

Allegheny Valley School District

August 11, 2015

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, August 11, 2015. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Mr. Conte	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. Gilmartin - absent	Mr. Pollino - absent
	Ms. Haas	Mr. Puskar
	Mrs. Jursa	Mr. Pollick
	Ms. Moretti	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Rau, Dr. Nuzzo, Mr. Heavner, Ms. Vecchio, Ms. Kaczor, Dr. Welter, Dr. Protho, Mr. Sanchez, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick acknowledged the passing of Ms. Barbara Ipoletta, who worked for the School District for 45 years.

Mr. Pollick noted that the Board held an Executive Session for Personnel matters prior to the meeting.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

The following items were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. 2015-2016 Bus Routes Approval – Recommend the Board approve the 2015-2016 bus routes as presented.
2. School Photographer – Recommend the Board approve a one-year renewal of Lifetouch Studios contract, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Xerox Lease Agreement – Recommend the Board approve the lease of Xerox copiers for 36 months at a monthly rate of \$_____ for all buildings. Mr. Rau noted that the District is waiting on the proposal to update the leases. If the proposal is received this week, the time will be on the agenda for Monday's meeting. Discussion was held on the matter.
4. PASA-PSBA Conference, October 13-16, 2015 - Recommend the Board approve members of the Board to attend the PASA - PSBA Conference, October 13 – 16, 2015, in Hershey, PA: Approximate cost is \$396/person for registration and \$182/night for lodging per person as well as mileage reimbursement. Mr. Rau asked that any Board Member interested in attending the conference to please let him know so that proper arrangements can be made.
5. The Consortium for Public Education One-Year Agreement – Recommend the Board approve the annual partnership agreement (2015-2016) between the District and The Consortium for Public Education at a cost of \$2,800.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY:

1. Complimentary School Privileges - Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Springdale Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

PERSONNEL:

1. Special Education Teacher Hire – Recommend the Board hire _____ as a Special Education Teacher at Colfax Upper Elementary, effective for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for this position is _____, as per the AVEA Agreement.
2. Paraprofessional at Colfax Resignation – Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Erin Durante, Paraprofessional at Colfax.
3. Colfax Paraprofessional Hire – Recommend the Board hire Ms. Lisa Buccelli as a Paraprofessional at Colfax. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective August 18, 2015.
4. Substitute Paraprofessional Hire – Recommend the Board approve the employment of Ms. Jody Gamble as a Substitute Paraprofessional replacing Ms. Tara Calabrese, effective August 18, 2015 through November 13, 2015. Compensation for this position is \$93/day. Ms. Calabrese will be reassigned to replace Ms. Kristin Bellavance for the period of August 18 through November 13, 2015.
5. Acmetonia Paraprofessional Resignation – Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Timothy Smith, Paraprofessional at Acmetonia and as Assistant Track Coach.
6. Acmetonia Paraprofessional Hire – Recommend the Board hire _____ as a Title I Paraprofessional at Acmetonia Elementary. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective August 18, 2015.
7. Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School Resignation – Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Caitlin Watt, Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.
8. Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach Hire - Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Anthony Pototo as Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. Compensation for this position is \$3,027. as per the AVEA Agreement.
9. Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach Resignation – Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Melissa Smock as Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach.
10. Seventh Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach Hire - Recommend the Board approve Ms. Melissa Smock as the Seventh Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach. All paperwork is on file. Compensation for this position is \$3,027. as per the AVEA Agreement.
11. Springdale Marching Band Volunteer Approve – Recommend the Board approve Ms. Shonie Butler as a Volunteer for the Springdale Marching Band.
12. Rescind July 21, 2015 Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Single Benefits - Recommend the Board rescind the July 21, 2015 resolution for single benefits for the Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher, Angela Rudolf.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Renaldi announced that there are openings for a Cheerleading Sponsor and an 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach. The positions will be posted in-house.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Policy #249-Anti-Bullying Revision, Second Reading – Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #249 – Anti-Bullying.

2. Policy#819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response Revision, First Reading – Recommend the Board approve the First Reading to a Revision of Policy #819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response. Discussion was held on the matter.

Discussion - Policy #916 Volunteers – Mr. Hoffman explained the current updates to the law that supports the policy. Discussion was held on the matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Conte asked about student scheduled and how students go about making changes. Dr. Welter and Dr. Nuzzo explained. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Mr. Conte asked when the athletic schedules would be posted on the web site. Ms. Zastawniak stated that they were posted earlier today.
3. Mr. Conte asked about the patio being open during lunches. Dr. Welter explained. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Pollick welcomed Mr. Graczyk to the District.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Michelle Walsh, third grade parent, was acknowledged and asked about the third grade class sizes. She asked that the Board and Superintendent reconsider adding a fourth section to the grade level. She thanked Mr. Heavner for answering her questions and responding to her concerns. Discussion was held on the matter.

Ms. Jennifer Novich was acknowledged and asked about the personnel section of the agenda. There was an item missing from the copy that was distributed. Discussion was held on the matter.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to adjourn the meeting, 7:43 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director