

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
January 13, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President, Nancy Kresge, on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 8:10 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.

MEETING PROCEDURES

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

President Nancy Kresge announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- January 13, 2005 -- personnel/hiring of part-time, full-time and substitute employees
- January 13, 2005 -- after regular meeting: personnel matters

ROLL CALL

Board Attendees:	President Nancy Kresge Treasurer Thomas J. Murphy	Russ Gould, H. Charles Hoffman, Susan Kresge, Linda Micklos, John Sabia, James Spinola
Board Absentees:	Vice-President MiChelle Palmer	
Administrative Attendees:	Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Mr. Fadule, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. C. Fisher, Ms. M. Kotzmann, Mr. Gress, Mr. Hines, Ms. McMasters, Ms. Caines	
Solicitor:	Mr. Daniel Corevelyn	

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the Cingular Cell Tower representative who indicated that he had gone to the Polk Township Board of Supervisors regarding that a site for the tower. Ms. O'Neill stated that he had only gone to the zoning board. She also stated that there are two approved tower sites in Polk Township that were approved in the past with no tower being built on the sites. She questioned why Cingular was not using either of these sites. She stated that she is opposed to the tower being built on school property.

OTHER:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ms. Linda Zeliznik

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, December 20, 2004.

Roll Call: 8 -0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Tom Murphy

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Susan Kresge to approve the accounts payable on pages 13-20; trial balance sheet/financial statements on pages 21-26; as per the attached copies:

James Spinola questioned items:

- #00166148, receipt for travel/dinner expense of \$94.
- He questioned teacher reimbursement rate, Ms. Les indicated that the ESU rate is used which is \$1136.50/3 credit course.
- #CW12204, asked how it is paid, Ms. Les replied quarterly, rate is set by the State
- Questioned paying for travel for the wrestlers attending a tournament
- Questioned payment to Charter Schools; Ms. Les replied that she is allowed to verify enrollment application for the student that is listed on the bill to verify number of days listed and that is all the district is permitted to monitor (discussion took place)

Nancy Kresge questioned item #166243, page 15 as to what contract service this was; Ms. Les replied was transportation services to a private school in Bath.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

The remainder of the treasurer's report was informational including the asset cost summary on page 27 and revenues/expenditures on pages 28-31.

- Tom Murphy questioned the revenue on the Real Estate Taxes collected and what was budgeted.
- Tom Murphy questioned page 30, item 1450. Ms. Les replied they would pull the invoices.
- James Spinola asked about the CD on page 27. Ms. Les replied the investment report will be distributed next meeting.
- Susan Kresge asked for further explanation on the Real Estate Taxes budgeted.
- Tom Murphy commented that June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Tax Collector, did a very good job on tax collection.

OLD BUSINESS:

SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

OTHER

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Career & Technical Institute: Ms. Susan Kresge

Linda Micklos and H. Charles Hoffman were present at the regular meeting and reported that routine business occurred with some discussion on expanding the curriculum.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

Discussion:

Cingular Tower Update

Dr. Pullo stated that at the last meeting the board asked to clarify some issues regarding the cell tower:

1. Cingular agreed to \$1200/mo with annual 2% increases
2. Cingular agreed to a 12 foot fence around the tower
3. Cingular agreed to allow the district to install antennas to improve communication at PVSD and will allow our solicitor to draft language to insert into the lease – Dr. Pullo referred to a letter from Gary Hoffman, Monroe County Control Center, asking the district to include in the language, for wireless carrier to allow public safety communication at no rental charge to the district
4. Cingular agreed for a liability policy with Cingular or any other carried that is leased, to have PVSD as co-insured for \$5M

Some discussion took place, Mr. Spinola asked about the control center fee that we pay to the county and the fact that they are asking the district for free service on the Cingular Tower. Mr. Spinola asked if in the agreement there is a statement that they would request a variance on setback requirements indicating that the district does not want the tower within 60 feet of the road. Dr. Pullo indicated that there is not and made note of the request. Mr. Murphy asked about the monthly fee of \$1200 and he commented that others are getting more monthly fee from carriers. Mr. Murphy asked if the district puts anything on the tower, can Cingular displace it. Dr. Pullo made a note on that request that Cingular cannot displace our antenna with the understanding that we can not interrupt their signals.

- Mr. Spinola commented about potential studies and long term effects.
- Mr. Murphy commented that he is not in favor of the cell tower on school property.
- Mr. Sabia commented that if the district does not take advantage of the benefits, someone else in the immediate area will.
- A citizen from the audience asked about the proximity of the tower. Dr. Pullo stated the site in question is on the corner of Burger Hollow and Polk Township Road, approx. 1300-1400 feet from the school.

John Sabia motioned, seconded by Susan Kresge, to approve the Cingular Tower construction at a monthly rental fee of \$1,200 with a 2% annual increase. The agreement is to contain the following items: a 12-foot fence must be constructed around the tower facility; the school district, county and township have the ability to add their own communication equipment to the tower at no cost; the Cingular liability policy shall be for a minimum of \$5,000,000 with Pleasant Valley named as an additional insured; Cingular will agree to not seek any variance on Polk Township's set-back requirements.

Roll Call: 6-2 Carried
Voting No: T. Murphy, J. Spinola

Act 72 Update

Dr. Pullo stated that Act 72 is legislation on how school taxes are funded. District has to make a decision by May 30, 2005 on whether they will take part of this new system. There will be public sessions informing the community about Act 72 and Dr. Pullo urged the community to take part and attend these meeting so the community can understand this issue.

President Nancy Kresge made a statement that the last time Cingular was here, a comment was made in the newspaper that the board members who voted for the tower had no children within the district. She clarified by stating that she has grandchildren in the elementary school and the tower is not a problem of concern for her.

Draft of 2005-06 Calendar

Dr. Pullo referred to the draft of the 05-06 calendar which models the present calendar. Start of school will be before Labor Day and Spring recess will be locked in. He asked the board to review the calendar and next board meeting there will be more discussion.

Update on 04-05 Calendar

Dr. Pullo stated that we have used three snow days, June 6, June 7 and June 8th being the make-up days. Next snow day would add June 9th to the end of the school year. Beyond those dates, Martin Luther King and then Presidents day would be used. Dr. Pullo stated that Friday, January 7th which was the third day the school was closed due to the storm and power outages, the roads were impassable and he will be filing for a state forgiveness day.

Policy #216.2 ~ Special Education Student Records

Dr. Pullo stated that the policy is modeled from PSBA, changes were recommended by Ellen McMasters, Special Education Supervisor, Ms. Caines, Asst. Special Education Supervisor and our solicitor.

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve Policy 216.2 Special Education Student Records with changes recommended.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

Susan Kresge motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the recommendation for Expulsion for student ID#202748 retroactive to December 20, 2004 until the remainder of the school year.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to waive tuition for two months for student ID#203332 and student ID#204474 due to extenuating circumstances.

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried

Voting no: T. Murphy

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Anthony Fadule

John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffmann to approve items #6.4.1-6.4.4 on the personnel supplement and #6.4.1.2 and 6.4.2.2 on the addendum with the following addition noted: hiring of replacement Biology teacher for second semester (6.4.1.2.5.1). Report as follows:

6.4 Personnel and General Administration

January 13, 2005

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel*

6.4.1.1 Support Staff

6.4.1.1.1

Substitutes

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| a. | Robin Altemose | - | Bus driver (retroactive to January 4, 2005 |
| b. | Lingurina-Maria Ianniccari-Ellenberger | - | Monitor |
| c. | Jeffrey Hilton | - | Custodian (retroactive to January 5, 2005 |
| d. | Raymond Krawczyk | - | Monitor |
| e. | Jerome Russell | - | Custodian |
| f. | Sally Schwartz | - | PPA/Monitor |
| g. | Wayne Shuman | - | Custodian |

6.4.1.1.2

Staffing

Approval was granted to establish and post the position of head of warehousing.

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.1 Pleasant Valley High School Autumn School

The following were approved for high school autumn school:

- a. English-1 credit course-30 hours - Peter Pappalardo
- b. Graduation Project - .5 credit course-15 hours - Jay Brown

6.4.1.2.2 Substitutes

- a. Laura LaBargo - Elementary
- b. Matthew Triolo - Health & Phys. Ed. (retroactive to January 10, 2005)
- c. Lisa Weber - Biology/Earth & Space/General Science

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

6.4.2 Leaves of Absence

6.4.2.1 Family and Medical Leave

6.4.2.1.1 Drew Davis, MS teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for forty-five (45) days, effective January 24, 2005 through the conclusion of the 3rd marking period of the 2004-05 school year.

6.4.2.1.2 Richard Martin, PVI teacher, was approved for an extension of his family & medical leave, for three (3) days, effective January 3, through January 10, 2005.

6.4.2.1.3 Ginny Frost, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for seven (7) days, effective November 23 through December 6, 2004.

6.4.2.1.4 Barbara Holden, PVE teacher, was approved for family & medical leave, as per Board policy, for twenty-two (22) days, effective November 19 through December 23, 2004.

6.4.2.2 Leave 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 Kathy Beidleman, monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective December 15, 2004

6.4.2.2.2 Suzanne Burnett, Polk Elementary school teacher, was approved for leave without pay for one and one-half (1-1/2) days, effective for one-half (1/2) day on February 10 and one (1) day, on February 11, 2005.

6.4.2.2.3 Maria Krauss, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for four (4) days, effective December 15 through December 20, 2005.

6.4.2.2.4 Daniel Lopez, security guard, was approved for leave without pay for five (5) days, effective December 13 through December 17, 2004.

6.4.2.2.5 Laura Olsen, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective December 7 and 8, 2004.

6.4.2.2.6 Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for two (2) days, effective December 7 and 14, 2004.

6.4.2.2.7 Ljutvija (Lisa) Sabovic, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay for the following three (3) days: one (1) day on November 10, one (1) day on November 15 and one-half (1/2) day on December 1 and one-half (1/2) day on December 8, 2004.

6.4.2.2.8 Dolores Warnken, high school monitor, was approved for leave without pay for one (1) day, effective January 6, 2005.

6.4.3 Resignation

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

Gabriel Alicea, security officer, effective January 2, 2005.

6.4.4 Retirement

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

a. David Heller, middle school music teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year.

b. Barbara O'Leary, ESOL teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year.

6.4 Personnel and General Administration/Addendum

January 13, 2005

6.4.1 Hiring of Personnel*

6.4.1.2 Professional Staff

6.4.1.2.3 Richard Shoopack was approved to continue as long-term substitute Spanish teacher for Holly Marsilli, effective the 2nd semester of the 2004-2005 school year.

6.4.1.2.4 Transfers

The following employee transfers are effective for the 2005-2006 school year: (please see attached list)

6.4.1.2.5 Pleasant Valley High School

6.4.1.2.5.1 Mark Rehrig BS, Step 2
BS Biology Salary=\$32,459, prorated
Kutztown University
(replacement biology teacher for Donna Foulk, effective 1-24-05)

6.4.2.2 Leave Without Pay

6.4.2.2.1 Wanda Bonser, bus driver, was approved for leave without pay, for ten (10) days, effective February 16 through March 2, 2005.

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

Roll Call: 7-1 Carried

Voting no it item #6.4.1.2.4 – S. Kresge

ASST. TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR PROFESSIONAL /SUPPORT PERSONNEL: Mr. C. Fisher
Informational report District Events Calendar was attached.

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. John Gress, Mr. R. Hines, Ms. H. Marsili, Mr. C. Dimmick
Mr. Gress previously distributed a draft of the 05-06 Program of Studies. He outlined the changes in the program and some discussion occurred.

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Linda Micklos to approve the request for the 2005-2006 High School Program of Studies.

Roll Call: 8-0 Carried

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

Nancy Kresge motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve items 6.10.1 – 6.10.10 – 1 & 2 as follows:

6.10 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT REPORT for January 13, 2005

6.10.1 Approval was granted for the minutes to note the approval of PlanCon Part A, Project Justification, for the Polk Elementary School project. A copy is attached.

6.10.2 Approval was granted for the minutes to note the approval of PlanCon Part B, Schematic Design, for the Polk Elementary School project. A copy is attached.

6.10.3 The following bid award were approved for payment from the general operating budget (a bid tabulation is attached):

Tractor – general-all purpose with mower
Charles S. Snyder, Inc.

New tractor with trade-in	\$15,739.00	
Loader	\$4,871.00	
Cab	\$1,543.00	
17' deck finish mower	\$9,495.00	
TOTAL		\$31,648.00

6.10.4 It is requested that the minutes note the payment of \$137,280.00 on January 5, 2005 from the capital reserve fund to Harold J. and Gloria J. Kreger in accordance with the land purchase settlement agreement.

6.10.5 Approval was granted for the elected tax collector compensation agreement.
A copy was attached for review.

6.10.6 Approval was granted to advertise for sealed bids for:

Fall Athletic Supplies and Equipment

6.10.7 Approval was granted for the Board to approve the concept of voluntary direct deposit for payroll pending contract approval by the solicitor and school district. The implementation date is tentatively scheduled for April 2005. Fees to the district for this banking service will be a \$15.00 monthly maintenance fee and a \$2.50 notification of change (NOC) fee. The NOC fee will be billed to the employee if the employee provides the district with incorrect account numbers.

6.10.8 Approval was granted to offer the Senior Citizen's Property Tax Rebate program for the 2004 tax year. The program will operate utilizing the income guidelines of the state program with a maximum rebate of \$500.00.

6.10.9 Approval is requested to establish a new account entitled:
Rebecca Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund

6.10.10 Supplement

1. Approval was granted for PlanCon Part F: Construction Documents, for the Polk Elementary School project.

2. The following change orders were approved:

High School Project		
Change Order 001	Lobar, Inc.	\$3,155.48 add
add doors for toilet rooms 128 and 129		

PVI Project		
Change Order 002	Wind Gap Electric	\$3,819.75 add
provide surface wire mold for power and data outlets in Rooms 78 and 274		

Security Entrance PVHS		
Change Order 001	ATE Energy Corp.	\$460.00 add
demolish two abandoned conduits and reroute fire alarm circuit at waiting room; provide pedestal mount to existing exit sign		

Security Entrance PVHS		
Change Order 001	Berger Construction	\$248.00 add
provide thresholds at door openings 100-3, 100-4 and 101-2		

- Susan Kresge questioned item #6.10.8, if Act 72 will affect this. Ms. Les replied the board will have to decide whether they want to offer this to seniors in the future.
- Linda Micklos questioned 6.10.5, and the attachment.
- James Spinola questioned 6.10.3 and how many bids were received.
- Tom Murphy referred to 6.10.3 and 6.10.8 and stated that he will not be voting for it.
- James Spinola commented on item #6.10.10-2 stating that he understands change orders are necessary but this was not on the initial design.

Roll Call: 5-3 Carried

Voting no to item #6.10.3 – T. Murphy, H.C. Hoffmann

Voting no to item #6.10.10 – T. Murphy

Voting no to items #6.10.1 – 6.10.4 and 6.10.10 1 & 2 – J. Spinola

SOLICITOR: Mr. Daniel Corveleyn, Mr. Gerard Geiger

No report

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

- Susan Kresge commented on the personnel item that she voted no. Ms. Kresge stated that the transfers due to reconfiguration do not have to come to the board from the administration for review. She stated that she does appreciate the fact that the administration allows the board to review them. She stated that there was only one item in the transfers that she did not agree with.

- Tom Murphy asked Ms. Les if the board was doing anything concerning a letter from a taxpayer regarding his taxes. Ms. Les replied that it may come up in the future.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS

- Susan Peer, Chestnuthill Township, expressed her opinion regarding the cell tower. She asked what board members did research on the cell tower prior to voting. She commented on the non-thermal and low level radiation percentages that are stated in preliminary research articles. Discussion continued between the school board and Ms. Peer regarding her comments.
- At this time, Tom Murphy gave the board recorder a petition that he collected with community member signatures against placing the cell tower on school district property.
- Pat Walmach, Chestnuthill Township, commented that she was disappointed that the children were not considered more in the decision. She asked the board if the revenue gained will open the door for other types of revenue ventures to be taken by the school district. Dr. Pullo answered by stating that it would be a per item discussion made by the school board. Ms. Walmach commented that half the town did not know about the cell tower. Ms. Walmach asked about the petition that was signed. Mr. Murphy stated that he gave the petition to the recorder to insert in the minutes.
- June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Township, commented on the cell tower on the Ace Hardware property stating that the main issue when that tower was placed there was the distance (footage) from the school. She urged the public to go to Polk Township to not approve the variance.
- June O'Neill, Chestnuthill Township, commented that she was not notified to discuss the agreement of compensation for the tax collectors. Ms. Les stated that the normal process was followed. Discussion occurred regarding the language in the agreement.
- James Spinola commented on the attendance at board meetings. He encourages all taxpayers to come to the public board meetings because important issues are discussed at every meeting. It is our community, our dollars and our children. Dr. Pullo commented that the meeting dates are posted on the web site along with the agenda.
- John Sabia encouraged the community to attend the Buildings and Grounds workshops because more issues are discussed and there is no voting.
- Dr. Pullo stated that the January 17th meeting is cancelled. The meetings are usually scheduled for the third Monday of each month.
- President Nancy Kresge reminded the school board members that they will resume executive session immediately after the regular meeting.

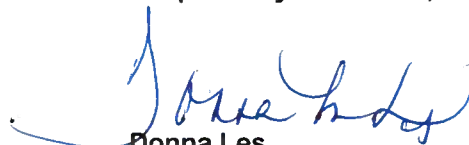
ADJOURNMENT

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 9:21 PM.

Carried

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 27, 2005 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Les
Board Secretary



Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder