

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
March 9, 2006

Board Approved: March 23, 2006 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, March 9, 2006 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.

MEETING PROCEDURES

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

ROLL CALL:

Board Attendees:	President Thomas Murphy	Harvey Frable	Susan Kresge
	Vice-President John Sabia	H. Charles Hoffman	Ryan Hinton
	Treasurer Russ Gould	MiChelle Palmer	Linda Micklos
Board Absentees:	None		
Administrative Attendees:	Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann		
Solicitor:	Mr. Gerard Geiger		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- ➔ February 16, 2006 (after Board meeting) - Security Compensation
- ➔ March 9, 2006 - Personnel (hiring of full-time, part-time, and substitute staff); Legal - Portnoff case

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

None

OTHER:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Linda Zeliznik

Ryan Hinton motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2006:

Roll Call: 9-0 Voice Vote - Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Russ Gould

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve the Budget Transfers on page 14-18 ; Accounts Payable 2/1/06 - 02/28/06 on pages 19; the Accounts Payable 3/1/06 - 3/9/06 on pages 20-24 ; Trial Balance/Financial Statement on pages 25-31 per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

- ◆ MiChelle Palmer asked who signs the manual checks. Ms. Kotzmann stated that some are signed at the school board meetings by the treasurer, the others are signed by Ms. Les and myself.

The Asset Cost Summary on page 32 and the Revenues/Expenditures on pages 33-36 were included for information only.

OLD BUSINESS:

SOLICITOR: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corveleyn

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute - Ms. Sue Kresge

Introduction of Ms. Pat Moyer

Ms. Moyer, MCTI Director, highlighted the increases to the 2006-07 General Operating Budget. She stated that curriculum changes from Math to Social Studies, Perkins Funding, addition of a part-time program in auto parts and services, vocational supplies, electric and fuel increases, Technology, addition of a half time cosmetology teacher and the replacement of a 20 year old pick up truck were included in the 06-07 budget.

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the 2006-07 MCTI Proposed Budget. Pleasant Valley's portion of the overall budget is \$1,740,617 for 2006-07.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Colonial IU 20 - Mr. Harvey Frable

Approval of 2006-07 General Operating Budget

Harvey Frable motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the 2006-07 Colonial IU#20 proposed budget. Pleasant Valley School District portion is \$26, 683.16. The budget reflects a \$902.31 increase from last year.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Legislative Report - Mr. Ryan Hinton

Mr. Hinton attended the PSBA Legislative Leadership Conference at Hershey Convention Center on March 5 and 6, 2006. He distributed a report on the sessions that he attended and gave a brief explanation.

Sessions attended were:

- ◆ Reshaping the Public School Curriculum: From Early Childhood to HS Education
- ◆ Candidate Forum with Governor Rendell, Gubernatorial Candidate Lynn Swan, Senator Rick Santorum, State Treasurer and Senatorial Candidate Bob Casey Jr.
- ◆ Legislative Roundtable
- ◆ Changes in Special Education Requirements

Mr. Hinton stated that he would be attending the regular legislative meeting on Tuesday, March 14th.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Anthony A. Fadule

Enrollment:

Mr. Fadule stated that the enrollment report would be submitted at the March 23rd meeting.

2006-07 Calendar

The draft has been distributed, board was asked to review it and approval will be sought at the next meeting on March 23rd.

OTHER:

Unity Night Report - February 23, 2006

Both Mr. Fadule and Ms. Rissmiller reported that attendance exceeded 1,000. They thanked the Diversity Committee and the PTO for the successful event.

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Anthony Fadule

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.3 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on the addendum as follows:

- 6.4 Personnel and General Administration
 - 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 Margaret O'Leary was approved for the position of part-time para-professional associate, effective March 13, 2006, at an annual salary of \$18,500, prorated. Her 2005-06 school year

assignment is Polk Elementary School. (replacement position for Diane Humphreys)

6.4.1.1.2 The following bus drivers was approved for a change of employment status:

Name	From	To	Effective Date
George Lemond	Part-time	Full-time	02/14/06
Greg Lockwitch	Full-time	Substitute	02/13/06
Richard Tadrzynski	Substitute	Part-time	02/20/06

6.4.1.1.3 Substitutes

a. Betty Hill - Transportation Aide/ Monitor/Cafeteria Helper (retroactive to March 1, 2006)

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 High School Winter School

The following were approved for high school winter school:

Grad. Project	.5 credit course-15 hour	Mr. J. Brown
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English	1 credit course-30 hour	Mr. P. Pappalardo
English/History	1 credit course-30 hour	Mr. W. Kozicki
Algebra	1 credit course-30 hour	Ms. S. Rhine
Mathematics	1 credit course-30 hour	Ms. J. Bruch
Mathematics	1 credit course-30 hour	Mr. A. Witinski
History	1 credit course-30 hour	Ms. C. Snopek

6.4.1.2.2 High School

6.4.1.2.2.1 Laura Newhart
BS, English
prorated
ESU
(Part-time Level II long-term substitute English teacher for Joseph Bilicic, effective February 23, 2006)
BS, Step 1
Salary=\$33,300

6.4.1.2.3 High School/Chestnuthill

6.4.1.2.3.1 Kimberly Borden
BS, Elementary
ESU
Library Science Certificate
Mansfield University
[Long-term substitute librarian for Monica Astorino, effective March 27, 2006 (or sooner, depending upon release) through the conclusion of the 1st semester of the 2006-07 school year.]
BS, Step 1
Salary=\$33,300
prorated

6.4.1.2.4 Substitutes

a. Roxanne Pabon - Spanish/Special Education (retroactive to February 27, 2006)

b. Todd Urland - Elementary (retroactive to March 1, 2006)

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

- 6.4.2.1 **Child Bearing**
 - 6.4.2.1.1 Leigh Anne Dustin, Polk teacher, was approved for child bearing leave of absence, as per Board policy, effective on or about May 30, 2006 through the conclusion of the 2005-06 school year.

- 6.4.2.2 **Family & Medical Leave**
 - 6.4.2.2.1 Lalena Cordova, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, effective on or about March 27, 2006 through the conclusion of the 2005-06 school year.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Frances Daidone, PVE teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave for twenty-six (26) days, effective February 21, 2006 through March 29, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Amy Davis, high school teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave for approximately eighteen (18) days, effective March 31, 2006 through April 28, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.2.4 Sarah Massey, high school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave as per Board policy effective on or about April 18, 2006 through the conclusion of the 2005-06 school year.

- 6.4.2.3 **Leaves Without Pay - (Employees are responsible for the payment of any benefits the district provides during the period of leave):**
 - 6.4.2.3.1 Heidi Cullen, transportation aide, had a seven (7) day unpaid leave of absence approved at the January 12, 2006 Board meeting. The leave was in effect from January 9 through January 17, 2006 (not the 16th as previously recorded).
 - 6.4.2.3.2 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective February 22 and 28, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.3.3 Carol Kearns, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective March 8 and 9, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.3.4 Joy LaBadie, security officer, was approved for leave without pay from March 15, 2006 until further notice.
 - 6.4.2.3.5 Samuel Lucas, security guard, was approved for to withdrawal his previously approved leave without pay for January 24, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.3.6 Joann May, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/2) day, effective February 24, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.3.7 Jose Ramirez, security guard, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective February 21 and 22, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.3.8 Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective February 13, 2006.
 - 6.4.2.3.9 Mary Schauer, PVI cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for the following six (6) days: February 10, and February 13 through 17, 2006.

6.4.2.3.10 Robert Soehngen, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for five and one-half (5-1/2) days, effective January 30, through February 3, and one-half (1/2) day on February 13, 2006.

6.4.2.3.11 Dolores Warnken, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for twenty-five (25) days, effective February 6 through March 10, 2006.

6.4.3 Retirement

Approval was granted to accept the letter of retirement from Maurice Bush, maintenance worker, effective April 28, 2006.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum

6.4.1 Leaves of Absences

6.4.1.1 Family & Medical Leave

6.4.1.1.1 Thomasine Falcone, middle school teacher, was approved for Family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for approximately nineteen (19) days effective March 17 through April 12, 2006

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

6.4.1.2.1 Kelly Duell, middle school teacher, was approved for leave without pay for one and one-half (1-1/2) days, effective one-half day on February 27 and one day on February 28, 2006.

6.4.1.2.2 Karen Rice, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/2) day, effective February 26, 2006.

6.4.2 Resignation

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

6.4.2.1 Lori Chamberlain, middle school teacher, effective May 5, 2006 or sooner, depending upon release.

6.4.2.2 Antoinette Muller, bus driver (substitute custodian) effective March 24, 2006.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

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

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve items 6.5.1 as follows:

6.5.1.1 Field Trip Request: Middle School & P. V. Intermediate School

6.5.1.1.1 Grade / Organization - 7th & 8th Grade District Band

Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Evan Reese

Destination of the trip - Northwestern Lehigh Middle School

Date of the Trip - April 7, 2006

District Buses Needed - 1

Cost per Student - None

6.5.1.2 Field Trip Request: Pleasant Valley Intermediate School District

6.5.1.2.1 Grade / Organization - 7th Grade Band

Teacher(s) Involved - Mr. Evan Reese

Destination of the Trip - Kutztown University and Dorney Park

Date of the Trip - May 29, 2006

District Buses Needed - 2

6.5.1.3 Approval was granted to accept the resignation of Ms. Amy Kucheruck as 7th and 8th Grade Softball Assistant Coach

6.5.1.4 Spring 2006 Assistant Coaching Position

6.5.1.4.1 7th and 8th Grade Softball: Ms. Elizabeth Marionni

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Informational Items included:

- ▶ Metal Detector Report
- ▶ District Events List
- ▶ Federal and State Programs Update

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

Special Education: Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines

Informational report on Special Olympics scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006 with 35 participants
Contingency fund requests have been submitted to the Bureau of Special Education for 5 students
Teachers in grades 3-7 piloting the Project Read: Framing Your Thoughts program. A coaching session took place on February 24, 2006..

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve item #6.10.1 as follows:

6.10.1 Approval was granted to establish a new student activity account entitled, "7th Grade Ecology Club." The Advisor will be Sue Pekala.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corevelyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Mr. Murphy asked who was taking charge of the end of phase one of the three year project in leasing our hardware in Technology. Ms. Rissmiller stated that she and Mr. Blubaugh along with Dr. Lesisko have been proceeding with the process. Dr. Lesisko will be visiting the district next week and will be participating in the process.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS

None

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 8:30PM.

Carried

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 23, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Kotzmann
Assistant Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder