

Allegheny Valley School District
May 10, 2016

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, May 10, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

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, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Davis, Dr. Welter, Ms. Kaczor, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Holler, Dr. Protho, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Heavner and Ms. Zastawniak made a presentation on School Resource Officer/School Police Officers. Chief Jason Domaratz (Harmar Township) and Chief Darek Dayoub (Springdale Borough) commented on the matter. Ms. Devon McClafferty, parent, commented that the Board needs to make this item a priority. Discussion was held on the matter. The Emergency Management Committee will make a recommendation on the item for the Board to consider.

Dr. Janice Nuzzo made a presentation on Mandated Reporter. Discussion was held on the matter.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$21,468,293. The Budget represents an increase of 2.89% or \$602,153 more than the 2015-2016 Budget of \$20,866,140. Local revenue for this Proposed Final Budget will be provided by a real estate tax of 20.3494 mills, one-half of 1% earned income tax, one-half of 1% real estate transfer tax and one-half of \$10 occupation privilege tax. Mr. Rau reminded the Board that a 30-day window is needed before a vote can be taken on the final budget. This time frame necessitates the Board voting on this item tonight. On roll call vote, all members voted yes, with Mr. Conte voting no. Motion carried, 7-1.

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.

1. Recommend the Board appoint Ms. Kathleen Haas as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Gaschler requested a copy of the position description. Mr. Rau stated that he would send the description.
2. Recommend the Board approve the 2016-2017 General Operating and Administrative Budgets for Forbes Road Career and Technology Center in the amounts of: Operating Budget - \$6,667,218 and Administrative Budget - \$304,760 (Projected Allegheny Valley share of Administrative Budget - \$19,426.61)
3. Recommend the Board approve Chris Allman to attend the PSSA RangeFinding (Science) Conference, on June 1 & 2, 2016, in Harrisburg, PA. DRC will cover cost of travel, lodging, and meals.
4. Recommend the Board approve the Computer Centerline (CCL) 2016-2017 Twelve-Month Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue outsourcing technology staff at a total cost of \$75,000. Ms. Moretti asked what the District is paying this year? Mr. Rau explained that the cost is about \$65,000, but he would have to get the exact number. Ms. Moretti asked if this increase makes sense or would it be more cost effective for the District to hire someone for the technology department. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Graczyk stated that in advancing the District's technology, it would be a benefit to add personnel in that area. Further discussion was held on the matter.
5. Recommend the Board approve the Computer Centerline (CCL) 2016-2017 Ten-Month Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for onsite support of Student Notebook Program at the High School: 3 days per week, 6 hours per day at a cost of \$1,550 per month.
6. Recommend the Board authorize the Replacement and Installation of the Sidewalk by the cafeteria side door at the High School at a cost of \$4,900.
7. Recommend the Board approve a Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #251053.
8. Recommend the Board approve the One-Year Natural Gas Extension Agreement between the District and ARM/AEM at a cost of \$2.819/MCF for the period of August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017. This price results in an annual savings of \$15,870 based on current consumption.

EDUCATION: In the absence of Mr. Puskar, Mr. Rocco reviewed the following:

1. Recommend the Board approve a new course titled MATH 7 for the 2016-2017 School Year.
2. Recommend the Board approve the list of graduating seniors, Class of 2016, and further approve those who meet the requirements for graduation to be granted an official diploma on June 3, 2016 or shortly thereafter.
3. Recommend the Board approve the changes to the Springdale Jr-Sr High School Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 School Year.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Elementary Staffing request to support the 2016-2017 Student Program.
2. Recommend the Board approve the Secondary Staff request to support the 2016-2017 Student Program.
3. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following Athletic Personnel:
 - A. Michael Leasure, First Assistant Football Coach, Effective April 21, 2016.
 - B. Melissa Smock, Assistant Volleyball Coach and 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Effective June 3, 2016.
4. Recommend the Board approve the transfer of Nick Spehar from 2nd Assistant Football Coach to 1st Assistant Football Coach effective May 17, 2016. Compensation for this position is \$4,689.

5. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic Personnel:
 - A. Brian Shemenski, 2nd Assistant Football Coach, Effective May 17, 2016, Compensation: \$3,027
 - B. Julie Lea, Track Helper, Effective May 17, 2016, Compensation: \$35 per meetMr. Gaschler asked about the duties of a track helper. Mr. Davis explained and noted that the approval was for the next school year.
6. Recommend the Board approve an additional paraprofessional for the 2016 Extended School Year (ESY) Program.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ms. Moretti reported on the District's annual Emergency Management large-scale drill that was held on May 10. Discussion was held on the matter.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the second reading of Policy #824, Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.
2. Recommend the Board approve the first reading to a Revision of Policy #304, Employment of District Staff. Mr. Conte asked about the statement concerning "immediate family." Mr. Hoffman stated that he will review the policy.
3. Recommend the Board approve the first reading to a Revision of Policy #314, Physical Examination.

Mr. Gaschler asked about a First Reading for changes to the Volunteer Policy to delete the age requirement. Ms. Moretti stated that it can be added to the agenda. Discussion was held on the matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Conte asked if the District can repaint the high school parking lot. Mr. Sanchez stated that it is due to be repainted this summer.
2. Mr. Conte asked about the Career Cruising Program. Discussion was held on the matter.
3. Mr. Rocco asked about a report on Athletics. Mr. Graczyk stated that it was emailed and the Board will have a presentation on Monday. Mrs. Renaldi stated the Board could have the discussion now.
 - Mr. Rocco asked what would be needed to change the procedure for parent coaches. Mr. Hoffman explained that there should be a recommendation on the agenda to direct the change, in other words to give direction to the administration on what to do. Discussion was held by the Board concerning whether or not to change the procedure. Mr. Hoffman restated that the Board should be on record with any change. Mrs. Renaldi stated that there are minutes from the Athletic Committee meeting. She does not recommend parent coaches. Mr. Conte commented that the Board should have a police one way or the other. Further discussion was held on the matter.
 - Mrs. Renaldi commented on agreements with Walmart and Dicks to sell SHS items, with some proceeds coming back to the District. Mr. Hoffman is reviewing the agreements.
 - Mrs. Renaldi also stated that Mr. Davis will work out the usage of the high school field for the summer. Mr. Davis is gathering costs for swim coaches and the cost of a swim program.
 - Mr. Conte asked about the Girls' Softball Program and if the girls attended the meeting. Mr. Davis commented that a meeting was held with parents.
4. Mr. Graczyk provided a report on discussions held with staff members (D. Skoretz and J. Sheldon) on Acme renovations. He stated that the both liked the forum space. However, space for storage and small lessons would be needed. Discussion was held on the matter.

- Mr. Pollick led a discussion concerning an elevator at Acme and that the Board would need a recommendation. He also stated that there was a suggestion by the Board that Acme does not need two computer rooms. Discussion was held on the matters.
- Ms. Moretti asked about a Construction Manager and would the Board have a discussion on whether to have this position to help with the project. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Pollick asked that a recommendation come from Finance/Operations. Mr. Hoffman commented that the primary function of this position is to be the “eyes and ears” of the project. The role of the position can come from a range of possibilities. Further discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Devon McClafferty was recognized and asked about the SADD group project of a Mock Crash. She stated that the request to hold the event was denied. Dr. Welter explained the decision. Ms. Moretti commented that she would help if the Mock Crash were held as a community event and held on a Saturday. Discussion was held on the matter.

Ms. McClafferty also asked about Common Core and how it was brought to the District. Ms. Moretti stated that it is mandated by the State.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to adjourn the meeting, 9:12 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director