

Allegheny Valley School District

March 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, March 14, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

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| Roll Call: | Mr. Conte | Mr. Puskar - absent |
| | 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, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Davis, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick asked for a moment of silence to honor Mrs. Linda Schweitzer, former Board Member, who recently passed away.

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to suspend policy #903, Public Participation in Board Meetings, for public comment for tonight's meeting. Voice vote carried the motion.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Mr. Scott Redman was recognized and asked the Board to do what's educationally and fiscally responsible for students in regards to the Colfax building decision.

Mr. John Murry was recognized and stated that he likes the separation of the grade levels in two buildings. He understands the saving of money in having only one building, but stated that cheaper isn't always the best. He noted the high number of cars at the Acme building in the morning and at dismissal. He asked why the Board wants to take away from the kids.

Ms. Jean Marie Gent asked for a clarification on the plan for students during a renovation project. Mr. Graczyk stated that if the decision is to renovate Acme, students would remain at Colfax until the renovation is complete. There would be no need for an alternate location. If the Board chooses to building a new Colfax, the District would have to find an alternate site for students, which has not been determined at this time. Ms. Gent asked how renovating Acme would affect Acme staff and students. Is there a timeline for construction? Would construction take place while students were in the building? Mr. Terry Thompson, Foreman Architects explained the timelines for Acmetonia and Colfax building projects. Discussion was held on the matter. Ms. Gent also asked if the Option of moving the 6th grade to the high school was still available. Mr. Pollick stated that the Board had voted to not move 6th grade to the high school.

Mr. Richard Panza asked about a tax increase to pay for the project. Mr. Rau explained that the different projects have different costs. Once a project is selected, the Board will discuss how to finance it. Some of the money has been put aside, but the District will possibly have to take out a small bond issue. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Steve Sekaras asked if conditions were put in place for construction over costs? Mr. Thompson explained the process and that a contingency fund is part of the total project cost and whatever remained in the fund after the project reverts back to the District.

Ms. Missy Skugan stated that it sounds like financial decisions need to be made that are unknown yet. Does the district have a plan that says exactly what is going to happen? The money involved? The time involved? Mr.

Pollick explained the process. Ms. Skugan asked what happens during the time between bidding to construction? Mr. Thompson explained.

Ms. Calderone asked about the students if construction ran past August. Mr. Graczyk stated that it would depend on if and when the Board would close Colfax.

Ms. Margaret Cook asked about the plan if the Board chose to make modifications to Acme. Mr. Thompson explained about the classroom addition for grades s4, 5, and 6.

Mr. Tim Dexter asked if this move would be permanent, with a response of yes.

Mr. Kevin Leahy asked if the Acme plans include an expanded cafeteria and parking lot. Mr. Thompson explained that there would be an internal shift of space in the kitchen and cafeteria for additional space and that additional parking is in the plan.

Mr. Murry asked where the addition to Acme would be located. Mr. Thompson stated that the addition would go into the field area at the back of the building. He also noted that a traffic study would probably need to be completed.

Ms. Skugan stated that if that type of information is missing, she doesn't see how the Board can make the best decision.

Ms. Gent agreed that parking is an issue.

Ms. Moretti stated that the main issue she has heard about from parents is the parking, especially at dismissal.

Mr. Murry asked about a transportation cost.

Ms. Gent asked if the cost for additional transportation is included? Ms. Moretti stated no, not in the numbers given. Mr. Graczyk stated that Mr. Heavner, the Transportation Coordinator, had scheduled a meeting with W.L. Roenigk to discuss a plan and possible additional costs.

Ms. Skugan asked if the project is at Acme will there be changes to lunch and recess times. Mr. Graczyk addressed the concern. Mr. Leahy stated he also had concerns with cafeteria times for student lunches.

Ms. Megan Dale asked about personnel redundancies and what the plan was for staff. Mr. Graczyk explained that the District was not going into this process to furlough staff. The state provides reasons that allow districts to furlough staff and that is not the intent of this project.

Discussion was held on the matter.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Extra Mile Awards
- 2014-15 Audit – Mr. Rau

MINUTES: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the February 9 and 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

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

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to bring Option 2, renovating the Colfax Upper Elementary School building, back to the table for consideration. Mrs. Jursa asked if there would be a full renovation, would PlanCon still be available? Mr. Thompson stated yes, it would bring a similar return. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Gaschler to table the motion to bring Option 2 back to the table. On voice vote, all members voted yes, with Ms. Moretti, Mrs. Jursa, and Ms. Haas voting no. Motion carried, 6-3.

Mr. Gaschler made a motion seconded by Mr. Conte to approve Feasibility Study Option # 7, additions to Acmetonia Primary School as presented by Foreman Architects Engineers as the project description for the elementary school facility improvement program. Ms. Moretti asked if the cost would be different if the plan kept the administrative office at Acme. Mr. Thompson stated that the cost would be similar. Mrs. Jursa asked about placing the administration on the second floor of the high school's D-wing and her concern with security. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Puskar stated that there were ways to accommodate a central office at the high school and utilize the space with in cost restraints. Further discussion was held on the matter. On roll call vote, Mr. Conte, Mr. Gaschler, Mrs. Renaldi, Mr. Pollick, and Mr. Rocco voted yes; Ms. Haas, Mrs. Jursa, Ms. Moretti, and Mr. Puskar voted no. Motion passed, 5-4.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve Resolution No. 2016-1 for the purpose of application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a variance of school construction reimbursement criteria in relation to the proposed renovations/additions to Acmetonia Primary School. On roll call vote, Mr. Conte, Mr. Gaschler, Ms. Haas, Ms. Moretti, Mr. Rocco, Mrs. Renaldi, Mr. Pollick, and Mrs. Jursa voted yes. Mr. Puskar voted no. Motion carried, 8-1.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the following motions:

1. The request of Valley Points Family YMCA to provide the Summer Day Camp program at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. The program will begin on Monday, June 6, 2016 and run until the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. The program will relocate back to Acmetonia Primary School at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
 2. The proposed 2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,021,185.00. The Allegheny Valley School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$21,677 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).
 3. Directing the administration to place out for bid the general school, athletic and custodial supplies for the 2016-2017 school year.
 4. Vote for Mr. Salvatore J. Colella, Plum School District, to serve as the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium School Board Trustee for the Eastern Region for a two-year period effective March 31, 2016.
 5. Accept the audited Financial Statement submitted by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLC and the accompanying management letter comments for the year ending June 30, 2015.
 6. Adopt Draft #1 of the AVSD 2016-2017 Master Calendar as the final version.
- Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no on item #6, adopting draft 1 of the AVSD 2016-2017 master calendar.

EDUCATION: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to adopt the APChemistry textbook *Chemistry – The Central Science – AP Edition*, copyright 2015, by Brown, LeMay, Bursten, Murphy, Woodward, Stoltzfus. Voice vote carried the motion.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

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

1. The employment of the following Musical personnel:
 - Ms. Emily Ingram, Musical Art Director - \$1,108
Effective March 15, 2016
 - Ms. Melissa Newell, Musical Choreographer - \$979
Effective March 15, 2016
 - Mr. Ronald Sikora, Musical Publicist - \$618
Effective March 15, 2016
 - Mr. Brett Kymer, Musical Set Designer - \$1,108
Effective March 15, 2016
2. The employment of the following athletic personnel:
 - Ms. Tracy Acheson, Assistant Softball Coach
Effective: March 15, 2016; Compensation: \$3,027
 - Mr. Jerry Susi, First Assistant Baseball Coach
Effective: March 15, 2016; Compensation: \$3,027
3. The employment of Ms. Charlotte Sikora as a Substitute Bus Aide. Compensation for this position is \$10.30 per hour.
4. The transfer of Ms. Angie Rudolf from Paraprofessional to Extended Day-to-Day Substitute replacing Employee #618 who will be on FMLA effective March 29, 2016 through June 3, 2016. Compensation for this position will be \$150 per day.
5. The employment of Ms. Barbara Ansell as a Temporary Paraprofessional replacing Ms. Angie Rudolf, effective March 29, 2016 through June 3, 2016. Compensation for this position will be \$93 per day.
6. Removing Mr. Dan Liberati as Volunteer Coach for both the Boys Soccer and Boys Basketball Programs.

Ms. Moretti asked if all paperwork had been completed. Mr. Graczyk stated that yes, if the individuals are listed on the agenda, all paperwork has been received. Voice vote carried the motion

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the following motions:

1. The Girls' Soccer Team pre-season trip to Edinboro University on August 18-20, 2016.
2. Increase Girls' and Boys' Basketball ticket prices \$1 each. Admission prices for adults will now be \$4 and students will now be \$2.

On voice vote, all members voted yes, with Mr. Gaschler voting no on item #2, increase basketball ticket prices. Motion carried.

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

1. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #115 Vocational Technical Education.
2. The First Reading to a revision of Policy #810, Transportation.

Voice vote carried the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Construction – Mr. Puskar asked if the building project would stay under the Finance Committee? He would like the Board to consider a separate committee. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Football Program – Mr. Rocco asked about the Junior High Football and Youth programs. Mrs. Renaldi stated that students could play on both teams. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Rocco also requested that the Board look at the policy for parent coaches. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mrs. Paula Moretti was recognized and asked if the PlanCon money was guaranteed? Mr. Thompson explained that the District would enter into the PlanCon process, but that the reimbursement was never guaranteed. Mrs. Moretti also asked if there was a minimum age for volunteers according to policy. Ms. Moretti replied yes, the minimum age is 21.

Mr. Murry asked about Roberts Rules and the number of Board Members needed to approve a motion. Mr. Hoffman explained.

Ms. Joelle McFarland asked if there were two Act 80 days in the calendar that was approved. Ms. Moretti stated yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to adjourn the meeting, 8:53 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director