

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting**

Board Approved 4-19-07

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, April 5, 2007 at 8:04 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.

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	President Thomas Murphy	H. Charles Hoffman	Linda Micklos
	Vice-President John Sabia	Susan Kresge	MiChelle Palmer
	Treasurer Russ Gould	Ryan Hinton	
Board Absentees:	Harvey Frable		
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Ms. Kotzmann		
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corveleyn		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- March 15, 2007 (after Board meeting)- Negotiations
- April 5, 2007 - Personnel (Hiring of new part-time, full-time, and substitute staff); Legal - Grievance.

MEETING PROCEDURES:

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

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

None

OTHER:

None

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

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 as per the attached copy.

Roll Call: Voice Vote - Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve Accounts Payable for 4/1/07 - 4/5/07 on pages 15-20 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos

Ms. Micklos reported:

- ◆ DECA will be sending 14 students to the National Conference
- ◆ 21 students Monroe County went to Skills USA At Lehigh Technical Institute, there were 4 winners; two will go to the Nationals using fundraiser money
- ◆ Support negotiations are underway
- ◆ MCTI website will begin receiving an update starting April 16th

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton reported:

- ◆ Last meeting was held March 28th
- ◆ Mr. Hinton passed out current copies of "The Twenty"
- ◆ Pleasant Valley Scholastic Scrimmage team placed third at the IU
- ◆ Next meeting is scheduled for April 25th, public hearing begins at 7:30 pm

PSBA Liaison Report: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge reported:

- ◆ Spring Legislative meeting scheduled for April 26th at MCTI – all board members are invited; focus is on legislation
- ◆ PSBA representative will be present at the April 26th meeting; meeting begins 7:00 pm.
- ◆ PSBA is expecting some legislators to be present
- ◆ Spring Legal Roundup is planned, some issues maybe a repeat
- ◆ Ms. Kresge commented that she receives current information on Thursday evenings, after most board meetings, apologized for the news being one week late

Student Representative: Darlene Smith

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

Dr. Pullo commented that he previously distributed three options to the school board for consideration on the 2007-08 calendar, #1 option was for a pre-Labor Day start on August 27th; #2 option was for an After-Labor Day start on September 4th and the #3 option was to start on August 29th.

The board asked Dr. Pullo to make a recommendation and the following action occurred:

MiChelle Palmer motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the 2007-08 School Year Calendar with a before Labor Day start date on August 27, 2007

- ◆ Ryan Hinton expressed his opinion by stating that he is strongly against a pre-Labor Day start of school. He is in favor of starting after Labor Day to coincide with the other three Monroe County School Districts who will be starting on September 4th; impact on the West End Fair; cultural economic impact of the fair to our community; the community groups that participate in the West End Fair and the Vo-tech issue which would mean we are placing two groups of students on two different calendar schedules
- ◆ Sue Kresge stated that she agreed with Ryan Hinton. She also stated that she spoke with some elementary teachers and they feel nothing can be accomplished with the pre-Labor Day start.

Roll Call: 5-3 Carried Voting No: R. Hinton, S. Kresge, and L. Micklos

Russ Gould Motioned; seconded by MiChelle Palmer to approve the recommendation to reject grievances as follows:

- BU-09-2/05/07
- BU-10-2/06/07
- BU-11-2/07/07

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

MiChelle Palmer motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the recommendation to make the expulsion of student #101600 permanent.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Other:

2006-07 Calendar - Update

Dr. Pullo stated that Mr. Gress discussed with the senior class making up one day so that commencement would not be moved from June 8th. The senior class attended school today as their make up day. Currently, commencement is scheduled for June 8th. Dr. Pullo indicated that if there is one more snow day, it will be moved to June 15th. He also stated that last day for: 1) undergraduates is June 11th: 2) teachers that have met all their staff development will be June 12th: and 3) June 13th is the flex day for those teachers who need to satisfy their flex time.

Policies - First Reading - "Gangs," "Bullies"

Dr. Pullo stated that PSBA is asking for the policies on "Gangs," "Bullies" to be approved, he stated he will seek approval at the next board meeting.

Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.4 on pages 21 & 22 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.4 on the addendum as follows:.

6.4	<u>Personnel and General Administration</u>		<u>April 5, 2007</u>
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.	Daria Dorshimer	-	Para-professional

Associate, retroactive to
March 26, 2007

- 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Summer Music Program
 - a. John DeVivo - Music Director
 - b. Ron Bielecki - Assistant Music Director
 - 6.4.1.2.2 Linda Moschella was approved for the position of long-term substitute special education teacher, retroactive to March 1, 2007, at an annual salary of \$34,000, prorated. Her 2006-2007 school year assignment is PVI for Gayle Markowski.
- 6.4.1.3 Administration
 - 6.4.1.3.1 Approval was granted to hire Dr. Douglas Arnold as Associate Superintendent, effective on or about May 16, 2007 or as soon as possible thereafter, through and including July 2, 2007. Dr. Arnold will be paid a per diem of \$415 during the "transition period."
 - 6.4.1.3.2 Approval was granted to hire Dr. Douglas Arnold as Superintendent, effective July 3, 2007 at a salary of \$125,000. Dr. Arnold will be awarded a four-year Commission.
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Alicia Kearns, PVI teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for twenty-three (23) days, effective February 20, 2007 through March 27, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.2 Diane Kelchner, bus driver, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave, for four (4) days, effective March 20, 2007 through March 23, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.3 Denise Linkhorst, PVE teacher, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for approximately eleven (11) days, effective on or about May 29, 2007 through the conclusion of the 2006-2007.
 - 6.4.2.1.4 Mary Lyn Scalzo, PVE reading specialist, was approved for Family & Medical Leave, as per Board policy, for seven (7) days, effective February 12, 2007 through February 23, 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 Patricia Cambria, PVI cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 15, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 James Conklin, high school custodian, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 16, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Diane DiBella, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for the following two (2) days, effective March 23, 2007 and May 16, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.4 Mary Jane Feeley, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 21, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.5 Anna Hill, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 20, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.6 Elizabeth Johnson, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 16, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.7 Paulette Percey, PVE teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for the following four (4) days, effective March 12, 19, 2007 and April 4 and 10, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.8 Nancy Pereira, JCM wing cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 23, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.9 Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 19, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.10 Lynn Sherry, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 19, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.11 William Shiner, middle school custodian, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective March 9 and 16, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.12 RoseMarie Smale, PVI custodian, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 16, 2007.
 - 6.4.2.2.13 Karen Verhage, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 12, 2007.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
 - Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following employees:

- a. Julia Adams, middle school temporary PPA, effective April 6, 2007.
- b. Amy Dowling, security officer, effective March 26, 2007.
- c. Cheryl Petruzella, PVE secretary, effective May 10, 2007.

6.4.4 Retirement

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

- a. Edward Minett, security officer, effective June 1, 2007.
- b. Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Superintendent of Schools, effective July 2, 2007.

6.5 Personnel and General Administration - Addendum April 5, 2007

6.5.1 Hiring of Personnel (The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork)

6.5.1.1 Support Staff

6.5.1.1.1 Substitutes:

- a. Kathleen Alicea - Bus Driver, retroactive to March 26, 2007
- b. Jacqueline Dumas - Monitor/Custodian
- c. Tonya Frailey - Monitor
- d. Rodney Green - Maintenance
- e. Kristen Keller - Cafeteria Helper/Monitor
- f. Mark Sandt - Custodian, retroactive to March 28, 2007
- g. Veronica Scrivens - PPA
- h. Deborah Trivett - Monitor/PPA
- i. Joan Weimmer - Monitor

6.5.1.1.2 Security

David Viglione was approved for the position of casual security officer, retroactive to March 29, 2007 at an hourly rate of \$9.50.

6.5.2 Leave of Absence

6.5.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.5.2.1.1 Maureen Shields, middle school teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave, for three and one-half (3.5) days, effective March 20, 2007 through March 30, 2007.
- 6.5.2.1.2 Wanda Smith-Wunder, middle school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for fifty-seven (57) days, effective March 20, 2007 through the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.

6.5.2.2 Leaves Without Pay (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave):

- 6.5.2.2.1 Irene Bell, high school monitor, was approved for to rescind her unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective February 5, 2007 and requests unpaid leave for eight (8) days, effective March 13, 2007 through March 23, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.2 Tracy Brotzman, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (.5) day, effective March 19, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.3 Diane DiBella, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 29, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.4 Kim Dieter, Eldred monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 14, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.5 Sandy Kaspszyk, Eldred teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for the following one and one-half days, effective one-half (.5) day on April 4, 2007 and one (1) day on April 10, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.6 Raymond Krawczyk, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for five and one-half (5.5) days, effective one-half (.5) day on April 27, 2007 and April 30, 2007 through May 4, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.7 Tammy Pavan, PVE PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 10, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.8 Sally Schwartz, Polk monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective February 20, 2007 through February 27, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.9 William Shiner, middle school custodian, was approved for unpaid leave for five (5) days, effective March 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.10 Dolores Symancek, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave effective February 9, 2007 through June 11, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.11 Vassiliki (Betty) Theodoropoulos, PVI PPA, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective March 14, 2007.

- 6.5.2.2.12 Debra Velez, transportation aide, was approved for unpaid leave for the following six and one-half (6.5) days, effective one-half (.5) day on March 12, 2007, March 13, 14, 15, 19, and one-half (.5) day on March 20, one-half (.5) day on March 21, one-half (.5) day on March 22 and one-half (.5) day on March 23, 2007.
- 6.5.2.2.13 Karen Verhage, PVI monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective April 3, 2007.
- 6.5.3 Resignation
Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following employee:
 - a. Vicki Dudley, PVI teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.
- 6.5.4 Retirement
Approval was granted to accept the letter of retirement from the following employees:
 - a. Dawn Loveland, PVE music teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.
 - b. Kenneth Loveland, security officer, effective June 17, 2007.
 - c. Otto Mills, PVE teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

President Murphy welcomed Dr. Arnold as the new Superintendent.
Dr. Pullo stated that he is looking forward to working with Dr. Arnold.

Asst. To The Superintendent For Professional/Support Personnel: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve item #6.5.6 as follows:

- 6.5.6 Facilities – Mr. Christopher Fisher, Mr. James Percey
 - 6.5.6.1 Organization PV Tornados
 - Facility Requested PVI, Middle School Softball Fields
 - Purpose Softball Practice
 - Dates/Times May, 29, 2007 – July 28, 2007, Monday – Friday, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, Saturday, 12:00pm – 8:00pm
 - Requestor Steve Lazicki
 - Attendance 15 – 20 girls
 - Tuition None
 - Fee by District Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
 - 6.5.6.2 Organization Pocono Soccer
 - Facility Requested PVE, Middle School Soccer Fields
 - Purpose Soccer Games
 - Dates/Times May 26, 27, 2007, June 30, July 1, 7, 8, 2007, Saturdays and Sundays, 7:00am – 8:00pm
 - Requestor Matt Mugauero
 - Attendance 500
 - Tuition None
 - Fee by District Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
 - 6.5.6.3 Organization Monroe County Recreation
 - Facility Requested Middle School Tennis Courts
 - Purpose Tennis Program
 - Dates/Times June 26, 2007 – August 2, 2007, Tuesdays, 4:45pm – 7:00pm, Thursdays, 4:45pm -7:30pm
 - Requestor Roberta Feierstein
 - Attendance 16 - 20
 - Tuition \$55.00 - \$90.00
 - Fee by District Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
 - 6.5.6.4 Organization Monroe County Recreation
 - Facility Requested PVE 2 Music Rooms
 - Purpose Children’s Dance
 - Dates/Times June 13, 2007 – August 20, 2007, Wednesdays, 9:00am – 12:00pm
 - Requestor Roberta Feierstein
 - Attendance 30

	Tuition	\$89.00 - \$110.00
	Fee by District	Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.6.5	Organization	Grace Community Fellowship
	Facility Requested	PVE Cafeteria and HS Cafeteria
	Purpose	Conference – Discovering Creation
	Dates/Times	April 29, 30, 2007, Sunday and Monday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
	Requestor	Wade Johnson
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.6.6	Organization	PA DEP
	Facility Requested	Eldred Gymnasium
	Purpose	Public Hearing
	Dates/Times	May 31, 2007, Thursday, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
	Requestor	Mark Cauwou
	Attendance	100
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.6.7	Organization	CIU 20
	Facility Requested	PVI Multipurpose room and Computer Room 106
	Purpose	Graduate Course
	Dates/Times	July 9, 2007 – August 3, 2007, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 12:30pm
	Requestor	Michael Caprari
	Attendance	20
	Tuition	\$225.00
	Fee by District	Class 3A, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Informational Items included:

- ▶ District Events List

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

Ms. Rissmiller distributed a document representing an update on the Stepping Up totals. Approximately 400 students participated.

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the PVHS Business Career Preparatory Studies – Local Advisory Committee

Trisha Smiley Realtor/Administrative Assistant
Theresa Yocum Vice President-Monroe County Regional Manager
Adam Whisel FBLA Advisor
Scott Castone Business Owner and Business Teacher
Teresa Galicki Business Teacher
Carole Rissmiller Assistant Superintendent

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Business Manager: Ms. Donna Les

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman is approve items #6.10.1 with two additions noted in items #6.10.2 and #6.10.3

6.10 Business Management April 5, 2007

6.10.1 Approval was granted for the Board to exonerate the 2006 school tax bill for the following property:

Owner: Western Pocono Community Library
Property No.: 02/9A/1/2
Base Amount:\$94.24

6.10.2 Approval was granted to have the Brodheadsville properties joined into one parcel, survey will be provided by Robert Beers, cost not to exceed \$7500. (This is part of the Middle School Project)

6.10.3 Approval was granted to have an archeological study at the proposed transportation site conducting by PAN Cultural Associates at a cost not to exceed \$8200.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

- ◆ Ms. Les distributed a document that indicated a financial update on the Portnoff law suit.
- ◆ Ms. Les distributed a copy of the May 15th referendum question for the four county school districts. PVSD is the only district out of the four that is looking for an increase in EIT. The Election Board is requesting a minor change be made to the ballot question. They ask that we change the last line to read "the current school district tax rate of .05%". The non-legal statement that the Election board approved was the interpretation that was written by Dr. Pullo.
- ◆ Ms. Les and Ms. Kotzmann have been working on the new tax bill. She showed the board a copy of what the two page bill will resemble. The Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions, assessed value, school tax, Library tax, the 2% discount and penalty will all be listed on the bill. The first and second page will include three coupons; first coupon will be to submit with your full payment or the first installment. The second and third coupon will be the other installments submitted by the date required. An instruction page will also accompany the bill.
- ◆ Ms. Les stated that the law requires that both the Homestead and Farmstead exclusions be offered. The county assessment system can not differentiate the homestead from the farmstead. Only one exclusion dollar value will be assessed. County wide, for the 76 farmstead parcels affected, a letter will be generated to them stating that a refund will be sent once they pay their taxes.
 - Sue Kresge asked if the amount could be deducted and then they pay only what they owe.

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

Pleasant Valley School Directors:

- ◆ Sue Kresge stated that last meeting she announced the Accreditation for Growth committee will be visiting this April, the visit has been postponed until October.
- ◆ Ryan Hinton expressed his opinion by stating that he is disappointed in the vote on a pre-Labor Day start of school. He feels that the board did not take the students and the community's best interest in their decision. He recommended that the vote for the calendar be put on a referendum so the public can decide on the start of school.
- ◆ Mr. Hoffman asked if the ballot question does not pass, then people will not get the exclusions. Ms. Les stated that they will receive it when the gaming funds are available.
- ◆ Tom Murphy asked that Mike Fort from Quad Three be contacted to postpone contacting Lobar concerning the auditorium lobby flooring until after the Board takes a formal vote on the repair proposal.

Pleasant Valley Citizens:

Jim Serfass, Chestnuthill Township, asked to have clarification of the 07-08 calendar.

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 8:35 PM.

Carried

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 19, 2007 AT 8:00 PM, District Office

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder