

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**January 26, 2006**

**Board Approval February 16, 2006** 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, January 26, 2006 at 8:11 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	H. Charles Hoffman	Susan Kresge
	Vice-President John Sabia	Michelle Palmer	Ryan Hinton
	Treasurer Russ Gould		Linda Micklos
<b>Board Absentees:</b>	Harvey Frable		
<b>Administrative Attendees:</b>	Dr. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Mr. Gress, Mr. Stefani, Mr. Drake, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Storm, Mr. Heath, Mr. Wunder, Ms. Derr, Ms. Metz, Ms. Meckes (arrive at 9:07), Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Blubaugh, Ms. Tartar, Ms. McMasters, Ms. Caines, Mr. Scott, Mr. Pierri, Mr. J. Fisher, Ms. Grammes		
<b>Solicitor:</b>	Mr. Dan Corevelyn		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- ➔ January 26, 2006 - Personnel / hiring of new part-time, full-time, and substitute staff; grievances

**Recognition of School Directors - Dr. Frank A. Pullo**

PSBA has established January as School Directors' Recognition Month. Dr. Pullo thanked the board for their countless hours of volunteering their time to the Pleasant Valley School District.

**Chestnuthill Elementary - Mr. John Rushefski, Principal**

Mr. Rushefski introduced several students from Chestnuthill Elementary who distributed token gifts to the board in recognition of their services to the school district.

**PV Elementary - Mr. Dan Wunder, Principal**

Mr. Wunder, on behalf of the students and staff at PVE, thanked the school board for their services to the district. The students crafted posters and cards expressing their gratitude.

**PV Middle School - Mr. Howard Drake, Principal**

Mr. Drake introduced Ms. Nicole Composto, student council advisor. Several students expressed their gratitude to the school board and presented them with token gifts of candy.

**PV High School - Mr. John Gress, Principal**

Mr. Gress introduced Ms. Meghan German, president of the student government. Each representative from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior class to expressed their gratitude to the school board members. A certificate of appreciation was presented to each member.

**PV Intermediate - Mr. James Storm, Principal**

Mr. Storm, on behalf of the students and staff, thanked the school board for their hours of services to the district. A token gift of cookies made by the Life Skill students was presented on behalf of the students at PVI.

**Good News Report**

**Chestnuthill Elementary - Mr. John Rushefski, Principal**

Mr. Rushefski shared a PowerPoint presentation in which the 180 students at Chestnuthill Elementary took part in a winter celebration choral concert. Regina Krueger, Chestnuthill PTO, reported that they have secured a \$10,000 grant to replace the playground equipment at Chestnuthill Elementary. The money will be presented at the Buildings and Grounds workshop on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PV High School - Mr. John Gress, Principal**

Mr. Robert Young, Scholastic Scrimmage Team advisor, introduced members of the winning team for taking the MVC Championship title. The trophy was presented to President Murphy.

**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**

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2006:

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**Roll Call: Voice Vote - Carried**

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

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve the Accounts Payable 1/13/06 - 1/26/06 on pages 7-12 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:**

**COLONIAL IU 20 - MR. HARVEY FRABLE**

No report

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT - MR. RYAN HINTON**

No report

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - MS. MEGHAN GERMAN**

No report

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

Dr. Pullo noted the current enrollment as of January 26, 2006 is 6995. He pointed out that there are approximately 200 students that attend cyber school and are home schooled that could eventually come back to the district.

Grievances

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to reject Grievance # BU-01-10-7-05 as per Dr. Pullo's recommendation.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to reject Grievance #BU-02-12-13-05 as per Dr. Pullo's recommendation.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Dr. Pullo stated that he is tabling grievance AL-02-10-10-5 because there may be a settlement on this in the near future.

**Policy Revisions**

Discussion/ Approval – Policy #011 – Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct (pages 14-18)

Dr. Pullo stated that the board asked for more time on reviewing this policy and no action would be taken this evening. Discussion will take place at the February meeting.

First Reading – Policy #105.2 – Exemption from Instruction (pages 19-20)

First Reading – Policy #116 – Tutoring (pages 21-22)

**District Calendar**

Dr. Pullo stated that the district calendar is incorrect in listing board meetings for February. There is only one meeting in February on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Buildings and Grounds workshop is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kresge noted that the grievances were listed differently in the school board member’s packets and that they voted on the wrong grievance. BU-01-12-13-05 should have been tabled and they should have voted on grievance AL-02-10-10-05.

After consulting with Mr. Corevelyn, school solicitor, the following action occurred:

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to rescind the previous action taken on item #6.2.2, grievance BU-02-12-13-05.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Russ Gould motioned; seconded by John Sabia to reject grievance #AL-02-10-10-05 as per Dr. Pullo’s recommendation.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Grievance #BU-01-12-13-05 was tabled.

**Snow Make Up Days**

Dr. Pullo stated that President’s Day, February 20<sup>th</sup> school will be in session. This is snow make up day#5. The next two make up days will be June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.4 on pages 23-25 and item #6.4.1-#6.4.3 on the addendum and items #6.4.1-6.4.2 on addendum 2. Request is as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration January 26, 2006

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel\*

6.4.1.1 Professional Staff

6.4.1.1.1 Erica Andregic BS, Step 1  
BA, Music Salary=\$33,300  
Millersville University prorated  
MA, Counseling  
University of Scranton  
(Long-term substitute guidance counselor for Rose Kwolek, effective January 25, 2006 or the beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2005-06 school year.)

6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes

- a. Caroline Passno- Elementary
- b. Morgan Rudelitch- Elementary
- c. Chad Schaffer - Elementary, retroactive to January 16, 2006
- d. Noreen Scudero- Elementary

6.4.1.2 Support Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Security

6.4.1.2.1.1 David Reiter was approved for a change of employment status from casual to part-time security officer, effective January 15, 2006.

6.4.1.2.2 Substitutes  
a. Jean Slack - Cafeteria Helper/Monitor  
Custodian/Secretary/PPA

6.4.1.2.3 Transfer  
Name From To  
Mariclaire Hosking PVI, PPA Eldred, PPA

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

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family & Medical Leave

6.4.2.1.1 Christine Collaro, middle school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for approximately thirty-two (32) days, effective on or about March 13 through on or about April 28, 2006.

6.4.2.1.2 Frances Daidone, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for thirty (30) days, effective January 9 through February 20, 2006.

6.4.2.1.3 Sylvia Gethen, bookkeeper, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for a total of twenty-one (21) days, effective December 8, 2005 through January 20, 2006.

6.4.2.1.4 Catrina Springer, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy for approximately thirty-one (31) days, effective on or about March 6 through on or about April 21, 2006.

6.4.2.2 Leaves Without Pay

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

6.4.2.2.1 Cindy DePue, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for an extension of her leave without pay for fourteen (14) days, effective January 18 through February 7, 2006.

6.4.2.2.2 Raymond Krawczyk, middle school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective January 24, 2006.

6.4.2.2.3 Samuel Lucas, security officer, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective January 19 and 24, 2006.

6.4.2.2.4 Cathleen Piccolo, middle school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective January 23, 2006.

6.4.3 Retirement

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

6.4.3.1 Frances Daidone, PVE kindergarten teacher, effective the end of the 2005-06 school year.

6.4.3.2 Jeff Holmes, technology coordinator, effective February 20, 2006.

6.4.4 Resignation

Elizabeth Budgell, transportation aide: her previously approved date of resignation should reflect November 17, 2006.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum January 26, 2006

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel\*

6.4.1.1 Professional Staff

6.4.1.1.1 High School

6.4.1.1.1.1 Cristina Fluera BS, Step 1  
BA, History Salary=\$33,300  
Wilkes University prorated  
Certificate in Special Education  
Wilkes University

(Long-term substitute special education for Robert Schaeffer, effective January 26, 2006)

- 6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes
  - a. Brian Scatton - Social Studies
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
  - 6.4.2.1 Leaves Without Pay
    - The following employee are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during this period of leave:
    - 6.4.2.1.1 Theresa Wakefield, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for the following one and one-half days: March 13, one (1) day and one-half (1/2) day on March 14, 2006.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
  - Diane Humphreys, part-time PPA, effective February 2, 2006.

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

Personnel and General Administration/Addendum #2 January 26, 2006

- 6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel\*
  - 6.4.1.1 Professional Staff
    - 6.4.1.1.1 Polk/Eldred/Chestnuthill
      - 6.4.1.1.1.1 Lorraine Ungvarsky BS + 12, Step 1  
BA, Elementary Ed./Psychology Salary=\$33,300  
Wilkes University prorated  
ESL Certificate  
Kings College  
(Replacement position for Wendy Hauser, effective February 13, 2006)
      - 6.4.1.1.2 High School
        - 6.4.1.1.2.1 Jamie Hyde BS, Step 1  
BS, English Salary=\$33,300  
ESU prorated  
(2<sup>nd</sup> semester long-term substitute English teacher for Valerie Eblin, effective January 26, 2006)
      - 6.4.1.1.3 Valerie Eblin was approved for the position of secondary literacy coach, effective January 26, 2006.
      - 6.4.1.1.4 Substitutes
        - a. Deana Maly - Family & Consumer Sciences/Health
    - 6.4.1.2 Support Staff
      - 6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes
        - a. Victoria Weaver - Cafeteria helper
  - 6.4.2 Retirement
    - Approval was granted to accept the letter of retirement from the following employee:
      - a. Royale Mills, PVE teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2005-06 school year.

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

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve item #6.5.1.1 on the addendum as follows:

- 6.5.1.1 Mr. Steve Caffrey was approved for the Head Softball coaching position for the 2006 spring season.

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**Roll Call: 7-1 Carried Voting No - S. Kresge**

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Facility Usage: Mr. C. Fisher, Mr. J. Percey

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve item #6.5.8.1, #6.5.8.3-6.5.8.7. Mr. Fisher asked to table item #6.5.8.2. Request is as follows:

6.5.8 OPERATIONS - FACILITY USE - January 26, 2006

6.5.8.1 Organization Monroe County Recreation  
 Facility Requested Middle School Gymnasium  
 Purpose Open Volleyball  
 Dates/Times Saturdays March 23, 2006 - May 25, 2006 6:30pm - 10:30pm  
 Requestor Niki Tourscher  
 Attendance 20  
 Tuition \$4.00 per Person  
 Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

6.5.8.2 **TABLED**

6.5.8.3 Organization West End Soccer League  
 Facility Requested PVI Multi Purpose Room  
 Purpose Monthly Meeting  
 Dates/Times Mondays - February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 6:30pm - 10:15pm  
 Requestor Brett Moyer  
 Attendance 20-40  
 Tuition None  
 Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial and Security Fees

6.5.8.4 Organization West End Soccer League  
 Facility Requested JCM Cafeteria  
 Purpose Registration for Intramural Soccer  
 Dates/Times Saturday - April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 8:00am - 1:30pm  
 Requestor Brett Moyer  
 Attendance 60-90  
 Tuition None  
 Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

6.5.8.5 Organization West End Soccer League  
 Facility Requested Middle School Gymnasium  
 Purpose Soccer Pictures  
 Dates/Times Sunday-September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 11:00am - 5:00pm  
 Requestor Brett Moyer  
 Attendance 80-200  
 Tuition None  
 Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

6.5.8.6 Organization AAU Boys Basketball  
 Facility Requested High School Gymnasiums  
 Purpose Basketball Practice  
 Dates/Times Mondays and Wednesdays March 6 - March 15, 2005 7:00pm -9:00pm New Gym  
 Mondays and Wednesdays March 20 - July 21, 2006 7:00pm - 9:00pm Old Gym  
 Requestor Tom Janotti  
 Attendance 16  
 Tuition None  
 Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

6.5.9.7 Organization Effort United Methodist  
 Facility Requested Arthur A. Smith Gym

Purpose	Gym Nite
Dates/Times	Fridays- February 3, 2006, February 17, 2006      7:30pm – 9:00pm
Requestor	Merlin Parsons
Attendance	60-70
Tuition	None
Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Informational report. Informational Items included:

- ▶ Metal Detector Report
- ▶ District Events List
- ▶ Educational Foundation/Federal and State Programs
- ▶ Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation
- ▶ Federal and State Programs Update

**FOOD SERVICES: Ms. Bonnie Grammes**

Participation reports were attached.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: Mr. Tony Pierri**

Mr. Pierri distributed sample reports that were generated by Bus Boss software made by Orbit Software Inc.. He stated that he visited Palisades School District to view the software that have used for the past 7 years. Mr. Pierri received a demonstration on how the software performs. The software is able to list bus stops, reporting how many miles the bus went with or without students. A route report, driving directions which included medication conditions for students, bus roster listing each student on the bus. The software has a map viewer feature which prints out the route with the stops noted.

Price of the software is \$27,000 with a \$9,000 deposit. Remaining balance would be due by July, 2006. A letter in writing has been secured from Orbit indicating that if the software does not perform all monies will be refunded. Training is provided and would include 3 full days. Discussion occurred concerning what employee would be managing the program. Mr. Pierri did indicate that each employee in the department would learn how to use the software. Mr. Blubaugh indicated that some hardware would need to be updated and that cost would be approximately \$3,000.

The following action occurred:

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approved the purchase Orbit Software, Bus Boss, at a fee of \$27,000; initial deposit is \$9,000 with \$18,000 payment due by July 15, 2006 with the understanding, by a letter supplied by Orbit Software, that if the software does not function as promised all money will be refunded.

- ♦ Ms. Micklos asked where the funds would be coming from. Ms. Les indicated that it will come from the transportation fund.
- ♦ Ms. Micklos asked about the timeline in getting the software up and running. Mr. Blubaugh indicated that he needs at least 3-4 weeks to order the hardware and prepare it for installation.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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- ♦ Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Pierri if he received a letter from Mrs. Warner. Mr. Pierri indicated that he did and was consulting with Penndot. A survey crew will be deployed from Penndot and then a decision will be make if a sign will be installed.

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Jason Fisher**

No report

**CUSTODIAL AND WAREHOUSE : Mr. Howard Scott**

No report

**CLERKS OF THE WORKS: Mr. Roger Borger**

No report

**CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller**

Update - Tutoring/Remediation

Ms. Rissmiller distributed a document that outlined the progression to date on all remediation and tutoring programs offered this school year. Programs are: Stepping Up, PSSA Enhancement, Compass Odyssey and Plato.

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the request for endorsement from the board to continue the district's participation in the Middle States Accreditation for Growth process.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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

No report

**READING SUPERVISOR: Ms. Dora Tartar**

No report

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines**

No report

**TECHNOLOGY: Dr. Jeffrey Holmes, Mr. Jason Blubaugh**

No report

**Dr. Pullo asked for the following action to occur:**

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the following requests for homebound instruction:

Pleasant Valley Intermediate

ID#204799      medical reasons, retroactive to January 13, 2006

Pleasant Valley Elementary

ID#100828      medical reasons, retroactive to December 13, 2005

Paperwork has been submitted and the progress of the student has been monitored. We are also requesting an additional 15 hours of instruction as the student did not receive an instructor until after the holidays.

Pleasant Valley Middle School District

ID#090935      medical reasons, retroactive to 12/22/05

ID#203695      medical reasons, retroactive to 1/16/06

As per board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 45 days

Pleasant Valley High School District

ID#202417      Medical, retroactive to November 21

ID#201464      Medical, retroactive to November 21

ID#201479      Medical, retroactive to December 2

ID#201943      Medical, retroactive to December 7

ID#202240      Medical, retroactive to December 20

*As per board policy, a re-evaluation will be done in 45 days*

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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**PLEASANT VALLEY INTERMEDIATE: Mr. James Storm, Mr. J. Gunnels, Mr. Heath**

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, Ms. Jill Chamberlain**

Ryan Hinton motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the Pleasant Valley Middle School 2006-2007 Program of Studies with the addition of adding the NCAA course requirements.

**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

Remainder of 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**

Mr. Gress's report was informational and included the enrollment report.

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

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.7 and item #6.10.8A on the addendum as follows:

**6.10 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT REPORT for January 26, 2006**

6.10.1. Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for December 2005.

**Total amount: \$169,666.23.**

Approval for granted for the bills payable for December 2005 be approved.

**Total amount: \$75,966.81.**

6.10.2. Student Activity Accounts - for informational purposes

Beginning Balance, December 1, 2005	\$274,175.00
Receipts	\$76,296.36
Expenditures	\$60,493.81
Ending Balance, December 31, 2005	\$289,977.55

6.10.3. Informational - District investment report for December 2005.

6.10.4 The following invoices/applications were approved for payment from the Bond Fund listed:

**1994 Bond Fund**

Quad Three Group, Inc.	\$6,000.00
Middle School study, partial	

**Total \$6,000.00**

**1997 Bond Fund**

Jim Lagana Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$6,119.22
Polk Project: application #8	
Jim Lagana Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	1,255.19
Polk Project: application #9	

**Total \$7,374.41**

**2003AA Bond Fund**

Philip Rosenau Co., Inc.	\$3,250.00
High School project: sweeper	
Quad Three Group, Inc.	726.07
Polk Project: \$410.82	
Auditorium Project: \$7.65	
PVI Project: \$307.60	
Integra Business Center	4,761.60
Polk Project: \$3,000.80 (technology)	
Auditorium Project: \$1,760.80 (technology)	

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,737.67</b>
<b>2004 Bond Fund</b>		
S. G. Mastriani Construction		\$77,425.01
Polk Project: application #14		
Lobar, Inc.		12,255.00
Auditorium Project: application #17		
JBM Plumbing, Inc.		15,000.00
Auditorium Project: application #15 HVAC		
JBM Plumbing, Inc.		3,903.55
Auditorium Project: application #16 Plumbing		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$108,583.56</b>

6.10.5 Approval was granted to authorize Quad Three Group, Inc. to proceed with the paperwork to request a variance of the 20-year rule from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Middle School project.

6.10.6 Approval was granted for Plan Con Part A - Project Justification, be approved for both the Middle School and Transportation facility projects.

6.10.7 Approval of Policy 623: Fund Balance, was approved. [A copy is attached.]

6.10.8 Supplement

A. Approval was granted to submit the attached waiver application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The application requests a waiver of School Code Section 807.1 for the sole purpose of the purchase of a used box truck in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. A copy of the waiver is attached.

- ♦ Ms. Palmer asked if any elevator bills were being paid and if they were working. Mr. Sabia stated that they were.

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**Roll Call: 8-0 Carried**

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Ms. Les reported on information received from a Legislative PSBA meeting that took place in Harrisburg.

- ♦ 3 Senators and 20 representatives have announced that they are not running for state office. Numbers are expected to increase. A list will be provided in early March.
- ♦ Tax Reform issue is expected to be finalizing sometime next week.
- ♦ Representative from Alleghany County, Representative Jess Stairs may be retiring. Individual taking his place may not be as favorable to Public Education.
- ♦ Legislation called the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act (handout distributed summarizing the act) This legislation expands the current senior citizen property tax rebate program  
A referendum this May would be required for each school district to ask for an increase in the local EIT tax to fund a greater level of property tax reduction.  
Gaming dollars would be distributed based on a formula
- ♦ Saylor Amendment - expands the exceptions on Act 72 - exception for Special Education costs, health care related benefits and construction costs regarding square footage per student.
- ♦ January 26, 2006 is the date that Act 72 school districts were required to present their budgets to their school boards for advertisement
- ♦ Senate is pushing to have a May referendum to increase the earned income tax which they want implemented for the 2006-07 budgets
- ♦ Talk indicates that Mandatory installment payments will be approved with or without tax reform
- ♦ Big issue - Statewide Health Care Plan

Dr. Pullo announced that the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Basketball game against Pocono East, halftime celebration will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hall of Fame Induction. Six people will be recognized. A press release will be issued.

**SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corevelyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger**

No report

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

- ♦ Ryan Hinton expressed concerns regarding a door between the state and the auditorium that was reported broken. Mr. Fisher indicated that the door is a fire safety door and is closed during a fire drill. The reset button is located high on the wall and needs to be reset. The button needs to be lowered so there is easy access to it when necessary.
- ♦ Linda Micklos expressed concerns regarding some black paint on the stage floor.
- ♦ Susan Kresge asked each building administrator to report if there is any type of recognition program for professional and support staff. Dr. Pullo indicated that there is a form D which could be used for this purpose.
- ♦ Ryan Hinton asked if there would be an American and Pennsylvania state flag mounted in the new auditorium. Mr. Gress stated he would take care of that.
- ♦ Tom Murphy thanked everyone for the kind remarks to the school board members. He thanked the administrators for all their hard work and commitment to the school district.

**PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS**

Joanne Johnson, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding celebrating Martin Luther King Day. She pointed out that whether school is in session or not the day should be remembered with some kind of recognition across the district. Dr. Pullo stated that he does ask his principals on how the day was observed and would continue this practice. Dr. Pullo reminded all that A Night of Unity is scheduled for February 23.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Thomas Murphy motioned, seconded by Ryan Hinton and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:35PM.

Carried

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 16 , 2006 at 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les  
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik  
Board Recorder