

Allegheny Valley School District
June 14, 2016

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, June 14, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 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, Mr. Sanchez, Dr. Welter, Ms. Kaczor, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Holler, Ms. Vecchio, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that the Board had been in an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a Personnel matter.

Mr. Graczyk presented several students with Extra Mile Awards.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Terry Thompson, Foreman Architects Engineers, presented information on the Acmetonia building project. Discussion was held on the matter.

PERSONNEL:

Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to accept the resignation of Mr. Christopher Protho, Assistant Principal at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Voice vote carried the motion.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

Mr. Graczyk provided information on the construction project.

Discussion was held on a motion for the Acmetonia building project.

1. Recommend the Board approve the Final Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$21,468,293. This budget reflects an expenditure increase of 2.89% or \$602,153 more than the 2015-2016 budget. Local revenue for this budget will be provided by a real estate tax of 20.3494 mills,

one-half of 1% real estate transfer tax, and \$5.00 local emergency services tax. Mr. Puskar asked if the budget maintains current staffing and an SRO/SPO position. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Gaschler stated that he spoke with PSBA. The organization suggested that the District not pass a budget until the state passes its budget. Discussion was held on the matter.

2. Recommend the Board approve the 2016 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion, for the District to reduce property taxes, for qualified homestead/farmstead properties by \$133.64. In accordance with the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), the District must reduce property taxes beginning July 1, 2014.
3. Recommend the Board approve the Adelphoi Education Services Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. Recommend the Board adopt the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Board approved LEA Policies and Procedures that are consistent with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's policies and procedures established under §§300.101 – 300.163 and §§300.165 – 300.174 as required under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
5. Recommend the Board approve the 2016-2017 annual Student Assistance Program/SAP Liaison Crisis Response Plan, Allegheny County, with Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
6. Recommend the Board approve the purchase and installation of Telescopic Bleachers in the Springdale Jr-Sr High School Multi-Purpose Room at a cost of \$53,645.00 (CoStars Pricing), which includes material, installation and labor. Mr. Puskar asked if the cost was in next year's budget. Mr. Rau stated that the cost had been included in the budget, but with no School Board meeting in July, the District would like approval to begin the project next month. Discussion was held on the matter.
7. Recommend the Board approve the lease agreement with Apple Financial Services for 80 iPads with an annual payment of \$13,061.20 for 4 years. Mr. Conte asked if there was a reason to lease the equipment. Mr. Rau explained. Discussion was held on the matter.
8. Recommend the Board approve the purchase agreement with Apple Financial Service for 50 MacBook Pros at a cost of \$49,950.00.
9. Recommend the Board approve the purchase agreement with Esber Cash Register for the upgrade of the Cafeteria Point-of-Sale system at a cost of \$5,015.
10. Recommend the Board approve Melissa Holler to participate in the Pennsylvania Fellowship Program for Special Education Leaders. Registration fee is \$425 plus travel and lodging.
11. Recommend the Board approve PNC Bank, Harmar Township, as the school district depository for the 2016-2017 school year.
12. Recommend the Board approve the following companies as the District's investment companies:
 - PLGIT (State-Approved Agency)
 - PSDLAF (State-Approved Agency)
13. Recommend the Board approve the paper and custodial supplies bid to be purchased through the AIU Consortium as indicated on the attachment.
14. Recommend the Board award the Athletic and General Supplies Bid to the vendors indicated on the attachment above.
15. Recommend the Board approve the renewal of the following insurance policies for 2016-2017 as proposed through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
• Package (PSBA)	\$37,147	\$38,134
• Excess (PSBA)	\$ 5,112	\$ 6,060
• Business Auto (PSBA)	\$ 6,194	\$ 6,262
• School Leaders E&O (PSBA)	\$10,849	\$10,846
• Workers Compensation (Highmark)	\$52,107	\$56,540
• BCS Insurance	\$ 4,576	\$ 4,898
Sports and Student Accident Insurance – American Management Advisors underwritten by AXIS Insurance Company as follows:		

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
• Athletic Plan AAA – Primary	\$6,154	\$6,154

- Student Plan – School Time \$ 22 \$ 22
 - Student Plan – 24-Hour Coverage \$ 88 \$ 88
16. Recommend the Board approve the proposal from Senate Engineering Company for the Football Field Retaining Wall Structural Issues at a cost of \$16,000. Mr. Conte asked if the District could put this item out for bid. Mr. Sanchez explained that the District needs an engineer to determine the root cause of the issue. Mr. Puskar asked if the lease states anything about responsibility for the costs. Mr. Rau explained that he believes the District is responsible for maintenance of the facility. He will check the contract again. Discussion was held on the matter.
17. Recommend the Board approve the Forbes Road Career and Technical Center 2016-2017 Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$4,400,000 with an interest rate of 1.20%.

Mr. Rau explained that a motion for a new web site company was omitted and would be on the agenda for the voting meeting.

Mr. Rocco asked if the District could start an initiative to update job descriptions. Discussion was held on the matter.

EDUCATION: No Report.

TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Conte stated that a committee meeting was held earlier. He reported that a survey on technology in the District had been initiated and the results were the best in three years. He noted that things are going well with the 1:1 program. Ms. Kaczor talked about another survey with students and teachers on iPad usage. Discussion was held on the matter.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board approve 2 additional paraprofessionals for the 2016 Extended School Year (ESY) Program.
 2. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following ESY Professional Staff:
 - A. Curtis Poremski, Teacher, Compensation: \$36 per hour
 - B. Chelsea Young, Teacher, Compensation: \$26 per hour
 - C. Ashley Wiskup-Shields, Teacher, Compensation: \$26 per hour
 - D. Carly Lentz, Speech Teacher, Compensation: \$36 per hour
 - E. Kandi Connor, Nurse, Compensation: \$36
 3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following ESY Classified Staff:
 - A. Chelsea Walker, Paraprofessional, Compensation: \$12.40 per hour
 - B. Michael Morrone, Paraprofessional, Compensation: \$13.07 per hour
 - C. Jamie McCartney, Paraprofessional, Compensation: \$12.40 per hour
 - D. To Be Named, Paraprofessional, Compensation: TBD
 - E. To Be Named, Paraprofessional, Compensation: TBD
 - F. Catherine Johnson, Substitute Nurse, Compensation: \$17.01 per hour
 - G. Jean Cotter, Cook, Compensation: \$13.30 per hour
 - H. Sandy Kostewicz, Substitute Bus Aide, Compensation: \$10.30 per hour
 - I. Amber Bash, Substitute Bus Aide, Compensation: \$10.30 per hour
- Mr. Graczyk stated that he would have the individuals to be named for Monday's meeting.
4. Recommend the Board approve the FMLA request for the following employees:
 - A. Employee #762
Effective August 17, 2016 – November 10, 2016
 - B. Employee #866
Effective September 26, 2016 – December 21, 2016

5. Recommend the Board approve the unpaid Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave request for the following employees:
 - A. Employee #762
Effective November 11, 2016 – March 24, 2016
 - B. Employee #866
Effective December 22, 2016 – December 23, 2016
6. Recommend the Board approve tenure for the following teachers who have completed three (3) consecutive and satisfactory years of employment:
 - A. Bethany Hough
 - B. Rebecca Garbisch
 - C. Janis Taliana
7. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following Athletic Personnel:
 - A. Lisa Leasure, Jr. High Cheerleader Co-Coach, Effective May 20, 2016
 - B. Kristina Stiner, Jr. High Cheerleader Co-Coach, Effective June 1, 2016
 - C. Robert Kelly, Volunteer Football Coach, Effective June 20, 2016
8. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic Personnel:
 - A. Chelsea Walker, Girls JV Soccer Coach, Compensation: \$4,689
Effective June 21, 2016
 - B. Robert Kelly, 2nd Assistant Football Coach, Compensation: \$3,027
Effective June 21, 2016

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Renaldi stated that the District has an individual to be hired as the Assistant Volleyball Coach, however, they are waiting for paperwork. If the information comes to the District this week, a name may be on the agenda for Monday.

Discussion was held on participation in Springdale's annual Fourth of July Parade.

Mr. Pollick commented on the Dynamo Education Foundation's Soccer Reunion 2 event, congratulating all involved for a great day.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the second reading to a Revision of Policy #304, Employment of District Staff.
2. Recommend the Board approve the second reading to a Revision of Policy #314, Physical Examination.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Rocco asked about using the nurse as a substitute in the classrooms. Mr. Graczyk and Dr. Welter explained the circumstances that would necessitate the nurse to be utilized in this manner. The substitute/class coverage process was also explained. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Mr. Gaschler asked about the Graduation Ceremony and how the student speakers were selected. 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. Renaldi to adjourn the meeting, 9:02 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director