

ALLEGHENY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTING MEETING
December 7, 2015

The Regular Voting Meeting of the Allegheny Valley School District took place at 6:17 p.m. on December 7, 2015 in the Acme Forum. President Mr. Larry Pollick opened the meeting with the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Salvatore Conte	Mr. Larry Pollick
Mr. James Gaschler	Mr. Stephen Puskar
Ms. Kathleen Haas	Mrs. Glenna Renaldi
Mrs. Annetta Jursa	Mr. Donald Rocco
Ms. Elizabeth Moretti	

Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Rau, Mr. Hoffman, staff, students, and community members were also in attendance.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Moretti and seconded by Ms. Haas, the Board approved the November 10, 2015, and the November 16, 2015 Minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

AGENDA ITEMS

1.0 BILLS/PAYMENTS – Ms. Haas

On motion by Ms. Haas and seconded by Mrs. Jursa, the Board approved the following motion:

- 1.1 Approve the November 2015 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger) and the Accounts Payable List.

Voice vote carried the motion.

2.0 OPERATIONS/FINANCE

Mr. Rau gave a presentation on the 2016-2017 Budget.

On motion by Mrs. Jursa and seconded by Mrs. Renaldi, the Board approved the following motions:

- 2.1 Approve a resolution not to exceed the District Index under Act 1 to balance the 2016/2017 General Fund Operating Budget.
- 2.2 Approve continued membership in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 Joint Purchasing Board.

2.3 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CCL Technologies for additional support for the 1:1 Initiative.

2.4 Approve the following overnight conference:

- A. Brian Novak
Pete & C Conference in Hershey
February 21-24, 2016
District Cost: \$716 for registration/lodging plus meals/mileage

2.5 Approve a Settlement Agreement and Release.

Voice vote carried the motion. Ms. Moretti voted No on Item 2.4.

3.0 EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

No report.

4.0 PERSONNEL

On motion by Ms. Haas and seconded by Mrs. Jursa, the Board approved the following motions:

- 4.1 Approved the employment of Angie Rudolf as a Title I Paraprofessional. Compensation for this position is \$93/day plus single benefits, effective November 16, 2015.
- 4.2 Approved Mary Ann Broderick as a Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.
- 4.3 Accepted the resignation of Ms. Terri Farrell, Cafeteria Worker at Acmetonia Primary School, effective November 18, 2015.
- 4.4 Approved the hiring of Mr. Brett Kymer as Assistant Director for the Fall Play.
- 4.5 Approved the hiring of Mr. Michael Morrone as a Paraprofessional at Colfax Upper Elementary School effective December 8, 2015. Compensation for this position is \$98/day plus single benefits. He will replace Lisa Bucelli who was transferred to Springdale Jr-Sr High School.
- 4.6 Approved the hiring of Ms. Ashley Shields as a Special Education Teacher at Colfax Upper Elementary, effective December 8, 2015. She will replace Ms. Elizabeth Romeo who retired. Compensation for this position is \$39,180 as per the AVEA Agreement.

Voice vote carried the motion.

5.0 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

No report.

6.0 ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Matt Mlynarski gave a presentation on why “It’s a Bird...It’s a Plane...It’s Superman” is a good choice for Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Mr. Conte raised some concerns about their choice. This play has never been done in the area and has never been nominated for a Kelly award. He also expressed concern that there weren’t any definitive lead characters to showcase the talent that the students have. Mr. Gaschler questioned why the Board is voting on the musical. The discussion then turned to all athletics and student activities.

Mrs. Renaldi reported that Mary Ann Broderick, wife of the Girls Basketball Coach, was approved to help with the team also. She also mentioned that the both the girls and boys soccer teams were considering playing up next year which should be beneficial. Mrs. Renaldi thanked Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Davis for helping to get the cooler fixed during the tip off tournament.

Mr. Puskar mentioned that while he was at the tournament, a number of people approached him regarding our coaches. They asked him if there was a review process and what the review criteria is for coaches. Mrs. Renaldi stated that Mr. Davis and the principals meet yearly to review coaches and decide from there how to proceed. It used to be that the evaluations were brought to the Board every 3 years, but that hasn’t happened in recent memory. Mr. Rocco asked if the season record was taken into consideration during the review? It was also asked if Mr. Davis could provide the Board with an end of season summary and his recommendation to retain/not retain each coach.

On motion by Mrs. Renaldi and seconded by Ms. Moretti, the Board voted to approve the following motions:

- 6.1 Recommend the Board approve “It’s a Bird...It’s a Plane...It’s Superman” as the 2016 Spring Musical. The performance is scheduled for April 8, 9, and 10, 2016.

Voice vote carried the motion.

7.0 POLICY/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

No report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Conte stated that he would like to begin having Committee Meetings again. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Pollick would like to split Education/Technology into two separate committees.

Mr. Gaschler asked if all employees, including cafeteria employees, have ID badges. Mr. Graczyk said that all employees have badges; however, cafeteria/maintenance may not always have them around their necks if they are working around mixers or other machinery.

Mr. Rocco asked about eligibility criteria and the filming of sporting events. A lot of colleges are now asking students to submit game highlight films. He would like to see us film all of our sports in order to make it easier for students to create their own highlight reels. Mrs. Renaldi said that the football boosters pay for a program called Hudl for filming. Mr. Pollick would like Mr. Davis to look into this for all sports. It will not only benefit parents/students, but coaches can use the video for training purposes.

Mr. Gaschler asked about the demographic study. Mr. Graczyk said that Dr. Stewman will be coming in to review this with the Board in January.

Community member, Mrs. Christina Pollick, strongly suggested that the Board go back to committee meetings.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion to begin having committee meetings which was seconded by Ms. Haas. Discussion on having committee meetings ensued.

Mr. Puskar made a motion to table Mrs. Jursa's motion which was seconded by Mr. Gaschler. Motion passed 6-3 with Mr. Conte, Ms. Haas, and Mrs. Jursa voting no.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Moretti and seconded by Ms. Jursa, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Caldwell
Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent