

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

**Board Approved June 14, 2007** Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment

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The regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President Thomas Murphy, on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 8:00 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:**

<b>Board Attendees:</b>	President Thomas Murphy	Harvey Frable	Ryan Hinton
	Vice-President John Sabia	H. Charles Hoffman	Linda Micklos
	Treasurer Russ Gould	Michelle Palmer	
<b>Board Absentees:</b>	Susan Kresge		
<b>Administrative Attendees:</b>	Dr. Pullo, , Mr. Fadule, Dr. Arnold, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Caines, Ms. Derr, Mr. Drake, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Gress, Mr. Heath, Mr. Hines, Mr. Kello, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. McMasters, Ms. Meckes, Mr. Pierri, Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seiler, Ms Tartar, Mr. Wunder		
<b>Solicitor:</b>	Mr. Gerard Geiger		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows

- ▶ **May 24, 2007 - Personnel (Hiring of new part-time, full-time, and substitute staff);** Legal
- ▶ **May 7, 2007 - Professional Staff Negotiations**

**MEETING PROCEDURES:**

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

**GOOD NEWS:**

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate School - Mr. David Heath**

Mr. Heath stated the presentation this evening would be focused on integrating technology into instruction. Mr. Heath mentioned that Dr. Lee Lesisko has been visiting classrooms at PVI modeling and designing lessons for teachers. Ms. Almedia and Ms. Featro, both world language teachers, explained that the students used internet applications to learn about Spanish and German cultures. Internet games were used to teach the students about Spanish Holidays. Internet Pen Pals called "Key Pals" and digital videos are some of the tools the students in German class used to exchange American traditions with students in Germany.

**Pleasant Valley High School - Mr. John Gress**

Mr. Gress introduced Ms. Parsons, Drama Advisor. She introduced senior student, Estella Baker who attended the Governor School of Sculpture this past year. Ms. Bayer shared her experience with fourth grade students at PV Elementary. She prepared a PowerPoint in which she showed how she prepared eight 90 minute lessons to these students. Ms. Baker helped the students learn to appreciate art by drawing, sketching, painting, creating posters and using words to express themselves.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:**

None

**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, May 10, 2007 as per the attached copy.

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**Roll Call: Voice Vote - 8-0 Carried**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the Budget Transfers on pages 15-17 and the Accounts Payable 5/11/07-5/24/07 on pages 18-23 as per the attached copies.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Solicitor: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corveleyn**

No report

**OTHER**

No reports

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Monroe Career and Technical Institute: Ms. Linda Micklos**

No report

**Colonial Intermediate Unit 20: Mr. Ryan Hinton**

Mr. Hinton reported:

- ▶ Last meeting, Wednesday, May 23, 2007 Officers for the IU Board were elected, Brian Scott, President and Ken Butz, Vice President
- ▶ Passed out copies of "The Twenty"
- ▶ Received and reviewed copies of audit report for 2005-06, a copy is available for viewing
- ▶ Dr. Brennan invited board members to Summer Administrative Workshop at Fernwood, August 2-3
- ▶ Next meeting is June 27, 2007 at 7:30 pm in Easton

**PSBA Liaison Report: Dr. Pullo**

Dr. Pullo referred to pages 24-26 regarding House Bill 446 – Cyber Charter School Resolution. He briefly explained the resolution and the following action occurred:

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the resolution on House Bill 446 as per the attached copy

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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**Student Representative: Darlene Smith**

Ms. Smith reported that:

- ▶ SGA elections for next year are taking place
- ▶ Jello wrestling event was very successful financially
- ▶ Prom last weekend went very well. Genetti's commended the students on their behavior.
- ▶ Seniors are working on class gift to PVHS
- ▶ Fireworks are still scheduled for after graduation ceremony
- ▶ DVD being prepared for all seniors
- ▶ May 26<sup>th</sup> is the Graddy Award ceremony
- ▶ Senior Picnic scheduled for Wednesday during senior practice week
- ▶ Junior class held a rock concert that was successful
- ▶ Sophomore class is doing a fundraiser called "Glamour Shots"

Dr. Pullo thanked Ms Smith for her report and for her representation through out the school year.

Mr. Muphy stated that there was an executive session on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regarding Negotiations for Professional staff.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo**

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the following school affiliated organization:

- Pleasant Valley Lady Bears Basketball Parents

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Dr. Pullo referred to Policies 218, 220, 221, 226 (1<sup>st</sup> reading). Dr. Pullo stated that at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the polices will be discussed and approval will be sought.

Dr. Pullo announced enrollment is at 6,868 students.

**Other:**

**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- #6.4.4 on the addendum with one revisions noted:. Item #6.4.1.2.1d on page 28 is retroactive to May 21, 2007.

<b>6.4</b>	<b><u>Personnel and General Administration -</u></b>	<b><u>May 24, 2007</u></b>
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. Diane DeBarry - Secretary	
	b. Heather Rossi - transportation Aide, retroactive to 5/15/07	
	c. Deborah Wadiak - Custodian	
	d. Stanley Reese - Monitor, retroactive to 5-1-07	
6.4.1.2	Professional Staff	
6.4.1.2.1	Substitutes	
	a. Kathy Beidleman - Elementary	
	b. Amanda Harold- Elementary, retroactive to 5-15-07	

- c. Ruth Ann Huskey - Speech, retroactive to 5-11-07
- d. Timothy McCutchan - Social Studies/ All Areas retroactive to 5/21/07

6.4.1.3 Administration

6.4.1.3.1 Shelley Franco was approved for the position of middle school assistant principal, at an annual salary of \$60,000, effective July 2, 2007. (Replacement position for Barry Hamlin)

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 Diane DiBella, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 4, 2007.

6.4.1.4.2 Ray Krawczyk, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective May 16, 17 and 18, 2007.

6.4.1.4.3 Maureen Modzelewski, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for the following seven and one-half (7.5) days, effective April 25, 26, 27 and one-half (1/2) day on April 30 and May 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2007.

6.4.1.4.4 Nazare Pereira, JCM cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 14, 2007.

6.4.1.4.5 Lynn Sherry, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 17, 2007.

6.4.1.4.6 William Shiner, middle school custodian, was approved for unpaid leave for four (4) days, effective May 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2007.

6.4.1.4.7 Sharan Wernet, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 9, 2007.

6.4.1.4.8 Cindy Zahoroiko, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave one (1) day, effective May 8, 2007.

6.4.2 Retirement

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

- a. Donn Nicholas, PVI teacher, effective June 21, 2007.

6.4 **Personnel and General Administration – Addendum** **May 24, 2007**

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel (The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork) The following individuals were approve for hire effective the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year:

6.4.1.1 Professional Staff

6.4.1.1.1 Department Heads/Curriculum Leaders for the 2007-2008 year:

**Language Arts**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Dave Weinman  
Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Roberta McMaster  
Middle School Department Head-Vanessa Skrba  
High School Department Head-Joseph Bilicic

**Mathematics**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Kathleen Kilker  
Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Ken Newman  
Middle School Department Head-Dana West  
High School Department Head-Ken Piontkowski

**Social Studies**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-  
Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Thomas Dudley  
Middle School Department Head-Paul McCrone  
High School Department Head-Tom Crosby

**Science**

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-4)-Diane Charles  
Intermediate Curriculum Leader (5-7)-Sue Pekala  
Middle School Department Head-Rick Rimple  
High School Department Head-Mark Liscinski

**Business Education**

High/Middle School Department Head-Melissa Ruschak

**Grades 7 - 12 Department Heads**

World Language - Alyssa Phillips  
Family & Consumer Sciences - Luann James  
Industrial Arts/Tech Education -Ken Santoro

**Grades K - 12 Department Heads**

Art - Barbara Cortese  
ESOL - Patty Ising  
Health & Phys. Ed. - Thomasine Falcone  
Library Media - Deborah Lowenburg  
Music - Steve Bitto

**Audio-Visual/Technology Building Coordinator**

The following individuals were approved for the Audio Visual Technical Coordinator position:

- a. PV High School - Craig Morris/ Melissa Ruschak
- b. PV Middle School - Cliff McFarland/ Theresa McDermott
- c. PVI - James Igoe/ Bobbi Schupp
- d. PVE - Barry Crown
- e. Polk - Steve Bitto
- f. Eldred- Renee Tough
- g. Chestnuthill- Roger Pomposello

6.4.1.1.2 Pleasant Valley Middle School  
 6.4.1.1.2.1 Bron Leupold BS + 18, Step 5  
 BS, Psychology Salary=\$35,900  
 Kutztown University  
 Special Ed Certification, DeSales University  
 (replacement special education teacher for Kathleen Hovey)

6.4.1.1.3 Pleasant Valley Intermediate School  
 6.4.1.1.3.1 Janel Semmel BS, Step 4  
 BS, Elementary Salary=\$35,400  
 Shippensburg University  
 (replacement 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for Vicky Dudley)

6.4.1.2 Support Staff  
 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes  
 a. Judy Sanbeg-Custodian

**6.4.2 Leaves of Absence**

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave  
 6.4.2.1.1 Jay Brown, middle school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for seven (7) days, effective April 3, 2007 and sick leave through May 18, 2007.  
 6.4.2.1.2 Deborah Hinton, Eldred teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for five (5) days, effective May 14 through May 18, 2007.  
 6.4.2.1.3 Doug Palmieri, PVI teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for four (4) days, effective May 10 through May 15, 2007.  
 6.4.2.1.4 Walter Serfass, bus driver, was approved for an extension of his FML for five (5) days, effective May 21 through May 25, 2007.  
 6.4.2.1.5 Cindy Zimmerman, PVE teacher, was approved for an extension of her FML for one (1) day, effective May 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 Irene Bell, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 15, 2007.  
 6.4.2.2.2 Lisa Hernandez, PVE monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for the following two (2) days, effective May 4 and 8, 2007.

6.4.3 Retirement  
 Approval was granted to accept the letter of retirement from the following employee:  
 a. Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, effective June 16, 2007.

6.4.4 School Photos  
 6.4.4.1 Approval was granted for the Pleasant Valley School District contract with Lifetouch National Studios, Inc. for elementary school student photographs and middle school student photographs for the 2007-08, 2008-09

- and 2009-10 school years.
- 6.4.4.2 Approval was granted for the Pleasant Valley School District contract with Christmas City Studio for high school student photographs for the 2007-08 school year.

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**Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Abstaining from item # 6.4.2.1.2 - Ryan Hinton  
Abstention Memorandum is attached.**

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**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 item #6.5.7 as follows:

- 6.5.1 For your approval
- 6.5.1.1 2007-2008 Fall Assistant Coaching Positions
- |           |                        |   |                      |
|-----------|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 6.5.1.1.1 | Jr. High Cross Country | - | Ms. Sandy D'Agostino |
| 6.5.1.1.2 | Jr. High Field Hockey  | - | Ms. Melanie Wisby    |
- 6.5.1.2 2007-2008 Fall *Volunteer* Coaching Position
- |           |                   |   |                   |
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| 6.5.1.2.1 | Jr. High Football | - | Mr. Steve Lizicki |
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- 6.5.7 Facility Use Requests: 1
- |           |                    |  |
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| 6.5.7.1.1 | Organization       | PV Pride Relay for Life                                  |
|           | Facility Requested | High School New Gymnasium                                |
|           | Purpose            | Fund Raiser  |
|           | Dates/Times        | Friday, Jun11, 2007, 5:45pm - 9:00pm                     |
|           | Requestor          | Mary Anne Margelot                                       |
|           | Attendance         | 400  |
|           | Tuition            | \$3.00   |
|           | Fee by District    | Class 3, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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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

**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

**Mathematics: Ms. Carole Rissmiller, Mr. John Rushefski**

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

**At this time, Dr. Pullo asked for the following action:**

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the following request for homebound instruction with the High School requesting extended hours and/or extended time, request is as follows:

**Pleasant Valley High School:**

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>
202546	Medical, retroactive to April 20
100126	Expulsion, retroactive to May 2
203060	Medical, retroactive to May 3
202239	Expulsion, retroactive to April 17
202402	Medical, retroactive to May 11
202083	Expulsion, retroactive to May 2
202817	Alt. Ed., retroactive to May 15

*As per Board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 90 days.*

**Pleasant Valley Intermediate:**

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>
#205440	medical, retroactive to March 26, 2007

**Pleasant Valley Elementary School**

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>
#102519	medical, retroactive to April 24, 2007

**Pleasant Valley Middle School:**

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>
204094	Medical, renewal retroactive to 4/13//07
204376	Medical, retroactive to 4/16/07

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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**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, Ms. Penny Derr**

Mr. Wunder’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**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Fable to approve the 2007 -2008 K-12 Student-Parent Handbook

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Remainder of Mr. Gress report was informational. The enrollment report was attached also.

**Business Manager: Ms. Donna Les**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman is approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.7 and item #6.10.10.1-6.10.10.2 with one revision noted: item 6.10.10.1 should say “not to exceed \$6,700” report is as follows:

<b>6.10</b>	<b><u>Business Management</u></b>	<b>May 24, 2007</b>
6.10.1	Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for April 2007 to be approved. Total amount: \$233,056.38.	
	Approval was granted for the bills payable for May 2007 to be approved. Total amount: \$111,484.70.	
6.10.2	Student Activity Accounts – For informational purposes	
	Beginning Balance, April 1, 2007	\$292,758.79
	Receipts	44,836.22
	Expenditures	42,882.44
	Ending Balance, April 30, 2007	\$294,712.57
6.10.3	Informational – District investment report for April 2007	
6.10.4	The following invoices/applications were approved for payment from the Bond Fund listed: 2006 Bond Fund	

Quad Three Group	\$93,073.72
Middle School Renovations: \$55,661.39	
Transportation Facility: \$37,412.33	
The Quandel Group, Inc.	6,333.33
Middle School Project: April 2007	
Total	\$99,407.05

6.10.5 Approval was granted for the student accident and athletic insurance coverage for 2007-2008 be provided as follows:

United States Fire Insurance Co.	
A-G Administrators, claims administrator	
School time	\$28.00
Twenty-four Hour	\$124.00
Interscholastic Sports	\$16,600.00

(This program is endorsed by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. There has been no increase in the athletic insurance premium for 2007-2008.)

6.10.6 Approval was granted for the board to approve the Resolution – Payment of School Real Property Taxes in Installments. This document outlines the process and procedures required under Act 1 of SS 2006.

6.10.7 The following bid awards were approved payable from the 2007-2008 general operating budget.

Office Service Company	\$4,427.75
5 teacher desks, 6 teacher chairs, 13 vertical files, 6 4-shelf bookcases, 1 teacher office chair	
Kurtz Bros.	888.60
1 double-sided book display, 4 steel marker boards	
School Specialty	1,392.08
2 sets of 5 free-standing panels	
Hoban's	70.00
1 magnetic lap and wall markerboard	
Virco	1,591.93
7 rectangular tables, 5 kidney-shaped tables, 20 folding chairs	
ATD American	5,336.64
18 folding tables	
Nickerson	4,746.25
35 student desks, 35 student chairs 18", 12 elementary student chairs 16", 30 elementary student chairs 14"	
Total	\$18,453.25

**6.10 Business Management - Addendum May 24, 2007**

- 6.10.10 Supplement
- 6.10.10.1 Approval was granted to accept a quote from GeoStructures for the GeoTechnical Investigation at the new transportation facility site. Total cost is not to exceed \$6,700.
- 6.10.10.2 Approval was granted for the board to continue with the technology leasing program at a total not to exceed \$398,000.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Ms. Les asked the board for direction on item #6.10.8.

Linda Micklos motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to **table** the request to issue Requests for Proposals for contracted transportation service and food service.

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**Roll Call: Voice vote 8-0 Carried**

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Ms. Les asked the board for direction on item #6.10.10.3.

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the request from TowerCO to buy out the easement grant for the cell tower for a flat sum of \$135,900.

- Dr. Pullo explained that the cell tower company has made an offer to buy out the easement grant on the tower. He explained that the district is to receive 2% each year which could amount to \$400,000

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**Roll Call: 0-8 NOT Carried**

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Dr. Pullo announced the following meeting dates:

- June 11<sup>th</sup> - budget workshop at 7:30 pm - all administrators will be present
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - board meeting - budget discussion
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Buildings and Grounds workshop
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - budget will be approved

Mr. Pullo introduced Ms. Shelley Franco, new Assistant Principal of the middle school.

**Other:**

**Presentation of 2007-2008 Proposed Budget - Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Ms. Donna M. Les**

Dr. Pullo and Ms. Les gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2007-2008 proposed budget. Currently the millage increase is 5.85 mills.

Dr. Pullo explained the budget highlights while Ms Les reviewed the funding proposals, revenues and expenditures.

Dr. Pullo announced that the budget summary will be available on our website at: [www.pvbears.org](http://www.pvbears.org) tomorrow.

**Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger**

No report

**Pleasant Valley School Directors:**

- ▶ MiChelle Palmer commented that the artwork that has been placed around the building at PVI is unbelievable. She commended whoever placed the arrangements.
- ▶ Mr. Hoffman commented that MCTI support staff negotiations are still taking place.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Thomas Murphy motioned, seconded by Harvey Frable and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:29 PM.

Carried

<b>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 14, 2007 AT 8:00 PM, District Office</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les  
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik  
Board Recorder