

Allegheny Valley School District
February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, February 16, 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 - absent
	Ms. Haas	Mr. Rocco
	Mrs. Jursa	Mr. Pollick
	Ms. Moretti	

Mrs. Renaldi called to say that she would be absent due to illness.

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Dr. Nuzzo, Mr. Rau, Mr. xxx, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for Personnel Matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

MINUTES: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes as submitted and January 18, 2016 minutes with changes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the January 2016 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger) and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the following motions:

1. Nominate Mr. Larry Pollick as a candidate for the vacant positions on the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.
2. A 1-year contract extension with Jeff Brooks Landscaping with no increase from the 2015-2016 year. The contract extension will be in effect from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.
3. The removal and replacement of the Evaporator and Condenser Units for the Acmetonia Primary School's Walk-in Freezer at a cost of \$9,797.97.
4. Renew the lease agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for one (1) DART classroom at Acmetonia Primary School at the same rate as the 2015/2016 school year.
5. The lease of 2 Xerox copiers for Springdale Jr-Sr High School. The lease will be for 60 months at a monthly rate of \$539.
6. Deem the attached list of Musical Instrument as surplus.

Voice vote carried the motion

Mr. Rau provided a presentation on the 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget. Discussion was held on the matter.

EDUCATION: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the following motions:

1. Qualified students to participate in the Academic Games National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia from April 22, 2016 to April 26, 2016. Costs for transportation to Georgia are not to exceed \$6,000. Mr. Conte asked for a clarification on the costs for the trip. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. The request of Mr. Andrew Tsangaris, Ms. Sue Mellon and nine (9) FBLA students to attend the 2016 State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 10, 2016 to April 13, 2016. Cost per person is \$540.55 and includes registration/lodging/meals. Transportation will be via Greyhound and will be shared with other school districts, cost to be determined.
3. The 2016-2017 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School.
4. The following complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Cheswick Borough. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

Voice vote carried the motion.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the following motions:

1. Accept the resignation of Ms. Tiffany Harsh, Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School effective January 19, 2016.
2. Accept the resignation of the following athletic personnel:
 - Dr. Jim Nemec, Volunteer Football Coach, effective January 26, 2016.
 - Mr. Donald Boulton, Football Coach, effective February 1, 2016
 - Mr. John Susi, First Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective February 4, 2016
 - Mr. Anthony Pototo, Assistant Softball Coach, effective February 4, 2016
3. The employment of the following Classified Staff:
 - Ms. Jamie McCartney (Replacement), Paraprofessional at Acmetonia Primary School Effective February 17, 2016.
Compensation: \$93/day plus single benefits
 - Ms. Lea Nelson (Replacement), Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School Effective February 17, 2016
Compensation: \$93/day plus single benefits
4. The employment of the following athletic personnel:
 - Jerry Clark, Assistant Track Coach
Effective February 17, 2016
Compensation: \$3,027
 - Anthony Pototo, Head Softball Coach
Effective: February 17, 2016
Compensation: \$4,859
5. The employment of the following Musical personnel:
 - Ms. Elizabeth Minda, Musical Director - \$2,204; Musical Vocal Director - \$1,603
Effective January 9, 2016
 - Ms. Jayne Sheldon, Musical Rehearsal Pianist - \$523; Musician - \$352
Effective January 9, 2016
 - Mr. Stephen Smietana, Musical Orchestra Director - \$1603
Effective January 9, 2016

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to accept the anonymous donation of 130 wind-up flashlights, at an estimated cost of \$1,100 for the District's Emergency Management Program. Voice vote carried the motion.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: In the absence of Mrs. Renaldi, Mr. Rocco made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the request for Ms. Beth Minda to take a student to the Regional Chorus at Western Beaver High School on March 16-18, 2016. Cost is \$341.02 for registration and lodging. After discussion, Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to table the motion for additional information. After further discussion, Mr. Puskar and Ms. Moretti rescinded the motion to table. On roll call vote, all members voted yes with Ms. Moretti and Mr. Puskar voting no and Mr. Conte abstaining for family relationship. Motion carried, 5-2-1.

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the following motions:

1. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #304 Employment of District Staff.
 2. The first reading to a Revision of Policy #115 Vocational Technical Education.
- Voice vote carried the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Puskar asked about the options for Colfax. He asked that the Board determine when to make decisions and would like to see a timeline to enable the District to utilize the summer for construction. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Pollick asked if any other Board Member needed additional information to make a decision. Ms. Moretti asked for the administrators to review the floor plans for both options and see if all necessary spaces are accounted for. She also asked if the process to close a building be outlined and submitted to the Board. Mrs. Jursa asked for a cost of transportation if Colfax were closed. Further discussion was held on the matter.
2. Mr. Puskar asked about the process for comments to the newspaper. Discussion was held on the matter.
3. Mr. Rocco asked about the WPIAL announcement to not allow the A and AA classes to play their football championship games at Heinz Field. He would like the District to send a letter disagreeing with the decision. Discussion was held on the matter.
4. Mr. Puskar asked if the District could put together some materials in support of Mr. Pollick's bid for an AIU Board seat. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to adjourn the meeting and go to Executive Session, 8:39 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director