval was granted to deny the request to exonerate the 10% penalty for property number 02/14E/1/115.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Thomas Murphy to approve item #6.10.1 as follows:

6.11 Business Management January 11, 2007

6.10.1 The following bid awards were approved with payment from the capital reserve fund. Bid tabulations are attached for review.

24-Passenger School Bus
M.A. Brightbill \$51,932.00 each

	total price for 5	\$259,660.00
24-Passenger School Bus with Wheelchair stations		
M.A. Brightbill	\$57,748.00 each	
	total price for 4	\$230,992.00
72-Passenger School Bus		
Rohrer Bus Sales	\$83,251.00 each	
	total price for 7	\$582,757.00
	Grand Total	\$1,073,409.00

Roll Call: 6-3 Carried Voting no: S. Kresge, L. Micklos, and C. Hoffman

6.10.4 No action was taken on this item.

6.10.5 Handout: Audit report for year ending June 30, 2006 – distributed during executive session

Dr. Pullo announced several meeting dates as follows:

- ◆ January 15th, Buildings and Grounds Workshop, 7:00pm district office
- ◆ January 25th, Next School Board Meeting, 8:00pm district office
- ◆ February 8, Act 1 Public Hearing, 8:00pm, PVHS, new auditorium.

He stressed the importance of the Feb 8th meeting and urged all residents to attend the tax study meeting that will impact their taxes.

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

Mr. Hinton stated that the next IU meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

None

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 9:10PM.

Carried

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JANUARY 25, 2007 AT 8:00 PM, District Office

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder