

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
May 12, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President, Nancy Kresge, on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at 8:11 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:

- ▶ May 12, 2005 – personnel / new staff - support and professional, legal / negotiations with support staff, Act 72 resolution

ROLL CALL

Board Attendees:	President Nancy Kresge Vice-President MiChelle Palmer (Ms. Palmer left at 9:50pm) Treasurer Thomas J. Murphy	Russ Gould, H. Charles Hoffman, Susan Kresge, Linda Micklos, John Sabia, James Spinola
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Board Absentees:

Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Mr. Wunder, Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Storm arrived at 9:15 pm
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Solicitor:	Mr. Gerard Geiger
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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:

Patti Young, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Accelerated Math Program. Ms. Young distributed copies of Practice TOPS reports dated April 7, 2005 and practice activity sheets dated April 5, 2005. Ms. Young stated that she telephoned Renaissance Learning inquiring if the program should be used as the primary instructional tool. She stated that Renaissance Learning indicated that the program should be used as a supplemental tool. Ms. Young continued with statements indicating that the program is confusing to her student.

Ms. Young wishes to opt out of Accelerated Math next year, but wishes to leave her daughter on the same team and in enrichment classes.

Ms. Rissmiller stated that our district standard objectives are very different than the objectives listed in the Accelerated Math program. The district used objectives that are in line with the state standards. She explained that the Library has been organized in alignment with our curriculum. Ms. Rissmiller indicated that the school board met with the Accelerated teachers this evening and were given a sample of the instruction that takes place in the classroom.

Dr. Pullo commented that the board is very active in learning about the Accelerated Math program. He indicated that it is important for any teacher to use differentiated instruction no matter what your tool is. If you are good teacher, you need to differentiate instruction because students are at different levels in each classroom. Dr. Pullo stated that we surveyed parents and most support the program. The students were also surveyed and they too are Ok with the program. We know that it does not work for everybody. The board is struggling with whether to continue with the program next year.

Dr. Pullo stated that if your child is gifted and you have the child not participating in the program, the district responsibility is to match the students IEP. And the same pertains to if we do continue with the program and your child is in a classroom with Accelerated Math, the district will meet the child's IEP.

Mr. Spinola questioned if it is a problem if the student's notebook indicates that they reviewed 83 objectives but the student has gone beyond that number. Mr. Rushefski indicated that the student moves at a pace of their own ability.

President Nancy Kresge asked Mr. Rushefski to setup a meeting with the parent and the teacher. Charlene Heckelman, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding the Accelerated Math program. Ms. Heckelman stated that her child is in the same class as Ms. Young's child. Ms. Heckelman stated that she sat in on accelerated math classes, two 6th grade classes, one being gifted and one remedial; she sat in on one 5th grade gifted class and one 4th grade class. By doing this, she indicated that she had a totally different perspective of the program. She stated that the class is setup for 20-30 minutes traditional math on the blackboard. Teacher reviews homework and then onto a new lesson. Then the student works on their own by computer generated activities. Students work at their own levels. She feels that the objectives are consistently being re-enforced by the practice activities. Ms. Heckelman encourages Ms. Young to sit in one Accelerated Math classes.

Sam Vallese, Chestnuthill Township, asked which way the board was leaning on Act 72. Mr. Vallese expressed that he wishes the district to opt into Act 72 and if it doesn't work out, then opt out in four years. Dr. Pullo stated that the board has attended many sessions on Act 72 and some board members are leaning to opt in and others not to. The biggest fear for all is that the information that has been given may not happen.

Ms. Les stated she is doing a presentation later in the meeting regarding Act 72.

OTHER:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Linda Zeliznik

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2005.

- Susan Kresge questioned page 6 under item 6.5.1.2, the board approved this item "not to exceed \$10,000" and it was not stated. Ms. Les indicated that it was stated on page 7 which it is listed in the order of which the discussion took place.
- Susan Kresge stated that her comment on page 11 should state that she was asking if there was a policy at PVI that all students had to travel in pairs anywhere in the building. The minutes will reflect this change.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Tom Murphy

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the budget transfers on page 1; accounts payable on pages 2-5; trial balance/financial statement on pages 6-11 ; as per the attached copies:

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

The remainder of the treasurer's report was informational including the asset cost summary on page 12 and revenues/expenditures on pages 13-16.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Jason Fisher

No report

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 it was a regular meeting. The facility study that is currently being conducted should be completed and report issued by November;

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Mr. James Spinola

Mr. Spinola reported that he did not attend the meeting but more discussion of Act 72 pros and cons took place.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/REQUESTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

Policy Changes - #806 ~ *Child/Student Abuse* (first reading, pages 17-18)

Policy Changes - #807 ~ *Opening Exercises / Flag Displays* (first reading, pages 19-20)

Dr. Pullo reviewed the changes on the copies that were distributed to the board members.

Dr. Pullo stated that he is working on several policy changes and at least two per month will be distributed.

Act 72 / Update ~ Discussion

Ms. Les presented a PowerPoint presentation, along with handouts, concerning the Act 72 Exceptions.

There are eight exceptions that would require PDE approval. Ms. Les explained the impact of each exception if Pleasant Valley would qualify.

After presentation and some discussion, Ms. Les stated that if anyone has any questions she is willing to do the research to answer them.

Dr. Pullo advised the school board members to review the information and handouts that Ms. Les presented.

Mr. Murphy asked if the Seniors Rebate would be cut stating that Representative Tighe indicated that it would not be cut. Ms. Les explained that there is a state program and a district program. The district program is at our discretions. Ms. Les indicated that if we are put in the position of cutting dollars out of budgets, the district will have to look at non-mandatory programs

Susan Kresge commented that this decision to opt in or out of Act 72 is the most difficult that she has been faced with. She stated that she has review all the information she could on Act 72, asked questions and made sure they were answered. She felt that time spent on Act 72 took the board away from other important issues. Ms. Kresge stated that with all the uncertainties surrounding Act 72, she presently is not in favor of opting into Act 72.

Nancy Kresge commented that she has attended many session on Act 72 and is confused over the fact that the state government wants to marry gambling and education. She clearly stated that under those conditions, she will not vote for Act 72.

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Anthony Fadule

James Spinola motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve items # 6.4.1-6.4.3 on the personnel supplement and 6.4.1-6.4.3 and 6.4.4.2 on the addendum with the following revisions noted: page 21 #6.4.1.1.1.G retroactive hire to May 9,2005 and page 1 of addendum, item 6.4.1.2.2c is being tabled : Report as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration May 12, 2005

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel*

6.4.1.1 Support Staff

6.4.1.1.1 Substitutes

- a. Angelic Bender -Transportation Monitor/Secretary (retroactive to 5/3/05)
- b. Patti Brandt - Secretary/Monitor
- c. Deanna DeFluri - Monitor
- d. Susan Gentile - PPA/Monitor
- e. Tara Sofranek - PPA/Monitor
- f. Richard Tadrzynski - Bus Driver (retroactive to 04/28/05)
- g. Scott Van Auken - Bus Driver/Monitor (retroactive to 5/9/05)

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Substitutes

- a. Ilene Austin - English
- b. Desiree Borger - Elementary
- c. Christina Lenway - Elementary/Reading
- d. Christine Russell - Elementary
- e. Kathryn White - Elementary

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

Jaime Lynn Bollinger MS, Step 1
BS, Health Science Salary=\$35,400
MS, Speech/Language Pathology
College Misericordia
(replacement position for Kelly Hixon)

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

- 6.4.2.1.1 Robin Feerrar, middle school teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy for twenty-eight (28) days, effective May 2 through June 9, 2005.

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

- 6.4.2.1.2 Joyce Gower, secretary to the business manager, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy for the following thirteen (13) days: March 29, 30, and April 1 through 15, 2005.

- 6.4.2.1.3 Carol Miller, PVI teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave, for twelve (12) days, effective May 24 through June 9, 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 John Bowen, security officer's leave without pay previously approved on April 14, 2005, should have been the following eleven (11) days: February 8 through February 11, February 14 through February 18, and February 21 and 22, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.2 Tracy Brotzman, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay three (3) days, effective April 18 through April 20, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.3 Sandra Soto-Cadiz, Polk cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective April 29, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.4 Susan Carfi, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for twenty-four (24) days, effective May 5 through June 8, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.5 James Conklin, high school custodian, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective April 25 and 26, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.6 Connie Costenbader, high school head cook, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective April 27, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.7 Lisa Eberhart, PVI monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective April 21, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.8 John Grimaldi, transportation monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective April 26, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.9 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective May 3, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.10 Lisette Marks, PVE PPA, was approved for leave without pay for the following four (4) days: May 6, and June 6 through 8, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.11 Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective May 5, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.12 Nirupa Shah, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective April 20 and 21, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.13 Tammy VanHouwe, PVI monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/2) day, effective April 13, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.14 Donna Weiss, PVI PPA, was approved for leave without pay for one and one-half (1-1/2) days, effective April 25 for one (1) day, and one-half day (1/2) day on April 26, 2005.
- 6.4.2.2.15 Sharan Wernet, high school cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective April 27, 2005.

6.4.3 Resignation

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

- Regina Stripe, middle school German teacher, effective August 24, 2005.

6.4.4 Other

Revision of policy # 210: Pupils - Use of medication (First reading)

Addendum

6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum

May 12, 2005

- 6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel*
 - 6.4.1.1 Support Staff
 - 6.4.1.1.1 Elizabeth Budgett was approved for a change of employment status from substitute transportation monitor to part-time transportation monitor, effective May 4, 2005.
 - 6.4.1.2 Professional Staff
 - 6.4.1.2.1 Summer Music Program
 - a. John DeVivo - Music Director
 - b. Steve Bitto - Assistant Music Director
 - 6.4.1.2.2 The following are recommended for the Audio Visual Technical Coordinator position for the 2005-06 school year:
 - a. PV High School - Craig Morris
 - b. PV Middle School - Cliff McFarland/
Rocco Seiler
 - c. TABLED
 - d. PVE - Barry Crown
 - e. Polk/Eldred - Steve Bitto
 - f. Chestnuthill - Roger Pomposello
- 6.4.2 Leaves of Absence
 - 6.4.2.1 Family & Medical Leave
 - Priscilla Kuster, PVE teacher, was approved for an extension of her family & medical leave for twenty-nine (29) days, effective March 29 through May 6, 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 Elsa Henn, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective May 11, 2005.
 - 6.4.2.2.2 Debra Jensen, middle school PPA, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective June 9, 2005.
 - 6.4.2.2.3 Maureen Modzelewski, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/) day, effective May 6, 2005.
 - 6.4.2.2.4 Taunya Pettis, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/2) day, effective May 9, 2005.
 - 6.4.2.2.5 Carmen Quaranta, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective May 2, 2005.
 - 6.4.2.2.6 Beverly Reilly, transportation monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one-half (1/2) day, effective May 2, 2005.
 - 6.4.2.2.7 Rose Marie Smale, PVI custodian, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective May 13 and 23, 2005.
- 6.4.3 Resignation
 - Approval was granted to accept the letter of resignation from the following employees:
 - a. Robert Doughton, PVI health & physical education teacher, effective August 1, 2005.
 - b. Desire Friend, high school monitor, effective May 5, 2005. (Ms. Friend wishes to remain on the substitute monitor list)
- 6.4.4 Other
 - 6.4.4.1 Note: Policy #210, Pupils Use of Medications, item #6.4.4 attached.
 - 6.4.4.2 At the April 14, 2005 meeting of the Board of education, Edward Massimino was hired as a substitute employee retroactive to April 5, 2005. The job classification should reflect the position of substitute custodian.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Mr. Fadule stated the item 6.4.4 revision of Policy #210 is for information.

ASST. TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR PROFESSIONAL /SUPPORT PERSONNEL: Mr. A. Fadule
 Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the following facility usage requests:

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

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| 6.5.2.1 | Organization | YMCA Womens Softball League |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School JV Softball Field |
| | Purpose | Summer Softball League |
| | Dates/Times | Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays May-August 12 th 2005 5:30-8:30PM |
| | Requestor | Lisa Price |
| | Attendance | Estimated 30-50 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |
| 6.5.2.2 | Organization | Pleasant Valley Cubs |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School Stadium/Field |
| | Purpose | Homecoming Game |
| | Dates/Times | Saturday October 1 st 2005 6:00AM-7:30PM |
| | Requestor | Kitty Dattalo |
| | Attendance | Estimated 300 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |
| 6.5.2.3 | Organization | Babe Ruth Baseball League |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School/Middle School Baseball Fields |
| | Purpose | Practice and Games |
| | Dates/Times | May-July 2005 5:45-9:00PM |
| | Requestor | Bob Trivett/June O'Neill and Jacki Douglas |
| | Attendance | Estimated 50 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |
| 6.5.2.4 | Organization | Stroudsburg United Soccer Club |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Middle School Athletic Fields |
| | Purpose | Soccer Games |
| | Dates/Times | May 28 th and May 29 th 2005 8:00AM-8:00PM |
| | Requestor | Matt Mugauero |
| | Attendance | Estimated 60 Per Game |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Custodial & Security Fees Apply |

- James Spinola questioned events that are running late at night and if it effects safty. Mr. Fisher replied that with the change in daylight, it does not effect any safty issues.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

District Events Calendar was attached for information only.

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

MATHEMATICS: Mr. John Rushefski Ms. Carole Rissmiller

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the request for the Accelerated Math Program expansion as listed:

Accelerated Math Program Expansion:

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| 1) | Pleasant Valley Elementary | 7 out of 14 fourth grade homerooms |
| 2) | Eldred Elementary School | 2 out of 3 fourth grade homerooms |
| 3) | Pleasant Valley Intermediate | 17 out of 19 fifth grade homerooms |
| 4) | Pleasant Valley Intermediate | 15 out of 19 sixth grade homerooms |

- James Spinola questioned the grade expansion numbers.
- James Spinola commented that he still has concerns regarding the parents survey concerns and wants to keep additional classes open without the Accelerated Math program.

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried

Voting no: J. Spinola

Ms. Rissmiller stated that a concern from sixth grade parents is having the program accessible to the students in seventh grade. Ms. Rissmiller asked the board to think about the following consideration: Consideration for Accelerated Math Program expansion as listed:

Accelerated Math Program Expansion:

- Pleasant Valley Intermediate School – accessible to seventh grade math teachers

Questions by board:

- Mr. Spinola asked the number of classes. Ms. Rissmiller replied we are not asking for expansion just for a teacher to have access to the program for students who may require it.

- Tom Murphy stated that 7th grade is moving to PVI, why can't they take the student out of the class and go to the Accelerated Math classroom. Ms. Rissmiller replied it has not been approved for that grade level.
- Susan Kresge asked about training of the teachers. Ms. Rissmiller stated that we would offer the same that we offered this year. We would have in-house training.
- There was some concern over additional costs on supplies needed.

ELEMENTARY DIVISIONS: no report

PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: no report

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: no report

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

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve items #6.10.1-#6.10.2 on the supplement and item 6.10.3.1-3 on the addendum with the following addition to supplement noted: Requesting approval of application #2 for S.G. Mastriani for Polk Project \$99,000 payable from the 1997 Bond Fund:

6.10 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT REPORT for May 12, 2005

6.10.1 Approval was granted to utilize "On-Line Banking" with First National Bank of Palmerton for account inquiry, transfers between accounts and stop payments. The monthly cost will be \$10.00.

6.10.2 The following bid awards were approved for payment as noted.

Science Equipment (High School) [from the 2005-2006 general operating budget]

Sargent Welch	\$579.61	
1 temperature pressure of gas apparatus,		
1 electrostatic generator, 3 electronic balances		
Cynmar Corp.		584.89
1 digital dc power supply, 2 dc power supply,		
1 lab drying oven		
Vernier		119.00
1 Logger Pro 3 ULP, 1 motion detector		
Para Scientific		1,870.00
10 monocular microscopes		
	Total	\$3,153.50

Musical Instruments [from the 2005-2006 general operating budget]

Brook Mays		\$250.00
1 upright piano transporter (high school)		
National Educational Music		4,238.00
1 tuba with case (high school)		
1 French horn (middle school)		
Woodwind & Brasswind	290.00	
1 drum stand (middle school)		
	Total	\$4,778.00

Classroom/Office Furniture (specifics by school by company attached) [from the 2005-2006 general operating budget]

ATD American		\$2,771.44
Forms Plus, Inc.		220.00
Office Service Co.		4,364.72
School Specialty		1,045.25
Stone Office Equipment	446.15	
Virco, Inc.		7,412.64
	Total	\$16,260.20

Musical Instruments – Reconfiguration [from the 2005-2006 general operating budget]

Interstate Music		\$35.00
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1 Quik tune tuner (PVI), 1 mounting bracket (PVI) 6 accessory shelves (PVI)	
Robert M. Sides	\$1,170.00
1 mouthpiece (PVE), 1 tuner (PVE), 2 keyboards (PVI), 2 bell kits (PVI), 1 bar chimes (PVI), 1 drum set (PVI), 1 gong stand (PVI), 1 gong mallets (PVI)	
NEMC	1,457.27
18 music stands (PVE), 1 clarinet (PVI), 1 trumpet (PVI), 12 music stands (PVI), 1 cymbal stand (PVI), 1 Gong (PVI)	
The Woodwind & Brasswind	190.00
1 keyboard amplifier (PVI)	
Washington Music Sales Center 138.90	
2 cables (PVI), 1 percussion kit (PVI)	
Total General Fund	\$2,991.17
 Musical Instruments – Reconfiguration [from the 1996 bond fund]	
Robert M. Sides	\$1,900.00
5 trombones (PVE)	
Brook Mays Music	1,063.00
1 king baritone (PVI)	
NEMC	3,934.00
5 trombones (PVI), 5 tenor trombones (PVI), 1 xylophone (MS)	
Washington Music Sales Center 7,639.00	
1 alto saxophone (PVI), 1 French horn (PVI), 1 bassoon (MS), 1 marimba (MS), 1 chimes (MS)	
Total from 1996 Bond Fund	\$14,536.00

6.10.3 Supplement

1. The following bids awards were approved for payment from the funds indicated.

Classroom Furniture – Reconfiguration

Keystone Concepts	\$5,989.40
Modern School Supplies	5,145.00
Office Service Co.	6,180.99
Roberts & Meck	33,407.50
School Specialty	61,962.46
Shanahan’s Stationery	91.68
Virco	31,867.62
Total	\$144,644.65

[Payment breakdown: 1996 Bond Fund -- \$40,865.78 (Chestnuthill, Middle School and PVE); 2003AA Bond Fund -- \$16,219.18 (Polk Project); 2003AA Bond Fund -- \$85,253.14 (PVI Project); 2005-2006 General Fund -- \$2,306.55 (Middle School)]

A copy of the bid awards by company by school is attached.

2. Based upon receipt of the information requested by the Board, the following general fund invoice was approved for payment:

Check #00167496 DAC Electric	\$1,035.00
Account 10-2700-431-000-00-TR0-OTR-000-0000	
Building Repairs	
Invoice #2487 Purchase Order #160628	

3. Requesting approval of application #2 for S.G. Mastriani for Polk Project \$99,000 payable from the 1997 Bond Fund

- Susan Kresge questioned the approval for furniture due to reconfiguration. She asked if anything was cut from the numbers. Ms. Les replied PVI eliminated some televisions, MS increased student desks and chairs, nothing major.

- Tom Murphy questioned item #6.10.3.2 on the supplement. He reviewed the bill and feels that we should not pay the bill based on the information given on the bill. Discussion took place regarding this bill. He urged the other board members not to pay the bill.
- James Spinola asked if the furniture is being moved from school to school. Dr. Pullo stated that administration has already pulled furniture from each school and this is what is needed to furnish the classrooms.
- James Spinola questioned page 31, item #6.10.1, asking if this is the same online banking issue that was discussed at a previous meeting. Ms. Les explained that it has been modified. Ms. Les stated that she has a letter from the auditors; their concerns were security of the website and password security. A recommendation was provided by the auditors which reflect the modifications. Discussion continued with concerns over transferring between accounts.
- H. Charles Hoffman asked counsel about not paying bill in item #6.10.3.2 Mr. Geiger indicated that he is not familiar with the bill and he would need to review it and then inform the board of their options.
- Discussion continued regarding item#6.10.1. Mr. Hoffman stated that the people we have do this are dedicated to their job and the process does not concern him. Ms. Les added that the people that work in her department are above reproach; take pride in their work, their work is orderly at all times.
- John Sabia stated that the reason the bill is so high in item #6.10.3.2 is because there were problems with the generator that the district bought and was wired wrong. The electrician had no idea what was wrong, and had to research the problem before he was able to fix it. Susan Kresge stated that we should pay the bill and not use him again.
- Russ Gould stated that we did not vote to pay it last month, now here it is this month, the electrician did the work, pay it and don't use him again.

Roll Call: 5-3 Carried

Voting no to item # 6.10.3.2 only - S. Kresge, H. Charles Hoffman, T. Murphy

- Russ Gould, Linda Micklos and Nancy Kresge commented that they have concerns regarding #6.10.3.2. to pay the bill but voiced concerns to not use this person again for work.
- Ms. Palmer left at approx. 9:50 pm and was not present for the vote.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

- Nancy Kresge stated that she is for tax reform, but what the legislation sent to us is not good for the taxpayers.
- John Sabia stated that he is on the fence with Act 72, he wants to help the people that need it but he is swaying no.
- Susan Kresge commented that the vote needs to be made by May 30th and is willing to have a special meeting on May 30th. John Sabia stated he would not have a problem with that. Nancy Kresge stated she would rather vote and get it over with.
- James Spinola commented that even though he made a motion last meeting to vote the decision on Act 72, he has had much input from the public but he is looking at this from a moral and technical standpoint and the funds that they are anticipating does not look like it is worth it.
- James Spinola asked Mr. Geiger for assistance in making a general statement. He asked Mr. Geiger to let him know if he makes statements out of bounds. Mr. Spinola stated that there are a lot of rumors of possible intentions of delaying negotiations but they are false. He stated that we have been moving through this contract for approximately 15 months and the majority of the time was spent on contract language. He stated that the salary increases are well over the cost of living. At this point, Dr. Pullo asked him to be careful with his remarks. He continued by stating that the staff should be very happy with the contract.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS

- June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Township, made comments regarding Act 72 urging the district not to cut the senior rebates and asked the administration to increase the income requirements.
- Frank Gioia, Polk Township, commented that he is against Act 72. Gambling is a saturated market and does not see the revenue potential in that market.

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 10:03 PM.

Carried

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 26 , 2005 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved May 26, 2005

Donna Les
Board Secretary

Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder