

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
August 4, 2005

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President, Nancy Kresge, on Thursday, August 4, 2005 at 8:08 p.m. Ms. Kresge welcomed those present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Pleasant Valley School District Offices, Brodheadsville, PA.

President Nancy Kresge announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- July 21, 2005 (after regular meeting) – support staff negotiations
- June 9, 2005 – personnel/recommendations for new and replacement positions: legal/grievance

**ROLL CALL: Ms. Donna Les**

Board Attendees:	President Nancy Kresge Vice-President Michelle Palmer Treasurer Thomas J. Murphy	Russ Gould, H. Charles Hoffman, Susan Kresge, Linda Micklos, John Sabia,
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Board Absentees: James Spinola

Administrative Attendees: Mr. Fadule, Ms. Les, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Caines, Mr. Scott

Solicitor: Mr. Gerard Geiger

**MEETING PROCEDURES**

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

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:**

- Jocelyn Schilling, Chestnuthill Township: asked the board to reconsider their vote on the cell tower vote. She has a concern about the radio waves effect on children. The cell tower should not be placed on school property. People are considering pulling their children out of the school district because of the tower. She wanted to know why the board made the decision.

Nancy Kresge referred the matter to the solicitor. Mr. Geiger responded that the contract is signed and that the district cannot void the contract.

Ms. Schilling asked if we consulted with any medical doctors. Nancy Kresge responded that some individuals indicated that the waves were safe and not a health concern. Mrs. Schilling continued that the district put a price tag on her children. The board vehemently denied that statement.

Mr. Geiger again made the statement that the board should not renege on the contract.

Sue Kresge asked that Mrs. Schilling voice her concerns to the township supervisors.

Mr. Fadule commented that the health, safety and welfare of the children is paramount. Mrs. Schilling says that people will remember the board for their decision on the tower.

- Melanie Pedia, a student at PV High School, stated that her brother is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and feels that after high school, he is going to die from cancer. She read the district belief statement.

President Kresge stated that the meeting and the cell tower issue was well published in the newspaper and on TV.

John Sabia asked if she carried a cell phone. She responded yes, but that her phone was safe.

- Susan Peer, Chestnuthill Township, voiced her opinion by stating that Firefighters are not concerned about radiation. She asked that we should monitor student's health for many years to come.
- Jeanette Schauder, Chestnuthill Township, asked what is protecting the school district against liability concerns. Ms. Les responded that we are an additional insured on the cell tower policy. She then asked what protection the district has against property owners who file suit because of

reduced property values. President Kresge stated that not one homeowner has come forward on this concern. Mr. Geiger stated that this is not a claim recognized under PA law. No one from the board had a response.

- Sharon Frigiola, Chestnuthill Township, commented that those firefighters will no longer place towers until further research is done to determine long term health issues. She voiced her opinion regarding the cell tower and her concerns over the health issues.
- Mara Compana, Stroudsburg School District resident, asked the board to consider all the government approved drugs that have been pulled off the market. So, why risk it for \$1,200 per month? There is no reason why the contract cannot be changed. She stated that her relatives attend PVSD.

Nancy Kresge commented that she hates cell phones. The board made a decision and the contract cannot be changed.

Ms. Mara commented that there is no reason why the contract cannot be changed.

- Joanna Ruda, Ross Township, stated that she is very active in the schools. She does not read the paper every day, not does watch TV every day. She never saw any publicity on the proposed cell tower. The district should have notified the public. Two conditions should be placed in the contract: 1) schools should be sheltered from the rays; 2) readings from independent contractors should be made prior to installation and then after installation. The tower owner should not be the one doing the testing. She suggested that the school district recommend that the supervisors add those conditions to their approval.
- Mr. Angel Soto, Chestnuthill Township, stated he never received a letter about the tower issue. He said that the government said that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. They also are saying that cell tower emissions are no health concern.

**OTHER:**

None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Donna Les**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2005.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Tom Murphy**

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the accounts payable on pages 12-17 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. Susan Kresge**

Ms. Kresge reported that the operating committee walked the land that Dr. Mattioli wanted to donate, found out that it was mostly wetlands, and politely refused the land donation.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Mr. James Spinola**

Absent - No report

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/REQUESTS: Mr. Anthony Fadule**

Nancy Kresge motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the following appointment:

6.1.1 K-12 school Dentist for 2005-06 school year - Dr. Pierce at a cost of \$3.50/per student.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

6.1.2 TABLED

6.1.3 TABLED

6.2 TABLED

Mr. Fadule stated that copy of the District Goals and Objectives were distributed and approval will be requested at the August 18, 2005 meeting.

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the following revised policies: #216, #122, #123, #140.1 as per the attached copies:

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

**PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Anthony Fadule**

John Sabia seconded by Linda Micklos to approve items #6.4.1-#6.4.4 on the personnel supplement and #6.4.1-#6.4.2 on the addendum with the following revision noted: item # 6.4.1.1.4.2 add JR to the name. With these revisions, approval was granted as follows:

**6.4 Personnel and General Administration August 4, 2005**

**6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel\***

**6.4.1.1 Professional Staff**

The following individuals were approved for hire effective the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year:

**6.4.1.1.1 Pleasant Valley High School**

6.4.1.1.1.1 Douglas Womelsdorf MS, Step 1  
 BS, Biology Salary=\$35,400  
 M.Ed, Curriculum & Instruction  
 PSU  
 (Biology teacher, replacement position for Jeremy Kuhar)

**6.4.1.1.2 PVE/Eldred/CH**

6.4.1.1.2.1 Matthew Triolo BS, Step 1  
 BS, HPE Salary=\$33,300  
 ESU  
 (Health & phys. ed. teacher, replacement position for Jennifer Bowman)

**6.4.1.1.3 PVI**

6.4.1.1.3.1 Jennifer Netwall BS, Step 1  
 BS, Elementary Salary=\$33,300  
 DeSales Univ.  
 (Mathematics teacher, replacement position for Nicole Composto)

**6.4.1.1.4 Events Managers**

The following individuals were approved as events managers for the 2005-2006 school year. They will share a stipend as set by the supplemental contract.

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mark Allison          | 6. Gena Orlovski  |
| 2. Thomas J. Murphy, Jr. | 7. Kurt Scheller  |
| 3. Paul McCrone          | 8. Jen Bowman     |
| 4. Michelle Costenbader  | 9. Augie Griffith |
| 5. Rocco T. Seiler       | 10. Ken Newman    |

\*The hiring of all personnel is pending receipt of all required paperwork.

**6.4.1.1.5 The following transfers are effect the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year:**

NAME	ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT	TRANSFERRED TO
Kim Ware	4 <sup>th</sup> grade, Chestnuthill	PVE (new position)
Brent Witmer	Social Studies, PVI	(replacement for Scott Stevens)

**6.4.2 Leaves of Absence**

**6.4.2.1 Family & Medical Leave**

6.4.2.1.1 Karen DeNardo, transportation secretary, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave, for five (5) days, effective July 18 through July 22, 2005.

6.4.2.1.2 Darlene Johnson, high school cafeteria helper, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for the following five (5) days: June 2 and 3, and August 25, 29 and 30, 2005.

- 6.4.2.1.3 Christine Vollo, transportation monitor, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for the following ten and one-half (10 ½) days: effective May 25, 26, one-half (1/2) day on May 27 and May 31 through June 9, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2 Child-rearing Leave
  - 6.4.2.2.1 Jennifer Gable, middle school special education teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective on or about October 3, 2005 and child-rearing leave through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2005-2006 school year.
  - 6.4.2.2.2 Meghan Kondisko, PVE 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days, effective on or about October 3, 2005 and child-rearing leave through the end of the 2005-2006 school year.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
 

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

  - 6.4.3.1 Evelyn Baxevane, from the position of PPA, effective July 21, 2005.
  - 6.4.3.2 Gloria Handling, speech teacher, effective September 20, 2005, or sooner, depending upon release.
  - 6.4.3.3 Theresa Hoover, part-time music teacher, effective August 24, 2005.
  - 6.4.3.4 Holly Marsili, high school assistant principal, effective September 23, 2005, or sooner, depending upon release.
  - 6.4.3.5 Bruce A. Smith, middle school gifted teacher, effective September 23, 2005, or sooner, depending upon release.
- 6.4.4 Retirement
 

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

  - 6.4.4.1 John Bowen, security, effective June 9, 2005.
  - 6.4.4.2 Helen Smale, cafeteria helper, effective August 24, 2005.

**6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum August 4, 2005**

- 6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel\*
  - 6.4.1.1 Professional Staff
 

The following individuals were approved for hire effective the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year:

    - 6.4.1.1.1 School District
      - 6.4.1.1.1.1 Krista Ytkin MS, Step 11  
BS, Special Ed Salary=\$41,400  
Kutztown  
MS, Communication Science, & Disorders  
MGH Institute of Health  
(Speech teacher, replacement for Gloria Handling)
      - 6.4.1.1.2 Pleasant Valley Middle School
        - 6.4.1.1.2.1 Jason Azarovich BS+14, Step 1  
BA, Political Sci. Salary=\$33,300  
Kings College pro-rated  
(Social Studies teacher, part time level 2, replacement position for Christina Snopek)
        - 6.4.1.1.2.2 Ty Wartman BS, Step 1  
BS, Social Studies Salary=\$33,300  
Bloomsburg  
(Social Studies teacher, replacement position for Brett Witmer)
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
  - 6.4.2.1 Family & Medical Leave
    - 6.4.2.1 Joyce Gower, secretary, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy for thirty three and one half (33 1/2) days, effective June 7, 2005 until July 25, 2005.

**6.4.2.2 Leaves Without Pay**

The following employee is responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during this period of leave:

- 6.4.2.2.1 Liza Lomonaco, Eldred Healthroom Technician, was approved for leave without pay for the 2005-2006 school year.

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried

Voting no: M. Palmer

Abstaining from voting on item 6.4.1.1.4.2 – T. Murphy

Mr. Murphy abstained from voting on item #6.4.1.1.4.2 due to the fact that person involved is a relative. Abstention Memorandum is attached.

**ASST. TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR PROFESSIONAL /SUPPORT PERSONNEL: Mr. C. Fisher**

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve item # 6.5.1 - #6.5.2 as follows:

**6.5.1 For Your Approval**

**6.5.1.1 Fall Assistant Coaching Positions**

- 6.5.1.1.1 Jr. High Football - Mr. Matt Triolo
- 6.5.1.1.2 Jr. High Football -
- 6.5.1.1.3 Jr. High Boys' Soccer - Mr. Ken Newman
- 6.5.1.1.4 JV Boys' Soccer -
- 6.5.1.1.5 Jr. High Cross Country- Ms. Sandy D'Agostino

**6.5.1.2 Marching Band Position**

- 6.5.1.2.1 Marching Band Advisor- Ms. Athena Yeager

**6.5.1.3 Fall Advisor Position**

- 6.5.1.3.1 Football Cheering - Ms. Megan Kibler

**6.5.1.4 Volunteer Coaching Positions**

- 6.5.1.4.1 Jr. High Football - Mr. Bob Shank
- 6.5.1.4.2 Jr. High Cross Country- Ms. Cheryl Warner

**6.5.2 OPERATIONS – FACILITY USE : Mr. Christopher Fisher, Mr. James Percey**

- 6.5.2.1 Organization Pocono Family YMCA
- Facility Requested Pleasant Valley Intermediate Cafeteria
- Purpose Teen Dance
- Dates/Times Second Saturdays October-May 2006 6:30PM-10:30PM
- Requestor Matt Rumph
- Attendance Estimated 400
- Tuition \$2.00 Members and \$4.00 Non-Members
- Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

- 6.5.2.2 Organization Pleasant Valley Cubs
- Facility Requested Pleasant Valley Middle School Practice Football Field
- Purpose Games
- Dates/Times Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005 6:00AM-7:30PM
- Requestor Kitty Dattalo
- Attendance Estimated 300
- Tuition None
- Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

- 6.5.2.3 Organization Pleasant Valley Bruins
- Facility Requested Pleasant Valley High School Cafeteria
- Purpose Sign-Ups/Parent Meetings
- Dates/Times Sign-Ups September 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Parent Meetings November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 6:30PM-8:00PM

Requestor	Jeannine Saylor
Attendance	Estimated 50
Tuition	None
Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.2.4 Organization	Pleasant Valley Bruins
Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Lobby by Old Gym
Purpose	Cheerleading
Dates/Times	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays October 31 <sup>st</sup> –February 6 <sup>th</sup> 2006 6:30PM-9:00PM
Requestor	Jeannine Saylor
Attendance	Estimated 30
Tuition	None
Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

**CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Mr. C. Fisher**

Nancy Kresge motioned seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the textbook inventory including new titles for 2005-06 per the attached copy.

- Michelle Palmer asked if the books were already ordered. Mr. Fisher replied that yes they are but these books are not of any type of controversial nature. They are classroom textbooks. The board asked if the approval could occur prior to ordering the books.

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried

Voting no: M. Palmer

**BUSINESS MANAGER: Ms. Donna Les, Ms. Monica Kotzmann**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve item #6.10.1 and item #6.10.3.1-#6.10.3.2 on the addendum as follows:

6.10.1 The following bid awards were approved. A copy of the bid tabulation by company by sport is attached for your perusal.

**Winter Athletic Supplies and Equipment**

ARC Sports	\$619.20
Bethlehem Sporting Goods	1,460.31
Cheerleading & Danz	3,795.50
Kelly's Sports	44.25
Passon's Sports	432.00
Sportsman's	2,599.22
Triple Crown Sports	394.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,344.78</b>

**6.10.3 Supplement**

1. The following application for payment was approved from the bond fund indicated.

**2004 Bond Fund**

S. G. Mastriani Construction	\$90,000.00
Polk Project: application #7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>

2. Approval was granted for the Board sell three thermofax machines as follows:

Heather Reeder [1 machine]	\$30.00
Millersville University [2 machines]	60.00

- Linda Micklos asked what a QB-TEE was, which was listed under girls basketball. Chris Fisher will check what it is.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Ms. Les referred to item 6.10.2, revision to Policy #202: Eligibility of Nonresident Students. She distributed copies to the board and noted that the changes to the policy are noted on the bottom of page one and the affidavit form. PDE is giving school districts the right to verify claims of residency and remove from attendance students who claims are not valid. Changes on affidavit occur in the fourth paragraph under 13-1302.

Approval will be sought on August 18, 2005 meeting.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger  
No report

#### **PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

- MiChelle asked if anyone checks on residency during the course of the year. She said we should pull people randomly. Solicitor will check out feasibility and legality of this issue.
- Tom Murphy would like to see an independent firm do radiation testing before the installation and after the installation of the tower. He asked the solicitor to draft a letter to the supervisors to include in their approval. Comments and discussion occurred by various board members. Mr. Geiger indicated that drafting of a letter by the solicitor is subject to Dan Corveleyn's review of the contract.
- Tom Murphy stated that contracts are made to be broken. What would it cost? Mr. Geiger indicated that there is no way to know at this time and also stated that the word of the school district would be on the line since they already signed the contract.
- Mr. Fadule indicated that the next board meeting will be August 11, 2005, followed by the buildings and grounds meeting. There will be no buildings and grounds meeting on August 15, 2005. There will also be a board meeting on August 18, 2005.
- Mr. Fadule pointed out photos around the room depicting Special Olympics.
- President Kresge stated that the board will go back into executive session after the meeting.

#### **PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS**

- Joanna Ruda commented about "the board's word" and that they are suppose to be representing the citizens. Mr. Geiger indicated that breaking a contract is detrimental to the integrity of the school district. Mrs. Ruda said that radiation readings should be sent home to the parents on a periodic basis.
- Jocelyn Schilling agrees with Mr. Murphy. If the board reverses their decision, it would mean that the board members are listening to the citizens. She insists that the contract can and should be broken.
- MiChelle Palmer stated that she voted no on the cell tower and that some people have stated that they are against the tower and others have stated to her that they are for the tower.
- Sharon Frigiola stated that now is the time to act before the tower is installed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Kresge motioned; seconded by MiChelle Palmer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:13 PM.

Carried

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 11, 2005 8:00 p.m followed by Buildings/Grounds Workshop**  
**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 18 , 2005 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved August 18, 2005

Donna Les  
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik  
Board Recorder