

**Allegheny Valley School District**  
**November 10, 2015**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, November 10, 2015. 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	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. Gilmartin - absent	Mr. Pollino
	Ms. Haas	Mr. Puskar
	Mrs. Jursa	Mr. Pollick
	Ms. Moretti	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Rau, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Vecchio, Dr. Welter, Ms. Kaczor, Dr. Protho, Mr. Sanchez, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that prior to the meeting the Board was in Executive Session for Personnel matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

The following items were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board approve Mr. Ray Davis to attend the PSADA 2016 Conference in Hershey, PA on March 15-18, 2016. District Cost: \$1,011 for registration/lodging plus meals/mileage
2. Recommend the Board approve Mr. Larry Pollick, Mrs. Annetta Jursa, and Ms. Kathleen Haas to attend the NSBA Conference and Exposition, April 9 – 11, 2016, in Boston, MA. Approximate cost is \$915/person for registration and \$219/night for lodging per person, as well as mileage/meal reimbursement. Mr. Puskar asked about the procedures for conferences. Discussion was held on the matter.
3. Recommend the Board appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the Temporary Chairperson (President) at the December 1, 2015 Reorganization Meeting until a president is approved. Explaining procedure, Mr. Hoffman asked that this motion be deferred until December. All members were in agreement.
4. Recommend the Board approve the lease agreement with Apple Financial Services for 180 iPads and with an annual payment of \$35,485.66 for four years.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the board approve the reclassification of the following substitute employees from Long-Term Substitute to Extended Day-to-Day Substitute:
  - Ashley Shields, Colfax Upper Elementary School, replacing Elizabeth Romeo who retired.

- Compensation is \$150/day, plus single benefits. Effective October 19, 2015
- Adrienne Biagi, Colfax Upper Elementary, replacing Kristin Bellavance who is on leave. Compensation is \$150 per day. Effective October 18, 2015
2. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Madge Erwin as a substitute cafeteria worker. Compensation for this position is \$8.75/hour, effective November 17, 2015
  3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Corey Kaczor as a full-time custodian, pending receipt of all required documents. Compensation for this position is \$11.20/hour with all other benefits as per the SEIU Agreement.
  4. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following coaches:
    - Ms. Courtney Yaksich, JV Girls Basketball Coach
    - Ms. Nicole Tryon, Assistant Track Coach
    - Ms. Emilie Ogden, Assistant Track Coach
  5. Recommend the Board approve the FMLA request for the Employee #576, Tonya Rodey. Effective November 17, 2015 (tentative).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ms. Moretti reported that the administration is gathering research on School Resource Officers/School Police/School Security for the Board's information.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

#### POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading of Policy #815.4, Student Communications.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Puskar asked about the demography study and a presentation for the Board. Mr. Pollick asked the Board when they would like to discuss the matter. The Board asked if Mr. Stewman, demographer, would be able to make a presentation to the Board on the report. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Graczyk will look into when Mr. Stewman might be available and report back at the next meeting.
2. Mrs. Renaldi stated that the Springdale HOPE group would be hosting a fundrasier at the Springdale Firehall on Sunday, November 22.
3. Mrs. Renaldi thanked Ms. Zastawniak, Mr. Donnelly, and all staff and students who participated in the Senior Citizen Brunch.
4. Mr. Pollick invited all in attendance to the Veterans' Day Program scheduled for Wednesday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the high school.
5. Mr. Conte stated that the band/choir had added educational activities to their trip to Walt Disney World. He also stated that the high school counselors had begun student meetings.

#### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- Dr. Welter reported on events at the high school. She also gave an update on technology implementation for the 1:1 program.
- Dr. Protho reported on the School-Wide Positive Behavior Program, noting that staff and students concentrated on hallway behavior and will begin cafeteria behavior this month. In addition, Dr. Protho updated the Board on testing.
- Ms. Vecchio reported on the School-Wide Positive Behavior Program at Colfax. She state that seasonal performances would be beginning in November and that students built Gingerbread Houses that will be displayed at PPG Place.
- Mr. Heavner reported on the success of parent conferences in the building and invited all Board Members to the Pancakes with the Principal event that will be held November 17-20 beginning at 9:00

a.m. at Acme. The program celebrates American Education Week.

- Ms. Holler reported that the special education teachers continue to refine procedures and increase partnerships for the Transition program.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Pollino made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to adjourn the meeting, 7:39 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak  
Public Relations Director