

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 11, 2006**

**Board Approved May 25, 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, May 11, 2006 at 8:05 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	Susan Kresge
	Vice-President John Sabia	H. Charles Hoffman	Ryan Hinton
	Treasurer Russ Gould	Michelle Palmer	Linda Micklos
<b>Board Absentees:</b>	None		
<b>Administrative Attendees:</b>	Dr. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Mr. Blubaugh, Dr. Lesisko, Ms. Tartar, Ms. Caines, Ms. McMasters, Mr. J. Fisher, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Pierri, Mr. Scott, Mr. Gress, Mr. Drake, Mr. Wunder, Ms. Rushefski, Ms. Meckes		
<b>Solicitor:</b>	Mr. Daniel Corevelyn		

President Thomas Murphy announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- ▶ May 11, 2006 - **Personnel** (new and replacement 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**

Ryan Hinton motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 2006.

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**Roll Call: Voice Vote - Carried**

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the Budget Transfers on page 13-14 ; Accounts Payable 04/1/06 - 4/30/06 (Manual checks) on page 15; the Accounts Payable 5/1/06-5/11/06 on pages 16-20 ; Trial Balance/Financial Statement on pages 21-27 per the attached copies.

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**Roll Call: 8-1 Carried    Voting no: L. Micklos**

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The Asset Cost Summary on page 28 and the Revenues/Expenditures on pages 29-32 were included for information only.

**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 meeting was routine, conversation took place regarding the school calendar which will continue to be discussed.

**Colonial IU 20 - Mr. Harvey Frable**

No report

**Legislative Report - Mr. Ryan Hinton**

Mr. Hinton reported that he attended the county meeting. There were no new issues, property tax reform still being discussed.

**Student Representative - Ms. Meghan German**

No report

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/REQUESTS: DR. FRANK A. PULLO**

MiChelle Palmer motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to reject Grievances #BU-04-3-7-06 and #BU-05-3-15-06 as recommended by Dr. Pullo.

**Roll Call: 9-0 Carried**

**OTHER**

**Personnel and General Administration: Mr. Anthony Fadule**

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Harvey Frable to approve item #6.4.1- #6.4.5 and item #6.4.1- #6.4.2 on the addendum with the following revisions noted:. Item # 6.4.1.2.2A retroactive to 5/5/06; #6.4.1.2.2B retroactive to 5/3/06; #6.4.1.3.2 replace "service" with "Systems". Request is as follows:

- 6.4 Personnel and General Administration May 11, 2006
- 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. Lillie Daddea - Transportation Aide/Cafeteria Helper/Monitor Retroactive to April 20, 2006
      - b. Diane Lehman - Transportation Aide/Cafeteria Helper/Monitor
    - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
      - 6.4.1.2.1 High School Spring School
 

The following were approved for high school spring school:

English	1 credit course - 30 hours	William Kozicki
Mathematics	1 credit course - 30 hours	Andrew Witinski
Social Studies	1 credit course - 30 hours	Christina Snopek
Science	1 credit course - 30 hours	Pete Pappalardo
Graduation Project	.5 credit course - 15 hours	Jay Brown
	.5 credit course - 15 hours	Alyssa Mollo
      - 6.4.1.2.2 Substitutes
        - a. Diane Belly - Special Ed./All Areas
        - b. Kristen Borger - Elementary retroactive to 5/5/06
        - c. Pamela Gaughran - All Areas retroactive to 5/3/06
        - d. Brianna Hurley - Biology, retroactive to May 3, 2006
        - e. Dawn Taylor - Elementary
      - 6.4.1.2.3 Pleasant Valley High School - The following individual were approved for hire effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year:
        - 6.4.1.2.3.1 James Hull BS, Step 5  
BS, Spanish Salary=\$35,300  
Clarion Univ. of PA  
(Replacement Spanish teacher for Ana Gonzalez)
    - 6.4.1.3 Administration
      - 6.4.1.3.1 Dave Stefani was approved for the position of high school assistant principal, effective July 1, 2006. (Replacement position for Curtis Dimmick).
      - 6.4.1.3.2 Jason Blubaugh was approved for a change of title from Assistant Coordinator of Technology to Technology Systems Coordinator, effective April 20, 2006.

6.4.2 Resignation

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

- a. Kristen Barata, Polk teacher, effective June 12, 2006. Ms. Barata wishes to remain on the substitute teacher list.
- b. Kathy Beidleman, Eldred monitor, effective June 6, 2006.
- c. Duane Hubbard, PVI custodian, effective May 5, 2006.
- d. Ana Gonzalez, high school Spanish teacher, effective June 12, 2006.
- e. Jeremy Loveland, computer technician, effective May 30, 2006.

6.4.3 Retirement

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

- a. Margaret Longridge, secretary to the special education department, effective June 28, 2006.

6.4.4 Other

6.4.4.1 Approval of settlement of file #CU01-051106 in the amount of \$15,000 was granted.

6.4.5 School Photos

6.4.5.1 Approval was granted for the Pleasant Valley School District to contract with Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc. for elementary school student photographs and middle school student photographs for the 2006-2007 school year.

6.4.5.2 Approval was granted for the Pleasant Valley School District to contract with Christmas City Studio for high school student photographs for the 2006-2007 school year.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum - May 11, 2006

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 Charles Chamberlain was approved for the position of mechanic I at a rate of \$18.79 per hour, effective May 30, 2006, or sooner, depending upon release (replacement position for Colin Berger).

6.4.1.1.2 Substitutes

- a. Frederick Klein-Bus Driver/ Transportation Aide, retroactive to May 4, 2006

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 ESEA Title I Summer School -PVE

The following teachers/paraprofessional associates were approved for ESEA Title I Summer School at PVE, grades K-4:

Teachers	PPA's
Desiree Borger	Cathy Giannakis
Jeffrey Clauson	Sally Helfrich
Josephine Fields	Shelley Kuehn
Brenda Gattuso	Deana Maly
Nancy Harkins	Michele Stanley
Melissa Kern	Lynne Walling
Aleisa Kinsey	
Amy Miller	
Janet Pierson	
Susan Runco	
Melissa Snyder	
Todd Urland	

6.4.1.2.2 ESEA Title I Summer School - PVI

The following teachers/paraprofessional associates were approved for ESEA Title I Summer School at PVI, grades 5-6:

Teachers	PPA's
Daina Dexheimer	Karen Voulo
Maranda Myrthal	

- 6.4.1.2.3 Substitutes
- a. Alana Heller - Elementary
  - b. Julia McEvoy - Elementary

6.4.2 Resignations

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

- a. Maura Angle, high school business education teacher, effective June 12, 2006
- b. Richard Spring, high school mathematics teacher, effective June 12, 2006

- ▶ Michelle Palmer asked if Spring School was already in session. Mr. Gress replied that it started on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Roll Call: 8-0-1-0 Carried      Abstaining from item #6.4.1.2B - S. Kresge**  
**Abstention Memorandum is attached**

**Asst. To The Superintendent For Professional/Support Personnel: Mr. Christopher Fisher**

**Susan Kresge** motioned; seconded by **Linda Micklos** to approved item #6.5.1 as follows:

Professional & Support Services      May 11, 2006

- 6.5.1 Facilities - Mr. Christopher Fisher; Mr. Jake Percey
  - 6.5.1.1 Organization Bruins Wrestling Club
    - Facility Requested High School New Gymnasium
    - Purpose Wrestling Tournament
    - Dates/Times June 16, 2006 - June 17, 2006, Friday and Saturday, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
    - Requestor Mark Getz
    - Attendance 200
    - Tuition/ Admission None
    - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
  - 6.5.1.2 Organization Monroe County Recreation
    - Facility Requested Middle School Gymnasium
    - Purpose Open Volleyball 18 & Over
    - Dates/Times August 21, 2006 - November 30, 2006, Mondays, 7:00pm - 10:30pm
    - Requestor Roberta Feierstein
    - Attendance 20
    - Tuition/ Admission \$4.00 per person
    - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
  - 6.5.1.3 Organization Monroe County Recreation
    - Facility Requested PVE 2 Music Rooms
    - Purpose Children's Dance
    - Dates/Times June 28, 2006 - August 23, 2006, Wednesdays, 9:00am - 11:00am
    - Requestor Roberta Feierstein
    - Attendance 30
    - Tuition/ Admission \$89.00 - \$110.00 per person
    - Fee by District Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

6.5.1.4	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	Middle School Tennis Courts
	Requestor	Roberts Feierstein
	Purpose:	Tennis program
	Dates	June 26, 2006 – August 7, 2006, Mondays – Thursdays 3:45 pm – 7:30 pm except 1 week for repairs on courts
	Attendance	16 -20
	Tuition/ Admission	\$75.00 - \$85.00 per person
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.1.5	Organization	4-H Club
	Facility Requested	High School Cafeteria
	Purpose	4-H Sewing Group Meetings
	Dates/Times	May-August, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 6:30pm-8:30pm
	Requestor	Sherri Hammond
	Attendance	10-12 kids
	Tuition/ Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.1.6	Organization	American Cancer Society
	Facility Requested	PVI Gymnasium and Lobby
	Purpose	Relay for Life Basketball Game Fundraiser
	Dates/Times	June 1, 2006. Thursday, 5:30pm-9:00pm
	Requestor	Susan Geiger
	Attendance	150
	Tuition/ Admission	\$2.00 per person
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.1.7	Organization	Pocono Family YMCA
	Facility Requested	High School Softball Field
	Purpose	Softball League
	Dates/Times	May – August, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00pm – Dusk
	Requestor	Nicole Hill
	Attendance	40
	Tuition/ Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.1.8	Organization	Pocono Soccer
	Facility Requested	Middle School Soccer Fields
	Requestor	Matt Mugaverc
	Attendance	500
	Tuition/ Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.1.9	Organization	NHSCA
	Facility Requested	High School Gymnasiums Old and New
	Purpose	High School Wrestling Festival
	Dates/Times	January 13, 2007, Saturday, 7:00am-9:00pm

	Requestor	Mark Getz
	Attendance	850
	Tuition/ Admission	\$10.00-Adults, \$5.00 – Students
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.1.10	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	High School Track/Stadium
	Purpose	Hershey Track and Field
	Dates/Times	May 20, 2006, Sunday, Raindate, May 21,2006, Sunday, 8:00am-2:00pm
	Requestor	Roberta Feierstein
	Attendance	60-80
	Tuition/ Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply

- ▶ Ms. Kresge noted that there were no dates recorded for item #6.5.4. Mr. Fisher stated he would find out and that it is a summer activity.
- ▶ Mr. Murphy asked if any of the activities will be a problem with scheduled grass treatments. Mr. Fisher stated that everyone will work together not to interfere.

**Roll Call: 9 -0 Carried**

**Curriculum and Staff Development: Ms. Carole Rissmiller**

**Informational report**

The new textbook inventory for the 2006-2007 school year was attached. Ms. Rissmiller stated that there are two additional textbooks that need to be added to the list and she will send that information to the board.

Ms Rissmiller asked the board to contact the individual building principal or curriculum supervisor if there are any questions. She will be seeking approval at the May 25th meeting.

**Elementary Division: No reports**

**Pleasant Valley Middle School - No report**

**Pleasant Valley High School - No report**

**Business Manager: Ms. Donna Les, Ms. Monica Kotzmann**

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Ryan Hinton to approve the request to use the state wavier to purchase a 2001 Sterling CAT diesel truck for \$17,900 from Atlantic Motors Inc. to be paid using funds from the Pleasant Valley Special Fund.

**Roll Call: 9 -0 Carried**

2006- 2007 Budget Presentation – Ms. Donna M. Les, Business Manager, And Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Superintendent  
 Dr. Pullo and Ms. Les gave a budget summary presentation on the 2006-07 General Fund Budget. Dr. Pullo highlighted the district strategic plan, educational goals, district growth, staff caseloads, building projects and the budget development process. Ms. Les explained the state, local and federal funding sources. She further spoke about the expenditure portion of the budget. Dr. Pullo stated that the budget information is also located on our website at [www.pvbears.org](http://www.pvbears.org). He commented that the administration and board will continue to look at the budget for the next 5 weeks until approval is sought on June 22, 2006.

Discussion occurred regarding a budget workshop and it was decided to have a special budget workshop on Thursday June 1, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

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

No report

**Pleasant Valley School Directors:**

- ▶ Mr. Murphy welcomed Dr. Lesisko as the new Technology Service Coordinator. Dr. Lesisko thanked the interviewing committee, Dr. Pullo and the board for his recent hire.
- ▶ Mr. Hoffman thanked Dr. and Mrs. Pullo for attending Alumni dinner at the West End Firehouse on Saturday April 29, 2006.
- ▶ Mr. Murphy announced that the Academic Awards ceremony will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> and the Athletic Award ceremony will be May 24. Receptions begin at 6:30 pm and the ceremonies at 7:00 pm in the new auditorium.
- ▶ Ms. Palmer indicated that the district and board should begin to think of naming the new auditorium.
- ▶ Mr. Drake announced that Kathleen Hoovey was nominated Teacher of the Year. She received \$800 to spend in her classroom and the middle school received \$1000.
- ▶ Mr. Wunder stated that copies of the handbook are in the mail along with a outline of changes. Approval will be sought at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Pleasant Valley Citizens:**

- ▶ Diane Nardone, Ross Township, asked why cyber schools are increasing and is per pupil cost the same as a public school student. Dr. Pullo explained that some parents feel that their children will learn more from a technology driven education, others parents wish not to follow the rules and regulations of the district. Dr. Pullo further explained that the money spent per pupil follows the student to Cyber School. The district only gets reimbursed 17% of the cost.
- ▶ Dan Berrett, Pocono Record, asked if enrollment has leveled off, why we are hiring new teachers. Dr. Pullo stated that even though our enrollment is not increasing, there may be an increase in a certain area or grade level and additional teachers are needed.
- ▶ Roger Kutzler, Chestnuthill Township, expressed his opinion regarding outsourcing the transportation department. He feels that the district should take a closer look at outsourcing and the hidden costs that were not taken in consideration when a study was performed in the past.

**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 9:17 PM.

Carried

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: May 25, 2006 AT 8:00 PM, District Office**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Les  
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik  
Board Recorder