

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
March 17, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President, Nancy Kresge, on Thursday, March 17, 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:

- ▶ February 17, 2005 (after regular meeting) – personnel / mid-year evaluation of superintendent
- ▶ March 14, 2005 (after meeting) Buildings and Grounds Workshop – Support Staff Negotiations/ Superintendents evaluation
- ▶ March 17, 2005 (prior to meeting) - personnel/hiring of support staff, professional staff, and substitute employees; negotiations/support staff
- ▶ March 17, 2005 (after regular meeting) – Support staff negotiations, Superintendents evaluation

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Attendees:</u>	President Nancy Kresge	Russ Gould	H. Charles Hoffman
	Vice-President MiChelle Palmer	Susan Kresge	Linda Micklos
	Treasurer Thomas J. Murphy	John Sabia	James Spinola

Board Absentees: None

Administrative Attendees: Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Tartar, Dr. Holmes, Ms. Caines, Ms. Grammes, Mr. Pierri, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hines, Ms. Marisili, Mr. Drake, Mr. Hamlin, Ms. Szader, Mr. Gunnels, Mr. Wunder, Ms. Derr, Ms. Meckes

Solicitor: Mr. Daniel Corevelyn

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:

- ▶ Lisa Cruz, Brodheadsville, expressed her concerns regarding enrolling her daughter into kindergarten. She recently moved to the area from California where her daughter attended Kindergarten. Dr. Pullo stated that he would meet with the building principal, look at her records and then call Ms. Cruz with the decision.
- ▶ Bill Young, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the Accelerated Math program stating that he would prefer to have the option of putting his daughter into a traditional math class. He spoke about the goal objectives of the program for the year, process of administering the program and discussions that he had with the teacher and Mr. Rushefski, Elementary Math Supervisor. Much discussion took place between Mr. Young, Dr Pullo and the board members. Mr. Young read from a document that Dr. Pullo asked for a copy. Dr. Pullo commented that the school board would make a decision on how the program will expand next year.
- ▶ Patty Young, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the Accelerated Math program stating that the data looks good on paper but she feels that all the objectives are not being met by each student. Ms. Young feels that the parent can not follow the program to help their student. Ms. Young feels that a traditional classroom is more beneficial to the student. Dr. Pullo explained that even in a traditional classroom, all students may still not get all objectives presented to them.
- ▶ June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the Accelerated Math program asking the district to check to see how this year's 7th graders are doing now since they had Accelerated Math in their 5th & 6th grades. She feels that the communication of paperwork is not coming as indicated by the teacher at the start of the program.
- ▶ Karen Verhage, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the Accelerated Math program stating that her student struggles with the objectives and the parent is spending time explaining the objectives to her student so the student can fully understand them. She commented that all tests have multiple choice questions and feels that her student has learned to eliminate some choices and then guess at the correct answer. She feels that she is not learning how to work out the problem on paper first. Dr. Pullo stated that no program will met the needs of all students. Dr. Pullo stated the importance of the survey data that is collected from the parents and stated that the information will be shared with the board. Ms. Verhage gave a letter to Dr. Pullo from another parent who could not be present and whose student is struggling with the program.

- ▶ Tina Smith, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the PSSA scores in the middle school stating that they have dropped. Her concerns were that in 4, 5th and 6th grade, students use the Accelerated Math program and then when they reach 7th & 8th grade they are expected to show their work and that is when they are struggling. Dr. Pullo comment that problem solving is in all our buildings. Students use problem solving techniques to solve their work and then have to explain it to the class. Ms. Smith commented that she would prefer to have her student in a regular classroom for math. Dr. Pullo stated that the PSSA scores were at this level before Accelerated Math program was piloted.
- ▶ Tina Smith, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her concerns regard bus #27 being over crowded and having mechanical problems. She stated that the bus breaks down often and in dangerous sections of Burger Hollow Rd and Jonas Rd. She questioned whether there are new buses in the budget for next school year. She would like the district to consider that route having a new bus. She mentioned that a petition was submitted to Mr. Storm and wondered if it had been given to the proper administrators. Mr. Pierri indicated that the bus is safe or it would not be put out on the road. He stated that buses break down everyday and that is a fact of transportation. He stated that legally 72 passengers are allowed on each bus. He indicated that our buses have approx. 55-60 students on them. Mr. Spinola asked if Mr. Pierri could provide a list of buses that brake down including their routes.

GOOD NEWS: Mr. Wunder

Mr. Wunder introduced Danielle Argot, Math Coach who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Compass Learning program. PV Elementary instituted a new after-school program, Math Challenge Camp which is a math enhancement program that uses Compass Learning to target math weakness in students. The students are identified by their third grade teachers using results from a pretest. Currently, 30 third grade students participate in the camp with enthusiasm.

OTHER:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Linda Zeliznik

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, February 17, 2005.

Roll Call: 8-0-1 Carried

Abstaining from vote: J. Spinola

Mr. Spinola abstained from voting because he was absent from the February 17th meeting. Abstention Memorandum is attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Tom Murphy

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the budget transfers on page 12; accounts payable on pages 13-24; trial balance sheet/financial statements on pages 25-30; as per the attached copies:

- ▶ Mr. Spinola questioned item # 851 on page 14 which was for trash removal; item #912 on page 15 which was for tractor purchase.

Roll Call: 9 -0 Carried

The remainder of the treasurer's report was informational including the asset cost summary on page 31 and revenues/expenditures on pages 32-35.

- ▶ Mr. Spinola questioned page 32 item #6820 current revenue. Ms. Les replied that it is our IDEA money and #6830 is the line item where the money was budgeted. Page 32 item # 7220 which states the district is 238% over budget. Ms. Les replied she would check on that item which is the technology courses being offered in the High School for 13 students and the figure should be \$6,900. Page 34 item #1450 Ms, Les replied that this account is the block grant that was received for PA accountability and the expense is showing teachers salaries. At the time of budget, we did not have the actual teacher names nor the amount and the money is in #1100 account. A budget transfer would be done. Page 34 item #2270, Ms. Les replied that there are some remediation programs being charged to that account that should be under #1450 and that also needs a budget transfer. Updates will be done at the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Jason Fisher

No report

SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

COLONIAL IU 20: Ms. Nancy Kresge

President Kresge announced that there will be an increase in Pleasant Valley's share of \$747.15. John Sabia motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve of the 2005-06 General Operating Budget.

- ▶ Mr. Spinola commented about the two new positions listed stating that one position is necessary and one position is essential. He asked if President Kresge was familiar with the positions and she stated she was not. Dr. Pullo explained the accountant positions is necessary because this position would pay for itself with the additional funds that this person could obtain from the state. And the Curriculum Specialist position is necessary to help with the NCLB legislation imposed on school districts. Dr. Pullo stated that the IU has the ability to shift money around in their budget to cover these two positions.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE: Ms. Susan Kresge

Ms. Kresge stated that at the Buildings and Grounds workshop on Monday, Ms. Moyer presented the 05/06 Budget proposal.

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the 2005-06 Budget as per the attached copy.

- ▶ Mr. Spinola asked about the new Hospitality program that was offered last year. Ms. Kresge commented that it is in the budget proposal along with another component of the program called Baking.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

PV STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Ayla Asmund

Ms Asmund reported:

- ▶ Fashion Show is scheduled for April 16th 7:00-9:30 pm, in the HS Auditorium
- ▶ SGA is working on making changes to the system which were presented to Mr. Gress
- ▶ Elections are coming up soon
- ▶ Junior class locked in prom site at Fernwood Resort
- ▶ Senior Prom scheduled for May 20th at the Hanover Inn in Hanover, NJ
- ▶ SGA working on the final plans to change the electoral process

President Kresge reported that she attended a Legislative Action council meeting in Hershey Pa on March 6th & 7th dealing with the following:

- ▶ PSBA supports legislation to increase the state contribution for special education services based on actual students served
- ▶ PSBA supports legislation that would release school districts from the impact of the backend referendum requirements of Act 72 of 2004 including efforts to expand the number and scope of exceptions
- ▶ PSBA supports legislation requirements of a periodic review of state mandated programs providing for full and continued funding of such programs and authorizing school entities to discontinue the programs when funding is inadequate
- ▶ President Kresge attended a program called Growing Pains. This was a round table discussion regarding the tremendous growth in our area compared to the remainder of the state.
- ▶ March 8th, Ms. Palmer, Ms. S. Kresge, Ms. Micklos, Mr. Gould and Ms. N. Kresge attended an in-service program on Act 72 Impact on Collective Bargaining.
- ▶ President Kresge announced that there will be two sessions on Act 72 for the public. She strongly urged every taxpayer to come and get educated on the Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

04/05 Calendar Update:

Dr. Pullo stated that we had four closings due to weather to date. He stated that the district applied to the state for a forgiveness day for students on January 7th and it was granted. The last day for students is June 8th and the last day for teachers is June 10th, which is the flex day. Snow make up days are June 6th, June 7th and June 8th. Commencement is scheduled for June 10th.

2005-06 District Calendar

Dr. Pullo asked the principals to consider changing the 05/06 calendar as follows: November 15 and 16th, as full student days, and November 17th as the early dismissal day backed up to November 18th with no school for students. All principals in attendance agreed and the following action occurred:

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the 2005-06 district calendar with November 15th and 16th as full days and November 17th as an early dismissal day; revisions noted per the attached copy.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Discussions

Policy #810.4 / First reading: Operations ~ Transporting Musical Instruments

Dr. Pullo asked the school directors to review the policy and get back to him with any questions.

Dr. Pullo stated that approval would be sought at the April 14th meeting.

Dr. Pullo reported that the Policy manual is now available on our district website: www.pvbears.org

- ▶ Mr. Spinola stated that he was contacted by a resident who questioned if contact information for board members could be placed on the district website. Dr. Pullo stated he had no problem with that request and that he would consult the board on how they wanted the information posted either phone numbers or email address.

Letters to area legislators re: 2005-06 budget presentation

Dr. Pullo announced that the budget package would be advertised to the public on April 28th. The budget presentation would be the first meeting in May. Dr. Pullo stated that he is extending the invitation to legislators and our Governor to attend our Act 72 presentations on April 7th & April 20th. Dr. Pullo referred to the article in the newspaper stating that all information reported was correct. He also urged the community to attend the meetings.

Report on Unity night:

Dr. Pullo commented that Unity Night was an outstanding event, it has grown larger each year with an estimated 1,000 community members in attendance.

Dr. Pullo announced on April 25th, the Fifth Annual Academic Fair will be presented at 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at PVHS. This event allows the district to show off student achievements.

Dr. Pullo announced enrollment is at 7,080 students.

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Anthony Fadule

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approved item #6.4.1.1 - #6.4.4.1 and items #6.4.1 and #6.4.2 on the addendum with the following revisions noted:

Page 41, #6.4.1.2.3C retroactive to 3/15/05; page 42 #6.4.2.3.5 is for four days including 3/4/05; page 43 #6.4.2.3.7 retroactive to 2/16/05; page 43 #6.4.2.3.19 effective date is 3/17/05; page 1 of the addendum, #6.4.1.1.4B retroactive to 3/14/05. With these revisions noted the following is requested for approval:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration March 17, 2005

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel*

6.4.1.1 Support Staff

6.4.1.1.1 The following individuals were approved for the position of full time PPA. Their 2004 – 2005 assignment is the Pleasant Valley High School: (new positions)

- a. Amy Kucheruck – effective date: April 1, 2005
- b. Barbara Rosenthal – effective date: March 14, 2005

6.4.1.1.2 Theresa Gregson was approved for the position of part-time monitor effective March 21, 2005. Her 2004 – 2005 assignment is PVE. (Replacement position for Jill Biery).

6.4.1.1.3 The following individuals are recommended for a change of employment status from part-time to full-time bus driver:

- a. Adolf Adler – effective April 14, 2004
- b. Thomas Sweeney – effective December 21, 2004
- c. Larry Weibley – effective March 1, 2005

6.4.1.1.4 Substitutes

- a. Susan Allgire - HRT
- b. Edward Beck - Bus Driver – retroactive to February 17, 2005
- c. Robyn Bok - Sub Monitor – retroactive to March 8, 2005
- d. Robin DeVivo - Sub PPA – retroactive to February 17, 2005
- e. Anna Hill - Cafeteria Helper
- f. Beth Klausman - Custodian – retroactive to February 24, 2005
- g. Laura Vaillant - PPA

6.4.1.1.5 The following individuals were approved for transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Paulette Chopick – Part-time PPA	PVI	Polk
	Effective March 8, 2005	
Lisette Marks – Full-time PPA	PVI	PVE
	Effective March 7, 2005	

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

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

- 6.4.1.2.1.1 Angela George was approved for the position of special education long-term substitute teacher for Jean Marie Farrell-Hart, effective the 2nd semester of the 2004-2005 school year, at an annual salary of \$32,259, prorated.

6.4.1.2.2 Pleasant Valley Middle School

- 6.4.1.2.2.1 Patricia Morley was approved for the position of special education long-term substitute teacher for Amy Kuklis, effective February 7, 2005, at an annual salary of \$32,259, prorated.

6.4.1.2.3 Substitutes

- a. Julie Harris - Elementary – retroactive to February 25, 2005
- b. Amanda Hay - Elementary
- c. Philip Masiello - Health/Phys. Ed.-retroactive to March 15, 2005
- d. Heather Wynne - Elementary

6.4.1.2.4 Pleasant Valley High/Middle School

The following individual were approved for hire, effective for the 2005-2006 school year:

- 6.4.1.2.4.1 George Smith MS + 12 Step 1
BS, English Salary=\$38,000
Bloomsburg University
MS, English
Wilkes University
ESL Certification
Kings College
(Replacement position for Barbara O’Leary)

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Child Rearing Leave

- 6.4.2.1.1 Heather Fox was approved to rescind the extension of her child rearing leave for the 4th marking period of the 2004 -2005 school year.

6.4.2.2 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.4.2.2.1 Leticia DiPipi, Polk teacher, requests family and medical leave as per Board policy, for sixty (60) days effective on or about May 25, 2005, and child rearing leave through the conclusion of the 2005 – 2006 school year.

- 6.4.2.2.2 Jeff Kashner, high school teacher, requests family and medical leave as per Board policy, for nineteen (19) days effective February 22, 2005 through March 18, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.3 Pat Kotula, middle school teacher, was approved for family and medical leave as per Board policy, for five (5) days effective February 15, 2005 through February 18, 2005 and February 24, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.4 William Shiner, middle school custodian, was approved for family and medical leave as per Board policy, for twenty-one (21) days effective February 15, 2005 through March 15, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.5 Gabriele Weaver, PVI custodian, was approved for family and medical leave as per Board policy, for forty-five (45) days effective February 8, 2005 through April 12, 2005.

6.4.2.3 Leaves Without Pay

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

- 6.4.2.3.1 Beth Archangel, high school cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective March 14, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.2 Marsha Beers, high school teacher, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective April 28-29, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.3 Perma Borger, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for five (5) days, effective March 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.4 Colleen Campbell, PVI monitor, was approved for leave without pay for eight (8) days, effective February 7-8, 2005, February 15, 2005, March 14, 29, 30, 31, 2005 and April 1, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.5 Gina DeVito Curry, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for four (4) days, effective February 22, 23, 2005 and March 3, and 4, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.6 Dale Fernandez, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective February 17 and 25, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.7 Deserie Friend, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective February 16, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.8 Theresa Gregson, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one half (1/2) day, effective February 17, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.9 John Grimaldi, transportation aide, was approved for leave without pay for five (5) days, effective February 14, 2005 through February 18, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.10 Barbara Hill, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective February 24, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.11 Carol Kearns, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective March 4, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.12 Christine Koflanovich, middle school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective February 23, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.13 Lisette Marks, PVI PPA, was approved for leave without pay for three (3) days, effective February 4, 6 and 8, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.14 Lynn Mickley, secretary to the Superintendent, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective March 26, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.15 Taunya Pettis, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for the following days: February 14, 2005 (1/2 day), February 17, 18, 2005, March 3, 2005 (1/2 day), and March 4, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.16 Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective March 16, 2005.

- 6.4.2.3.17 Lynn Sherry, middle school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for four (4) days, effective February 22, 23, 24, 2005 and March 4, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.18 Robert Soehngen, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for three and one-half (3-1/2) days, effective February 16-18, 2005 and February 24, 2005 (1/2 day).
- 6.4.2.3.19 Fran Suswal, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for three (3) days, effective March 17, 18, and 21, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.20 Debbie Wadiak, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective March 7, 2005 and March 10, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.21 Sharon A. Wernet, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective March 4, 2005.
- 6.4.2.3.22 Erica Walters, PVE teacher, was approved for to rescind her request for leave without pay on March 11, 2005.

6.4.2.4 Military Leave

- 6.4.2.4.1 Dana West, middle school teacher, was approved for paid military leave of absence for the following three (3) days: February 25, March 11, and March 22, 2005.

6.4.3 Resignation

- 6.4.3.1 Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation of Jill Biery, PVE monitor, effective March 4, 2005. (Ms. Biery wishes to remain on the substitute roster).

6.4.4 Retirement

- 6.4.4.1 Approval was granted to accept the letter of retirement from Rebecca Achey, bus driver, effective February 28, 2005.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum March 17, 2005

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel*

6.4.1.1 Support Staff

- 6.4.1.1.1 Deana Burger was approved for a change in employment status from part-time to full-time para-professional associate, effective March 21, 2005. Her 2004-2005 school year assignment remains at Eldred Elementary School. (new position)
- 6.4.1.1.2 Nancy Burke was approved for the position of part-time para-professional associate, effective March 21, 2005, at a salary of \$17,899, prorated. Her 2004-2005 school year assignment is Eldred Elementary School. (replacement position for Deana Burger)
- 6.4.1.1.3 Thomas Campanaro was approved for the position of head of warehousing, effective March 21, 2005. This new position will be remunerated the same as other support staff heads which include cook, custodian and maintenance.

6.4.1.1.4 Substitutes

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| a. | Margurite Dillon | - | Secretary/Monitor |
| b. | Laura Salmon | - | Monitor |
| c. | Marie Tanzillo | - | Secretary |

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.4.2.1.1 Laura Mason-Caiazzo, high school teacher, was approved for family and medical leave as per Board policy, for two (2) days effective March 4 and 7, 2005.

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 Perma Borger, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay effective March 16, 2005 through the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year.

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

6.4.2.2.2 Desiree Friend, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for three (3) days, effective March 2-4, 2005.

6.4.2.2.3 Cathy Giannakis, PVE ppa, was approved for leave without pay for eighteen (18) days, effective March 16 through April 13, 2005.

6.4.2.2.4 Nirupa Shah, transportation monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/2) day, effective March 17, 2005.

6.4.2.2.5 Laura Stachnik, Chestnuthill Elementary School guidance counselor, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective March 16 and 22, 2005.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

MiChelle Palmer motioned; seconded by John Sabia to reconsider item # 6.4.4.2:

6.4.4.2 Dan Haney's request for the Board's reconsideration to change his previously tendered letter of resignation to a letter of retirement.

Roll Call: 4-5 Not Carried

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve Item 6.4.5.1 as follows:

6.4.5.1 Sandy Kaspszyk, Eldred teacher, currently on an unpaid leave of absence for professional development, was approved for tuition reimbursement for nine (9) credits in the amount of \$2,899.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

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

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve the following request:

6.5.1.1 Girls' Soccer *Volunteer* Coach - Ms. Lynda Hicks

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

MiChelle Palmer motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the following facility usage requests:

6.5.9.1	Organization	Bethel Full Gospel Tabernacle
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium
	Purpose	Suicide Awareness Concert
	Dates/Times	May 13 th 2005 7:00-11:00PM
	Requestor	Pastor Carl Scorsone
	Attendance	Estimated 100+
	Tuition/Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.9.2	Organization	Pleasant Valley PTO
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Gymnasiums/Concession Stand/Lobby Area
	Purpose	Fall Craft Show
	Dates/Times	Friday November 11 th 2005 2:30-9:00PM Set-Up Saturday & Sunday November 12 th , 13 th 2005 7:00-6:00PM Show
	Requestor	Mercedes H. Ramos
	Attendance	Estimated 3000
	Tuition/Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 1
6.5.9.3	Organization	Grace Community Fellowship
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Cafeteria
	Purpose	Worship Service
	Dates/Times	Sunday April 10 th 2005 5:00-8:00PM
	Requestor	Matt Guedes

	Attendance	Estimated 120
	Tuition/Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.9.4	Organization	Pocono Pride
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Softball Fields
	Purpose	Softball Tournament
	Dates/Times	Friday-Sunday July 8 th -July 10 th 2005 6:00AM-8:00PM
	Requestor	Dale & Susan Kresge
	Attendance	Estimated 300
	Tuition/Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.9.5	Organization	Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium
	Purpose	Senatorial Debate
	Dates/Times	Monday March 21 st 2005 8:00-9:00PM
	Requestor	Robert Phillips
	Attendance	Estimated 100
	Tuition/Admission	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply
6.5.9.6	Organization	Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium
	Purpose	Concert
	Dates/Times	Wednesday September 28 th 2005 5:00-10:00PM
	Requestor	Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation
	Attendance	Estimated 1000+
	Tuition/Admission	TBA
	Fee by District	Class 1

Roll Call: 8-0-1 Carried

Abstaining from vote on item # 6.5.9.4 - S. Kresge

Ms. Kresge abstained from voting on item #6.5.9.4 because she was the requestor for the facility. Abstention Memorandum is attached.

Mr. Fisher announced the next Buildings and Grounds workshop is scheduled for April 18th at 7:00 pm.

FOOD SERVICES: Ms. Bonnie Grammes

Participation reports were attached.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: Mr. Tony Pierri, Ms. Joyce Smith

No report

ACTING DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Jason Fisher

No report

CUSTODIAL / WAREHOUSE: Mr. Howard Scott

No report

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: Mr. Roger Borger

No report

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

No report

MATHEMATICS: Mr. John Rushefski, Ms. Carole Rissmiller
No report

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Ms. Ellen McMasters, Ms. Cheryl Caines
No report

READING: Ms. Dora Tartar

James Spinola motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the summer school K-6 (Read to Succeed and ESEA Title I) as listed:

Kindergarten – 6th grade Reading and Math – July 5 through July 29th
Daily sessions Grades K-4: students 8:30 am – 12:00 noon, instructors 8:15 am-12:15 pm
Twelve instructors paid \$450 per week and three instructional aides paid \$350 per week.
Daily sessions Grades 5 & 6 student 8:30 am – 11:45 am, instructors 8:15 am – 12:00 noon
Instructors will be paid \$400 per week, aides will be paid \$300 per week.
The program is funded through ESEA Title 1 program.

▶ Ms. Palmer asked the class size. Ms. Tartar responded between 20-22 students.
Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

TECHNOLOGY: Dr. Jeffrey Holmes, Mr. Jason Blubaugh

Dr. Holmes distributed the Acceptable Use Policy that is required by state for the school district to have on file. He asked the board to review it and he would then ask for approval in April. Some discussion occurred with explanation of certain sections of the policy.

Dr. Pullo asked for the following action:

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

PLEASANT VALLEY INTERMEDIATE:

Student ID#204460, retroactive to February 21, 2005

Student ID# 204648, retroactive to February 15, 2005

PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Student ID# 203574, medical retroactive to February 28, 2005

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:

<u>I.D.#</u>	<u>Reason</u>
202216,	Medical, retroactive to January 21
201866,	Medical, retroactive to February 11
201307,	Medical, retroactive to February 16
201164,	Medical, retroactive to February 22
202101,	Medical, retroactive to February 28
202035,	Medical, retroactive to February 28
202761,	Medical, retroactive to March 3
202065,	Medical, retroactive to March 4

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

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

PLEASANT VALLEY INTERMEDIATE: Mr. James Storm, Ms. Diane Szader

Informational report. Enrollment was attached.

- ▶ Mr. Spinola commented on the class sizes and the number of special education students in some classrooms and the lower class size with no special education students. Dr. Pullo explained that there are a lot of factors involved, ex. Aides in the classroom, the severity of the handicap of the special education students and the teacher handling the class. Mr. Sabia added that each year the teachers switch off on the class load.
- ▶ Mr. Spinola commented that Polk and Eldred class sizes are a good spread, there are an even number of students, and no one teacher is overloaded.
- ▶ Mr. Murphy asked if the gifted students could be listed and in what classrooms they are in.

PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mr. Dan Wunder, Ms. Lila Metz, Ms. Penny Derr

Mr. Wunder's report was informational. Enrollment report was attached.

POLK/ELDRED ELEMENTARY: Ms. Kris Meckes

Ms. Meckes's report was informational. Enrollment report was attached.

CHESTNUTHILL ELEMENTARY: Mr. John Rushefski
Informational report. Enrollment report was attached.

PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Howard Drake, Mr. Barry Hamlin, Ms. Jill Chamberlain
Mr. Drake's report was Informational. He invited everyone to the last concert for Mr. Heller who will be retiring in June. Enrollment report was attached.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. John Gress, Mr. R. Hines, Ms. H. Marsili, Mr. C. Dimmick
Informational report. Enrollment report was attached.

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

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approved item # 6.10.1 – 6.10.6 and item #6.10.7 - 1- 10 on the addendum with the following additions: #6.10.1 accounts payable February total \$152,037.28; bills payable February total \$86,813.50; #6.10.7-6 add: testing services the Polk School project with United Inspection Services at a cost of \$15,689.00; and add #6.10.7-10 playground equipment for the Polk School at a cost of \$16,834. Payment for the playground equipment will be made as a part of the PlanCon process through the bond funds. With these additions request is as follows:

6.10 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT REPORT for March 17, 2005

6.10.1. Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for February 2005. Total amount: \$152,037.28.

Approval was granted for the bills payable for February 2005.
Total amount: \$86,813.50.

6.10.2. Student Activity Accounts – for informational purposes

Beginning Balance, February 1, 2005	\$246,587.79
Receipts	\$59,391.49
Expenditures	\$45,501.96
Ending Balance, February 28, 2005	\$260,477.32

6.10.3. Informational – District investment report for February 2005.

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

2003AA Bond Fund

Quad Three Group	\$28,093.75
PVI Project: architect fee--\$2,559.88	
Polk Project: architect fee--\$18,539.89	
HS Project: architect fee--\$6,993.98	
Total	\$28,093.75

1997 Bond Fund

Cramer's Home Building Centers	\$818.79
Athletic fields: materials for dugouts	
Total	\$818.79

1996 Bond Fund

ATE Energy Corp	\$864.00
HS Security Entrance: application #1	
Total	\$864.00

2004 Bond Fund

United Inspection Services	\$602.00
HS Auditorium Project: inspection services	
Total	\$602.00

6.10.5 Approval was granted for the minutes to note the receipt of approval of PlanCon Part D: Project Accounting Based on Estimates for the Polk Elementary project.

6.10.6 Approval was granted for PlanCon Part H: Project Financing for the High School Auditorium Project.

6.10.7 Supplement.

1. Attachment: Cafeteria report for February 2005

2. The following requisitions and invoices were approved for payment from the bond funds indicated:

2003AA Bond Fund	
ConMas, Inc.	\$85,910.87
PVI Project: application #10	
Lagana Construction Services	2,393.56
PVI Project: application #10	
Wind Gap Electric	45,247.55
PVI Project: application #9	
Total	\$133,551.98

2004 Bond Fund	
Lobar, Inc.	\$402,392.73
PVHS Project: application #8	
JBM Plumbing, Inc.	19,620.00
PVHS Project: application #8, HVAC	
JBM Plumbing, Inc.	6,137.29
PVHS Project: application #8, plumbing	
JBM Plumbing, Inc.	6,416.58
PVHS Project: application #9, plumbing	
Lombardo & Lipe Electrical Contractors	51,660.00
PVHS Project: application #7	
United Inspection Services	2,449.50
PVHS Project: testing services	
Total	\$488,676.10

1997 Bond Fund	
D.A.C. Electric, Inc.	\$405.00
Athletic fields: electrician	
Total	\$405.00

3. Approval was granted for the minutes to note the approval of PlanCon Part E: Design Development, for the Polk School addition.

4. Approval was granted for the minutes to note the approval of PlanCon Part F: Construction Documents, for the Polk School addition.

5. Approval was granted to advertise for bids for a Marquee for Pleasant Valley High School.

6. Approval was granted to contract for testing services the Polk School project with United Inspection Services at a cost of \$15,689.00.

7. Approval was granted to authorize Arthurs Lestrage to proceed with the re-financing of the 1995 Bond Issue with the savings to be taken during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. A copy of the resolution is attached.

8. The following bid awards were approved for approval through the Monroe-Northampton-Pike Joint Purchasing Consortium with payment from the 2005-2006 general operating budget.

Savin	\$52,371.64
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Central Lewmar	457.25
Ris Paper	1,017.06
Penn Valley Chemical	10,281.00
Sanitary Supply	25,139.30
Total	\$89,266.25

A complete listing of the items by company is attached.

9. Approval was granted to advertise for sealed bids for the following items for the 2005-2006 school year:

- General Supplies
- Janitorial Supplies
- Audio Visual Supplies and Equipment
- Classroom and Office Furniture
- Musical Instruments
- Science Equipment
- Coal
- Gasoline
- Fuel Oil

10. Approval was granted to purchase playground equipment for the Polk School at a cost of \$16,834. Payment will be made as a part of the PlanCon process through the bond funds.

- ▶ President Kresge asked to repeat the inspection services total on item #6.10.7-4
- ▶ James Spinola asked if there were more than one quote on the item 6.10.7-6. Ms. Les replied that three were received and this one was low.
- ▶ James Spinola asked if the playground equipment was the same circumstances. Ms. Les replied the playground equipment was off the state contract and no bidding process was necessary.
- ▶ Mr. Spinola asked if the bond fund direction was for 06/07. Ms. Les replied that is correct.
- ▶ Tom Murphy commented about the resolution stating that he does not have enough fact and does not have a good feeling about it. He questions whether it was worth waiting for the money or receiving it now. He stated that he prefers to get the money now. He asked if Mr. Bear could work out some of the figures with positives and negatives of taking the money now or waiting until 06/07.
- ▶ Susan Kresge agreed with Mr. Murphy stating that she feels she does not have enough information to decide whether to take the money this year or hold off.
- ▶ Lengthy discussion took place concerning waiting for 06/07 to receive the money or taking the money now and designating where it would be applied. Ms. Les indicated that she was not present for the Buildings and Grounds workshop on Monday, March 14th. She indicated that Mr. Bear needs direction ASAP; he is planning on returning on April 14th with all the schedules prepared. The board asked if he could come back for a brief meeting offering more information regarding taking the savings now or holding off until 06/07. Several board members indicated that they were under the impression that the savings would be right away this year 04/05. Mr. Corevelyn explained that Mr. Bear needs time to put the deal together. He explained the impact of the savings this year or waiting until 06/07.
- ▶ Mr. Hoffman asked Ms. Les for her opinion which is the best time for the district to take the money, now or later. Ms. Les replied 06/07, however there are benefits to do it in 04/05 if we take the dollars and designate them. Mr. Hoffman asked which year would benefit the taxpayers. She replied that is depended on where you designate the money.

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried
Voting no: T. Murphy

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

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

- ▶ Susan Kresge commented on an article in the newspaper stating that our Head Wrestling coach had resigned. She commented that Mr. McIntyre resigned for personal reasons. He has children in sports and is missing out on events in which his children participate.
- ▶ Susan Kresge commented on Act 72 and the article in the newspaper by Governor Rendell. She urged the community to attend the presentations on Act 72.

- ▶ John Sabia agreed with Susan Kresge stating that he wishes the Governor would come to our presentation after making a statement that we are going to get \$800 especially due to the fact that there are so many things hidden in the Act we are never going to get that kind of money.
- ▶ Linda Micklos referred to President Kresge statement that several board members attended many in services to learn about Act 72. She expressed her opinions stating that many times she came from these meetings not understanding totally what was presented. She urges the public to learn all they can so the public can help the board make the best choice.
- ▶ James Spinola stated that the article in the newspaper presented the best case solution and feels that the hidden costs involved will be revealed. He feels the dollars presented are not as inviting as they sound when you factor in the earned income tax increases offset.
- ▶ Dr. Pullo further stated that not knowing what the certification of the gambling funds will be, the board has to make a decision by May 30th.
- ▶ James Spinola asked if the meeting minutes could be posted on the website along with the board contact information. Dr. Pullo stated that he not did see that being a problem; after board approval, the approved minutes would be posted.
- ▶ President Kresge reminded the board that they would be returning to executive session to discuss superintendent's evaluation.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Nancy Kresge motioned, seconded unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:59PM.

Carried

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 14, 2005 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board approved 4-14-05

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder