

Allegheny Valley School District

April 12, 2016

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, April 12, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Mr. Conte	Mr. Puskar
	Mr. Gashler	Mrs. Renaldi
	Ms. Haas	Mr. Rocco
	Mrs. Jursa	Mr. Pollick
	Ms. Moretti	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Rau, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Nuzzo, Mrs. Vecchio, Mrs. Holler, Dr. Welter, Dr. Protho, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Davis, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Ms. Beth Hovet was recognized and asked about the Colfax School and if any community impact study had been completed. Mr. Graczyk stated that he had spoken with some parents, but he was not aware of any study completed. Ms. Hovet stated that one of the problems was that some people don't voice their concerns. She noted some kind of petition or some other way to gather information. Mr. Graczyk said that he would entertain any comments from the public. Ms. Hovet asked if there was a plan if additional children move into the District. Mr. Graczyk stated that the possibility of expansion was taken into consideration with the District having a Demographic Study completed. Ms. Hovet asked about the possibilities of what will happen with the building. Mr. Graczyk stated that the Board has not had that discussion to date. Discussion was held on the matter.

Ms. Cathy Thompson asked about the Cheswick School. Ms. Haas explained that that building is owned by Cheswick Christian School. Ms. Thompson stated that it would cost more to add on than to fix Colfax. Discussion was held on the matter.

Ms. Hovet asked why the school doesn't teach cursive writing. Mr. Graczyk said that he would be happy to discuss that item at a different time; that it was not on the agenda for the meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Terry Thompson presented information on PlanCon Parts A and Part B. Discussion was held on the matter.

The Board discussed whether to keep the administrative center at Acme or move it to Springdale Jr-Sr High School.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mr. Gashler to approve the District Administration Offices to be located at Acmetnoia Primary School (recommendation 7B). ON roll call vote, Mr. Conte, Mr. Gaschler, Mr. Pollick, Ms. Haas, Mrs. Jursa, and Ms. Moretti voted yes; with Mr. Puskar, Mrs. Renaldi, and Mr. Rocco voting no. Motion passed, 6-3.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the District Facilities Study from Foreman Architects Engineers for submission. On roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve PlanCon Parts A and B for submission (project option 7B, to keep administrative offices at Acme). On roll call vote, all members voted yes, with Ms. Moretti voting no. Motion passed, 8-1.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board approve a revision to the AVSD 2016-2017 Master Calendar. Mr. Puskar asked for an explanation for the revision. Mr. Graczyk stated that the change was to the Parent/Teacher Conference date in November.
2. Recommend the Board approve the River Pediatric Agreement, effective August 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, at a cost of \$60 per hour for occupational therapy services and \$67 per hour for physical therapy services (no rate increase from 2015/2016).
3. Recommend the Board authorize the replacement of the 1999 Dodge Ram 9-Passenger Van with a new 2016 Ford Transit 10-Passenger Van at a cost of \$26,662.36. Mr. Conte asked about the uses for the van. Mr. Sanchez explained. Discussion was held on the matter.
4. Recommend the Board approve the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine Athletic Training Services Agreement effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 at an annual cost of \$24,000.
5. Recommend the Board approve the 5-year Lutron Light Maintenance Agreement at a cost of \$2,656 per year.

EDUCATION:

1. Recommend the Board approve the 2016 Extended School Year (ESY) Program. The program will operate from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning on July 5, 2016 and ending on July 28, 2016, at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Three Special Education Teachers, two Paraprofessionals, one School Nurse, one Speech Therapist, and one Occupational Therapist are required to staff the program each day. Dr. Nuzzo explained the program.

Ms. Joelle McFarland asked how many students were eligible for the program. Ms. Holler stated 31. Discussion was held on the matter.

2. Recommend the Board approved changes to the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 School Year.
3. Recommend the Board approve a new course titled MATH 7 for the 2016-2017 School Year. Discussion was held on math courses and the sequence at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Mr. Puskar asked Dr. Nuzzo to re-establish the math sequence. Further discussion was held on the matter.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board approve a Leave of Absence utilizing available sick days for Employee #139. This leave will begin on March 22 and will last 4-6 weeks. Ms. Moretti asked why this motion is on the agenda if the individual is using sick days that are permitted. Mr. Hoffman explained.
2. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Musical personnel:

- A. Matthew Mlynarski, Musical Producer - \$1,108
- B. Katherine Ingram, Musical Lighting Designer - \$618; Musical Sound Designer - \$618
- C. Nancy McCormick, Musical Costume Coordinator - \$1,469

Ms. Moretti asked why these individuals are being approved after the event has taken place. She stated that this late request for approval continues to happen. Mr. Graczyk stated that this case was not for clearances, but other paperwork. Discussion was held on the matter.

3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic personnel:
 - A. Giulio Tommarello, 2nd Assistant Football Coach (main responsibility - Head Coach for 7th & 8th Grade Football), Effective April 19, 2016, Compensation: \$3,027
 - B. Rhonda Caldwell, Track Helper, Effective April 19, 2016, Compensation: \$35 per Meet
 - C. Stephen Smietana, Track Helper, Effective April 19, 2016, Compensation: \$35 per Meet

Mr. Puskar asked if there was a conflict with any person's work day. Mr. Graczyk stated no, that the individuals complete their day by the start of the meets. Mr. Conte asked about the duties for a track helper. Mr. Davis explained. Discussion was held on the matter.
4. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Custodial Summer Help:
 - A. Linda Welsh (current employee), Compensation: \$9.25/hour, Effective June 13, 2016
 - B. Tracy Acheson (current employee), Compensation: \$9.25/hour, Effective June 13, 2016
 - C. Lisa Gray (current employee), Compensation: \$9.25/hour, Effective June 13, 2016
 - D. Marian Olczak (current employee), Compensation: \$9.25/hour, Effective June 13, 2016
 - E. Linda Krason (current employee), Compensation: \$9.25/hour, Effective June 13, 2016

Mr. Puskar asked if there was a summer plan for employees. Mr. Sanchez explained the process.
5. Recommend the Board approve the intermittent FMLA request for Employee #836, effective February 12, 2016.
6. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Kelly Bender, Girls JV Soccer Coach, effective April 4, 2016.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ms. Moretti reported the District would hold its annual Emergency Management large-scale drill on May 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Colfax Upper Elementary School. The drill would be an evacuation due to a suspicious package. She asked that if any Board Member would like to observe the drill to let her know. Discussion was held on the matter.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the second reading to a revision of Policy #810 Transportation.
2. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of Policy #824, Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.

For discussion, Ms. Moretti brought a Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries to the Board. The topic was brought up at the last meeting. This policy was developed by PSBA. Discussion was held on the matter, with the recommendation to bring a draft to the Board for the April meeting for a First Reading.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mr. Pollick asked the Policy Committee to review the Volunteer Police for age limitations. Discussion was held on the matter.
- Mr. Conte asked about the Swimming program. Discussion was held on the matter.
- Mr. Conte asked about the band and purchasing additional uniform pants for the members. Dr. Prothro explained that it's cheaper to purchase pants than entire uniforms. Discussion was held on the matter.

- Mr. Puskar asked about the Second Assistant Football Coach position. Mrs. Renadi explained that Coach Leisure was at the meeting to discuss the Football Program. Mr. Leisure was recognized and discussed the program stated that the school can no longer sustain a 7th & 8th grade program and a youth program. The situation is the same in many districts. After discussion with the youth league, the groups would like to combine the programs. Mr. Tomarello is the coach selected for the program. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Tim Dexter, Mr. Al Savko, and Mr. John Murry commented on the Youth Football League.

Mr. Puskar asked Mrs. Davis if the plan would bring up a problem with the WPIAL. Mr. Davis stated that it wouldn't. Discussion was held on the coach responsibilities with a joint program.

10:20 p.m. – Mr. Conte left the meeting.

Mr. Pollick stated that Mr. Brett Slezak and Ms. Jayne Sheldon were recognized over the weekend in the Champions of Learning program. Ms. Sheldon was selected as the winner in the Arts Category. Congratulations were extended to both staff members.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to adjourn the meeting, 10:29 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director