

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education was called to order by President, Susan Kresge, on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 8:14 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 Susan Kresge announced Notification of Executive Sessions as follows:

- May 27, 2004 - Personnel – hiring of full-time, part-time, substitute, and replacement personnel; Legal – grievances
- President Kresge announced that the board members would be returning to executive session immediately after this meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Board Absentees:
Administrative Attendees: Dr. Frank A. Pullo, Ms. Rissmiller, Ms. Les, Ms. Kotzmann, Ms. Zeliznik, Mr. Gress,
Ms. Marsili, Mr. Drake, Mr. Hamlin, Ms. Chamberlein, Mr. Storm, Mr. Wunder,
Ms. Metz, Ms. Meckes, Ms. Tartar, Mr. Rushefski, Ms. McMasters, Ms. Caines,
Dr. Holmes, Mr. Blubaugh, Mr. Jason Fisher, Mr. Borger, Mr. Pierri, Ms. Getz

Solicitor: Mr. Dan Corveleyn

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Pleasant Valley Middle School - Mr. Howard Drake, Principal

Mr. Drake announced that the 7th grade Concert Band attended an Adjudication Weekend in Allentown and came home with a gold medal for superior performance and won the best overall band award for junior high.

Mr. Drake introduced Ms. Dekmar, Ms. Composto, Ms. Pitts, Mr. Witmer and Mr. Castellano from the 7th grade "S" team. Their students were involved in a team interdisciplinary project "It's a small world" which allowed each of the curriculum areas to work together. The project instituted an appreciation of the student's family heritage involving research on their country's origin. Five students representing their team presented visual posters incorporated with an explanation of the learning experience that took place over the course of the process.

Monroe County Conservation District: 2003-04 Environthon Award

Mr. Gress introduced Mark Liscinski, advisor to the Environthon team and Craig Todd, District Manager of the Monroe County Conservation District. Mr. Todd reported that the PV "Wood Geese Team" swept the competition winning all 5 stations and receiving the highest scores out of the 12 county teams that participated in the Environthon. The team then went onto the state competition where they placed 11th out of 65 teams. The team was awarded the traditional, Traveling Owl. The team consisted of 5 PVHS students: Rachel Hill, Michael Niemocznski, Jake Scheib, Tom Garr and Amy Nolf.

Mr. Gress introduced senior Kim Garcia who represented the Bear Facts newspaper in Ms. Pokorny-Golden's absence. Ms. Garcia reported that The Bear Facts was the recipient of the Quill and Scroll's International Honorary Society's International First Place Award. The First Place Award is the highest honor awarded by Quill and Scroll. This is the third year in a row that this award was received. The second award is the Silver Medallist Certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is the 6th Silver Medal The Bear Facts has received in the past six years. Ms. Garcia presented these awards to the school board directors and thanked them for supporting her in for the past eight years.

MEETING PROCEDURES

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

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS:

Robert Catina, Effort, expressed his opinion regarding the school board reconsidering re-appointing Mr. Jeff Kashner as Athletic Director for 2004-05 school year.

Mark Allison, High School teacher and coach, expressed his opinion regarding the school board reconsidering re-appointing Mr. Jeff Kashner as Athletic Director.

Mr. Spinola asked Dr. Pullo if it is appropriate to review the procedures for the appointment. Dr. Pullo replied that his instruction from the school board was to advertise the position both inside and outside the district. The deadline for applications is May 28, 2004. As the process continues, the applications will be reviewed and the candidates will be brought in for an interview.

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 May 13, 2004 with the following revision: . Page 5, under coaching positions Mr. Spinola's vote should read no vote for items #1.2.7 through 1.2.12.

Mr. Spinola commented that all questions that he asked were not mentioned in the minutes.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Tom Murphy

Nancy Kresge motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the budget transfers on pages 8-10; accounts payable from on pages 11-22 as per the attached copies.

Mr. Spinola questioned whether the district has a policy on limiting travel expenses. Discussion took place over airfare prices and limiting these amounts. Dr. Pullo indicated that depending on which days of the week a conference takes place and which days a faculty member needs to be present all contributes to the difference in airfare. Mr. Spinola commented that he is going to look into this issue.

President Kresge asked for clarification on the accounts payable pages, which in error included pages from last meeting. The accounts payable should be pages 11-17.

Nancy Kresge amended the motion; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the budget transfers on pages 8-10; accounts payable from on pages 11-17 as per the attached copies.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Abstaining from voting on check #163099-T. Murphy

Mr. Murphy's Abstention Memorandum is attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPERATIONS FACILITY: Mr. Daniel Haney

No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Jason Fisher, Mr. Roger Borger

No report

SOLICITOR: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corveleyn

No report

NEW BUSINESS:

MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE: Ms. Susan Kresge

President Kresge did not attend the regular meeting. Ms. Micklos reported it was routine business.

PVSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Andrew Liscio

Mr. Liscio reported on the following events:

- Second grade tours went very well
- Teacher breakfast occurred early this month
- High School students participated in Be a Buddy, not a Bully skits at Chestnuthill Elementary
- Gong Show went very well
- Prom was amazing, he felt it was the best ever
- Academic Awards Dinner took place on Wednesday, May 26th
- Graduation is scheduled for June 11th
- Thanked the school board for their support to the student body and all that he has learned by participating in the board meetings

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/REQUESTS: Dr. Frank A. Pullo

Dr. Pullo announced enrollment as of May 21, 2004 is at 6,937. He indicated that we are expecting enrollment to be around 7,100 for the 2004-05 school year.

Budget update

Dr. Pullo stated that on April 15th the Tentative Budget was advertised at 6.22 mills, which represents a 5.6% increase. He stated that administration has been working hard to decrease that amount and with additional revenues gained, the millage has been reduced 2.22 mills to 4 mills, 3.63% increase.

Dr. Pullo mentioned that administration will be asking for approval at the June 10th meeting.

Dr. Pullo also mentioned that our area legislators are still working hard to give growing school districts additional funding.

Grievances

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the recommendation to reject grievance #TR-30-4-12-04.

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried

Voting No: J. Spinola

Tom Murphy motioned; seconded by Nancy Kresge to approve the recommendation to reject grievance #TR-29-4-12-04.

Roll Call: 5-4 Carried

Voting No: N. Kresge, R. Gould, H.C. Hoffman, T. Murphy

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Frank Pullo

John Sabia motioned; seconded by Russ Gould to approve items #1-4 on the personnel supplement and items #1 - 4 on the addendum with the following revisions noted:

Item # 1.1.1d retroactive to 5/21/04, #1.2.1A retroactive to 5/24/04 and page 27, #3.1A is a retirement; with these revisions noted as follows:

PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT

May 27, 2004

1.0 Hiring of Personnel*

1.1 Support Staff

1.1.1 Substitutes

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|----|-------------------|---|--|
| a. | Kimberly Ancona | - | Monitor/PPA/Secretary
(retroactive to May 11, 2004) |
| b. | Nancy Burke | - | PPA |
| c. | Regina Denaro | - | Cafeteria (retroactive to May 19, 2004) |
| d. | Jeff Herring | - | Bus Driver (retroactive to May 21, 2004) |
| e. | Marianna Kaminski | - | Cafeteria (retroactive to May 19, 2004) |

1.2 Professional Staff

1.2.1 Substitutes

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|----|----------------|---|--|
| a. | Jennifer Butts | - | Elementary (retroactive to May 24, 2004) |
| b. | Jena Garzia | - | Elementary |
| c. | Claire Lukas | - | Art |

1.2.2 The following were approved for the Audio Visual Technical Coordinator position for the 2004-05 school year:

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|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| PV High School | - | Craig Morris |
| PV Middle School | - | Cliff McFarland/Rocco Seiler |
| PVI | - | John McMasters |
| PVE | - | Barry Crown |
| Polk/Eldred/
Chestnuthill | - | Steve Bitto |

1.2.3 Department Heads/Curriculum Leaders for the 2004-2005 school year.

Language Arts

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-3)-Dave Weinman
Elementary Curriculum Leader (4-6)-Gloria Gower
Middle School Department Head-Wanda Smith
High School Department Head-Joseph Bilicic

Mathematics

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-3)-Kathleen Kilker
Elementary Curriculum Leader (4-6)-Malcolm McKinsey
Middle School Department Head-Dana West
High School Department Head-Ken Piontkowski

Social Studies

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-3) -Melissa O'Keefe
Elementary Curriculum Leader (4-6)-Thomas Dudley
Middle School Department Head-Paul McCrone
High School Department Head-Tom Crosby

Science

Elementary Curriculum Leader (K-3)-Barbara Williams
Elementary Curriculum Leader (4-6)-Rick Martin
Middle School Department Head-Rick Rimple
High School Department Head-Mark Liscinski

Business Education

High School Department Head-Maura Angle

Grades 7 – 12 Department Heads

Foreign Languages	-	Janice Young
Family & Consumer Sciences	-	Luann James
Industrial Arts	-	Ken Santoro

Grades K – 12 Department Heads

Art	-	Barbara Cortese
ESOL	-	Barbara O'Leary
Health & Phys. Ed.	-	Thomasine Falcone
Library Media	-	Deborah Lowenburg
Music	-	Nadine Snyder

2.0 Leaves of Absence**2.1 Leave Without Pay**

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

- 2.1.1 Perma Borger, PVE cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective May 10, 11 and 12, 2004.
- 2.1.2 Mary Buerkle, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (1/2) day, effective May 10, 2004.
- 2.1.3 Sandra Kaspszyk, Eldred Elementary School teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of study and professional development.
- 2.1.4 Maria Krauss, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective May 11 and 12, 2004.
- 2.1.5 Theresa McGuigan, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective May 24 and 26, 2004.
- 2.1.6 Patricia Middaugh, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 20, 2004.
- 2.1.7 Raquel Musacchia, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 14, 2004.
- 2.1.8 Judy Sanbeg, PVI cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 17, 2004.
- 2.1.9 Karen Sengelaub, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective April 29, 30 and May 3, 2004.
- 2.1.10 Sharan Wernet, middle school cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for three (3) days, effective May 10, 11 and 17, 2004.

2.2 Informational

- 2.2.1 Roseann Fleming, middle school secretary's, family medical leave is effective for thirty-five (35) days, effective April 12 through May 28, 2004.

3.0 Resignations

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

- a. Jim Dent, middle school industrial arts/tech education teacher, effective June 9, 2004.
- b. Beverly Goscolo, JCM wing cafeteria helper, effective the end of the 2003-04 school year.

4.0 Retirement

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

- a. Nancy Bartholomew, Polk/Eldred/Chestnuthill PPA, effective June 30, 2004.

ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT

May 27, 2004

1.0 Hiring of Personnel*

1.1 Support Staff

- 1.1.1 Nicholas Romano was approved for a change of employment status from substitute to part-time bus driver, retroactive to May 5, 2004.

1.2 Professional Staff

1.2.1 ESEA Title I Summer School

- 1.2.1.a. The following teachers/para-professional associates were approved for ESEA Title I Summer School at PVE, grades K-4:

Teachers

Jeffrey Clauson
Nancy Harkins
Amy Harris
Melissa Kern
Cale Kresge
Kristina Landaeta
Amy Miller
Dawn Rosato
Susan Runco
Jeannine Saylor
Melissa Snyder
Jessica Zisa

PPA's

Gina Belanger
Dori Hurley
Rhonda Sawyer
Linda Shivek

- 1.2.1.b. The following teachers/para-professional associate were approved for ESEA Title I Summer School at PVI, grades 5-6:

Teachers

Chris Chandler
Jodi Hennion

PPA

Michael Birnbaum

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

1.2.2 Pleasant Valley Middle School Summer School (grades 7 and 8)

The following were approved for middle school summer school, June 28, 2004 – July 19, 2004, 8:00 AM-10:00 AM (Session I), 10:15 AM-12:15 PM (Session II).

Reading/English	-	Karen Catina
Mathematics	-	Rollene Gougher
Science	-	Mary Pitts
Social Studies	-	Kathleen Dekmar

Teachers are paid \$1300 per course. All funds for the courses are derived from student tuition.

2.0 Leaves of Absence

2.1 Family Medical Leave

- 2.1.1 Dwight Heist, high school teacher, was approved for an extension of his family medical leave, as per Board policy, for twenty-five (25) days, effective April 19 through May 21, 2004.

2.2 Leave Without Pay

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

- 2.2.1 Beth Archangel, high school cafeteria helper, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective June 4, 2004.
- 2.2.2 Stacey Correll, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for the following one and one-half (1-1/2) days: one-half (1/2) day, effective May 19 and one (1) day, effective May 21, 2004.
- 2.2.3 Wanda Cron, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 13, 2004.
- 2.2.4 Deserie Friend, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for two (2) days, effective May 17 and 18, 2004.
- 2.2.5 John Grimaldi, middle school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 24, 2004.
- 2.2.6 Debra Jensen, middle school para-professional associate, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (1/2) day, effective May 19, 2004.
- 2.2.7 Monica Kircher, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for twenty-seven (27) days, effective May 3 through June 9, 2004.
- 2.2.8 Karen Rice, bus driver, was approved for unpaid leave for one-half (1/2) day, effective May 21, 2004.
- 2.2.9 Christine Rizzi, high school monitor, was approved for unpaid leave for one (1) day, effective May 14, 2004.
- 2.2.10 Mary Joan Stokes, PVI teacher, was approved for unpaid leave for sixteen (16) days, effective May 17 through June 8, 2004.

2.3 Sabbatical Leave of Absence

Karen Fuls, high school teacher, was approved to extend her sabbatical leave, effective the 1st semester of the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of professional development.

3.0 Resignations

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

- a. Kelly Reinhart, PVI 6th grade teacher, effective June 9, 2004.

4.0 Retirement

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

- a. Helen Serfass, middle school cafeteria helper, effective June 4, 2004.

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried

Voting No: M. Palmer

ASST. TO THE SUPERINTENDENT - PROFESSIONAL /SUPPORT PERSONNEL: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

Russ Gould motioned; seconded by James Spinola to approve the following requests:

1.1 Winter 2004 – 2005 Assistant Coaching Positions

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| 1.1.1 | Boys' Basketball Varsity | - | Mr. Scott Stevens |
| 1.1.2 | Boys' Basketball J.V. | - | Mr. Mike Wertman |
| 1.1.3 | Boys' Basketball Freshman | - | Mr. Steve Ayars |
| 1.1.4 | Boys' Basketball Jr. High | - | Mr. Ken Newman |
| 1.1.5 | Boys' Basketball Jr. High | - | |
| 1.1.6 | Girls' Basketball Varsity | - | Mr. Tierney Myers |
| 1.1.7 | Girls' Basketball J.V. | - | Ms. Gena Orlowski |
| 1.1.8 | Girls' Basketball Freshmen | - | Mr. Bob Doughton |
| 1.1.9 | Girls' Basketball Jr. High | - | Ms. Ellen Stefani |
| 1.1.10 | Girls' Basketball Jr. High | - | Ms. Kristina Osmulski |
| 1.1.11 | Wrestling J.V. | - | Mr. Ernesto Martinez |
| 1.1.12 | Wrestling Jr. High | - | Mr. Greg Bowman |
| 1.1.13 | Wrestling Jr. High | - | Mr. Chris Lesoine |

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried

Voting No: M. Palmer

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES' OPERATIONS: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

H. Charles Hoffman motioned; seconded by John Sabia to approve the following facility usage requests:

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| 1.1 | Organization | PV Tornadoes |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School Softball Fields |
| | Purpose | Softball |
| | Dates/Times | Dates and Times To Be Determined By Dan Haney & Jeff Kashner |
| | Requestor | Steve Caffrey & Maynard Frantz |
| | Attendance | Unknown |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.2 | Organization | Western Pocono Community Library |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Middle School Tennis Courts |
| | Purpose | Tennis Tournaments |
| | Dates/Times | June 26 th , 27 th , July 10 th , 11 th , 17 th and 18 th 8:30-12:00 PM |
| | Requestor | Barbara Wilke |
| | Attendance | Estimated 30 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.3 | Organization | Pocono Family YMCA |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Middle School Tennis Courts |
| | Purpose | Youth Tennis Camp |
| | Dates/Times | June 14 th -18 th , June 28 th -July 2 nd 2004 9:00 AM-11:00 AM |
| | Requestor | Nicole Bailey |
| | Attendance | Unknown |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.4 | Organization | CIU 20 |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Intermediate Multi-Purpose Room |
| | Purpose | Graduate Course |
| | Dates/Times | July 6 th -July 19 th 2004 Monday-Friday 8:00-12:30 PM |
| | Requestor | Michael Caprari |
| | Attendance | Estimated 20 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.5 | Organization | Pleasant Valley All Sports Club |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School Library |
| | Purpose | Monthly Meetings |
| | Dates/Times | August-June 2005 7:30-9:00 PM |
| | Requestor | Kathy Suarez/Dale Kresge |
| | Attendance | Estimated 15 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.6 | Organization | Christian Church Prince of Peace |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley High School Auditorium |
| | Purpose | Bible Study & Worship Services |
| | Dates/Times | 2004-2005 Friday 6:30-10:00 PM Sunday 9:00-4:00 PM |
| | Requestor | Louis Felix JR |
| | Attendance | Estimated 50-75 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.7 | Organization | Pleasant Valley Intermediate PTO |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Intermediate Multi-Purpose Room |
| | Purpose | PTO Meetings |
| | Dates/Times | Wednesdays Sept 29 th -May 25 th 2005 5:00-9:00 PM |
| | Requestor | Jacki Douglas |
| | Attendance | Estimated 30 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.8 | Organization | Pleasant Valley Intermediate PTO |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Intermediate Multi-Purpose Room |
| | Purpose | Food Drive |
| | Dates/Times | November 19 th -26 th 2004 May 6 th -May 13 th 2005 |
| | Requestor | Jacki Douglas |
| | Attendance | Estimated 20 |
| | Tuition | None |
| | Fee by District | Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply |
| 1.9 | Organization | Pleasant Valley Intermediate PTO |
| | Facility Requested | Pleasant Valley Intermediate Cafeteria |
| | Purpose | Family Fun Bingo |
| | Dates/Times | September 24 th , November 12 th , January 14 th , March 11 th , April 29 th |

		5:00-9:00 PM
	Requestor	Jacki Douglas
	Attendance	Unknown
	Tuition	None
1.10	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply
	Organization	Pleasant Valley Intermediate PTO
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate Gymnasium and Cafeteria
	Purpose	Meet Your Friends Night
	Dates/Times	October 8th, November 19th 2004, February 18th, May 20th 2005
		5:00-9:00 PM
	Requestor	Jacki Douglas
	Attendance	Estimated 500
	Tuition	None
1.11	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply
	Organization	Pleasant Valley Intermediate PTO
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Intermediate Gymnasium and Cafeteria
	Purpose	Fall Festival
	Dates/Times	October 29th 2004 5:00-11:00 PM
	Requestor	Jacki Douglas
	Attendance	Estimated 600
	Tuition	None
1.12	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply
	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Music Rooms
	Purpose	Children's Dance Program
	Dates/Times	Wednesdays June 16th-August 18th, 2004 8:45-12:15 PM
	Requestor	Rebecca Colarusso
	Attendance	Estimated 20
	Tuition	None
1.13	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply
	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Middle School Tennis Courts
	Purpose	Tennis Program
	Dates/Times	Tuesdays & Thursdays June 29th-August 5th 2004 5:00-8:00 PM
		Raindate Fridays
	Requestor	Rebecca Colarusso
	Attendance	Estimated 20
	Tuition	None
1.14	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply
	Organization	Monroe County Recreation
	Facility Requested	Pleasant Valley Elementary Music Rooms
	Purpose	Children's Dance Program
	Dates/Times	Wednesdays September 15th-May 18th 2005 4:00-9:00 PM
	Requestor	Rebecca Colarusso
	Attendance	Estimated 10-15 per class
	Tuition	None
	Fee by District	Class 2, All Appropriate Security & Custodial Fees Apply

Roll Call: 8-1 Carried
Voting No: M. Palmer

The remainder of the report was informational including an update of the Educational Foundation/Federal and State Program. The District Event's List and the Metal Detector reports were included as attachments.

FOOD SERVICES: Ms. Bonnie Getz

Participation reports were attached. Ms. Palmer asked Ms. Getz how the breakfast program at Middle School was going and she asked if Ms. Getz could tell her how many of these students were on Free and Reduced lunch.

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

No report

DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Jason Fisher

No report. The next Buildings and Grounds Workshop: June 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

CLERKS OF THE WORKS: Mr. Roger Borger

No report. Mr. Hoffman asked if they have moved into PVI yet. Mr. Borger replied that the job trailer was moved in today.

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Carole Rissmiller

District Remediation Plan Presentation

Ms. Rissmiller presented an in-depth report on the district remediation plan using a PowerPoint presentation and a handout reflecting her data. Ms. Rissmiller laid out the current remediation plan in each building highlighting each program designed for each grade level. She included participation numbers by grade according to each program administered. After the presentation, discussion took place with concerns regarding identifying students that need remediation and the possible causes, transfer students and how their past school career information is utilized in our district. There were concerns on how these remediation programs are communicated to the parents and if these programs are listed in our student/parent handbooks. Dr. Pullo suggested that the website would be a useful tool in this area. There were also concerns on how students are identified for remediation and placing a level so students are not misrepresented when remediation is necessary during the school year. Dr. Pullo stressed that one of our district goals this year was communicating with parents and he hoped we are doing a better job of communicating.

READING/TITLE I SUPERVISOR: Ms. Dora Tartar

James Spinola motioned; seconded by Nancy Kresge to approve the First Hand Phonics Program for Kindergarten.

- Cost \$70/teacher and is included in next years budget (teacher manual, reproduction of materials)
- Utilization in kindergarten will provide uniformity and consistency in phonics instruction in grades K-2

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Ms. Tartar gave an informational report on the DIBELS program using comparisons on the scores from the beginning year tests to the end of the year tests and then comparing them to last year same time scores. She indicated that although the scores were in a positive mode, improvement is still necessary in the at risk group.

Discussion took place regarding these test comparisons. There were concerns regarding the "at risk" group and the percentages increased slightly from the middle of the year. Ms. Tartar explained that the level of difficulty in the material increases by year-end and that reflects the increase in some of the percentage scores. Mr. Spinola asked if background information on these students were taken into consideration regarding the scores, especially pre-schooled students vs. non-pre-schooled students. Ms. Tartar responded by stating that Ms. Meckes is doing her doctoral study on the subject of pre-school students vs. non-pre-schooled students and if it enhances their learning.

Remainder of Ms. Tartar's report was informational. She reported that the Rebecca Sitton Spelling Program training is scheduled for June 9th from 8 to 4:00 in the PVE Cafeteria. 153 faculty members are registered to participate in the training.

MATH SUPERVISOR K-6: Mr. John Rushefski

Accelerated Math Presentation

Mr. Rushefski reported on the Accelerated Math pilot program at PVI using PowerPoint and handouts which reflected that data being reported. A timeline, participation totals and grade level growth was discussed. Percentages on survey results were displayed by using statements. The participate or parent indicated whether they agreed or disagreed with the statement. Discussion took place regarding the survey questions that were returned and what was being done regarding the negative responses. Concerns were raised if the parents were notified that surveys would be coming home at certain times during the pilot program and the importance of returning them so the data could be collected and evaluated.

Mr. Rushefski asked approval to expand the Accelerated Math Pilot program throughout K-12 expanding the program at PVI, utilization in enhancement courses at the High School and utilization in the Title 1 program, grades 2 & 3. Mr. Rushefski added that they would like to go to 15 homerooms in grade 6, 14 homerooms in grade 5 and 4 homerooms in grade 4 for next school year.

Discussion broke out regarding Mr. Rushefski's request to expand the program. President Kresge asked what the cost involved would be. Mr. Rushefski indicated that it would be the cost of a scanner approximately \$499, a printer for \$500 and some materials for a total of \$1200. Dr. Pullo questioned how many classrooms would be involved. It was determined that 8 classrooms for a total of \$9600. Mr. Rushefski indicated that PVI falls under Title 1 next year, so some of the cost will come from Title 1 funds. Questions and concerns were if the money has been placed in this budget for 04-05.

Ms. Rissmiller replied that yes it has been the same as it was last year. President Kresge commented that she would like to table the request until more information could be obtained from the teachers presently using the pilot program.

Mr. Sabia questioned how many classrooms do not have the pilot program and when 4th grade moves out of PVI, would the equipment follow them. Mr. Sabia questioned Mr. Rushefski why he was not asking to expand the program for the entire 4th grade. Mr. Sabia feels the entire 4th grade should have the program. Ms. Rissmiller explained the first reason is the money involved and secondly the issues that were presented in the beginning of the program and not wanting to create more problems having to many users on the program at once. Ms. Rissmiller feels that training smaller groups of teachers and implementing the program at a slower pace would be more beneficial.

After more discussion, it was decided to table the request until more information was received. Dr. Pullo asked for data backing the request: cost information, breakdown on classrooms and grades involved, input from the teachers already involved.

Mr. Spinola commented that this issue is a sore subject for him. He stated that last year there were many communication problems and due to the lack of communication students suffered including his son's grade. Dr. Pullo commented that we hope our data indicates that our communication has improved and that when a decision is made it will reflect what is best for all our students and not based on mistakes in the past.

Dr. Pullo asked Mr. Rushefski to gather the information and come back to the board in two weeks.

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

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR: Dr. Jeffrey Holmes, Mr. Jason Blubaugh
No report

Dr. Pullo apologized stating that page 48 of Mr. Gress's report is missing. It is a letter from Pat Birnbaum.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. John Gress, Ms. Holly Marsili, Mr. Curt Dimmick
John Sabia motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the following requests for homebound instruction:

Student #050531	Medical, retroactive to March 2
Student #070122	Expulsion, retroactive to April 8
Student #061033	Expulsion, retroactive to April 12
Student #060081	Medical, retroactive to April 16
Student #070939	Medical, retroactive to April 16
Student #070196	Medical, retroactive to April 16
Student #030506	Medical, retroactive to April 19
Student #060146	Medical, retroactive to May 6
Student #040622	Medical, retroactive to May 7
Student #050584	Medical, retroactive to May 11
Student #050583	Medical, retroactive to May 11
Student #050582	Expulsion, retroactive to May 17

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

Ms. Micklos questioned the expulsions and asked if there where other options for these students for example other academic centers. Mr. Gress explained that yes, but with the time frame involved the alternative center enrollments were filled, so to finish up the year homebound was the best option. Ms. Micklos asked if the expulsions were just to the end of this year or continued. Mr. Gress replied just to the end of this year.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Remainder of report was Informational on upcoming events. Attachments included Attendance Report, Faculty Letter, and Academic Awards Summary. Mr. Gress referred to an article in the newspaper concerning one of our students.

PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Howard Drake, Mr. Barry Hamlin, Ms. Jill Chamberlain
No report. Enrollment report was included.

PLEASANT VALLEY INTERMEDIATE: Mr. James Storm, Ms. Diane Szader, Mr. Jeff Hatala
Mr. Storms' report was information on upcoming events. The enrollment report was attached for review. President Kresge stated that she received two phone calls concerning an item that was purchased in the school store and the classroom teacher took the item from the students. The second concern was regarding an item that was brought on the bus and an issue that arose from it.

PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY
MiChelle Palmer motioned; seconded by Tom Murphy to approve the following request for homebound instruction:
Student #130619, retroactive to April 22, 2004.
Paperwork has been submitted and progress has been monitored.
Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Mr. Wunder's report was Informational on upcoming events. An enrollment report was attached for review.

POLK AND ELDRED ELEMENTARY: Ms. Kris Meckes
Ms. Meckes' report was informational on upcoming events. An enrollment report was attached for review.

CHESTNUTHILL ELEMENTARY: Mr. John Rushefski
Mr. Rushefski's report was informational on upcoming events. An enrollment report was attached for review.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Ms. Donna Les, Ms. Monica Kotzmann
John Sabia motioned; seconded by H. Charles Hoffman to approve the items #1-8 on page 60-62 and items #9.1-9.4 on page 4 of the addendum as follows:

- 1. Approval was granted for the cafeteria accounts payable for April 2004 to be approved.
Total amount: \$174,200.08.

Approval was granted for the bills payable for April 2004 to be approved.
Total amount: \$80,767.48.

2. Student Activity Accounts – for informational purposes	
Beginning Balance, April 1, 2004	\$298,727.65
Receipts	101,583.79
Expenditures	135,302.45
Ending Balance, April 30, 2004	\$265,008.99

- 3. Informational – District investment report for April 2004.
- 4. The following invoices were approved for payment from the Bond Fund listed:
1996 Bond Fund

Times Leader	\$695.60
Security Entrance: advertisement for bids	
TOTAL	\$695.60

2003AA Bond Fund

Quad Three Group	\$5,172.44
professional services	
PVI Classroom Addition: \$257.14	
HS Auditorium: \$4,915.30	
Total	\$5,172.44

- 5. Approval was granted by the Board to approve the exoneration of \$0.00 of the outstanding per capita and occupation taxes dating back to 1978. A copy of the amount outstanding by year by township is attached.

6. Approval was granted for the student and athletic insurance policies for 2004-2005 remain with the PSBA endorsed carrier Life Insurance Company of North America, part of the CIGNA Group. Costs for 2004-2005 will be:

Interscholastic All-Sports		
including band, cheering and majorettes		\$16,600.00
Student Accident:	Schoolltime	\$28.00
	Twenty-Four Hour	\$124.00

7. The following bid awards were approved for the 2004-2005 school year. Funds have been included in the 2004-2005 general operating budget.

Propane (bid tabulation sheet attached)

Heller's Gas		
2-year contract		\$.94/gallon firm price
	estimated cost 2004-2005	\$141,000.00
	estimated cost 2005-2006	\$141,000.00

Furniture (breakdown by school is attached)

Tanner School	\$198.00	
ATD American	114.63	
Nickerson Corp.	1,917.00	
School Specialty	21,571.43	
Virco	21,245.72	
Kurtz	648.00	
Stone Office Equipment	2,282.00	
Office Service Co.	1,026.58	
	Total	\$49,003.36

Musical Instruments

Robert Sides	\$67.50	
3 keyboard stands (HS)		
InterState Music	39.35	
5 keyboard adapters (HS)		
American Music	838.28	
1 mellophone (HS), 1 piano stand (HS)		
NEMC	3,218.00	
1 bass clarinet (MS), 1 tuba (HS)		
	Total	\$4,163.13

Audio Visual Supplies (breakdown by school is attached)

Wespen	\$32.00	
Scott Electric	1,145.88	
Visual Communications Supply	59.40	
Valiant IMC	2,420.16	
Impex Micro	1,660.98	
AVES Audio Visual	1,957.50	
	Total	\$7,275.92

Audio Visual Equipment (breakdown by school is attached)

Presenters Supply	\$788.38	
Custom Computers	4,294.76	
Valiant IMC	5,290.32	
D & H Distributing	2,745.00	
AVES Audio Visual	1,534.00	
	Total	\$14,652.46

8. The following bid award was approved with payment made from the 1996 Bond Fund. A bid tabulation is attached.

Fencing

PVHS Stadium	Swift Fence Co.	\$3,840.00
PV Intermediate	Swift Fence Co.	\$2,140.00
PV Operations	Swift Fence Co.	\$19,940.00

9. Supplement.

9.1 The following invoice was approved by payment from the bond fund indicated:

1996 Bond Fund

Martin Stone Quarries, Inc.

\$2,180.63

New athletic fields: infield mix

9.2 Approval was granted by the board to approve a contract with PPL Electric Utilities to provide electrical services to the new ballfields. Total cost is \$3,262.00, payable in five-annual amounts of \$653.00.

9.3 Approval was granted to authorize the sale of six (6) modular classrooms to Shawnee Academy for the total sum of \$25,000.00. The units are being sold "as is" with no guarantee as to condition.

9.4 Approval was granted by the Board to the land purchase of +/- 22 acres from Harold and Gloria Kreger for the amount of \$30,000 per acre, contingent upon the survey of the property. Pleasant Valley is responsible for Act 319 rollback taxes and interest fees as well as all applicable settlement costs. Payment for the property will be made in five equal installments with the first payment due upon settlement. Subsequent payments would be made between January 1 and January 15 of each year, with the final payment being made in 2008.

Nancy Kresge questioned if the furniture is part of the chairs she recently sat in. Ms Les replied yes.

Ms. Palmer and Mr. Murphy both made comments regarding the furniture bid. Mr. Murphy made a comment regarding item #9.4. Mr. Corevelyn made a suggestion that in order to consummate this transaction, the board must approve an agreement of sale. This motion could be amended to include not only the survey but the approval of the agreement of the sale with all the specific terms and conditions that accompany that agreement. This is only your intent to purchase the property not to approve the actual agreement of sale.

Mr. Spinola asked if we were changing it now. Dr. Pullo instructed him to approve all and say no to item 9.4 if you choose. Mr. Spinola asked if the public was aware of item #9.4. Dr. Pullo explained what item 9.4 was all about, stating that it is an opportunity to purchase property that is contiguous to Polk Elementary School. It is approximately 22 acres. The property will cost the district approximately \$30,000/acre. Purpose is for expansion of Polk if necessary and also some sewage requirements that we would need because of it.

Mr. Spinola added that we only need 6 acres, but the owner will not split it up. He commented that he would be voting no to the land. President Kresge commented to Mr. Spinola's comment by stating that yes we do only need the 6 acres for the sewage issue, but the property also butts up to our Facilities Operation building and we possibly can use the additional acreage for that building. She stated that the district always uses its property to its fullest extent and she feels it is to our advantage to purchase the entire 22 acres.

Mr. Spinola commented that the expansion was not included in the master plan. Dr. Pullo commented that it is because we did not have the availability when we had the master plan and if we developed a new master plan, it would certainly include this. Mr. Hoffman added that the statement is not correct because we did look at other property, however the development rights were sold and counsel advised us not to go any further. This piece of property, the development rights are not sold yet.

Roll Call: 9-0 Carried

Voting No to item #9.4-J. Spinola

Voting No to chair furniture bid on page 82, HS, Virco-N. Kresge

SOLICITOR: Mr. Gerard Geiger, Mr. Daniel Corveleyn

No report

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

→ Mr. Spinola commented that he observed Ms. Beautz at PVI with her class working on a landscape project to help beautify the school. Other teachers spoke about landscaping around the school and he feels this is a commendable project. He also mentioned Mr. Hicks, maintenance dept., who stated that on his own time helped the drama club with their background project. Mr. Spinola stated that he sat in on Mr. Reese's 4th grade band rehearsal and commented on the success of the concert.

- Mr. Spinola stated that he attended a conference in Harrisburg recently for AIA Architect's Day. He met several of our legislators including Senator Tom Tighe who offered to come to a board meeting to speak about the state budget.
- Mr. Spinola commented again on the budget and the excess revenues and the districts decreased expenditures. He is glad to see the budget numbers being reduced the 2.22 mills.
- President Kresge asked how scheduling is going. Mr. Blubaugh replied it took one minute and 30 seconds opposed to the usual 16 hours. She also asked if we are using the program at the middle school. Mr. Drake replied that we are just starting to put schedules in within the next week.
- Ms. Micklos thanked Andrew for sitting in on the board meetings representing the students stating that he did an excellent job.

PLEASANT VALLEY CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Susan Kresge motioned, seconded unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:42 PM.

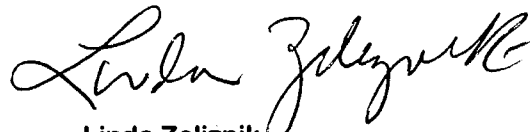
Carried

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 10, 2004 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Les
Board Secretary



Linda Zeliznik
Board Recorder