

Allegheny Valley School District

September 8, 2015

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, September 8, 2015. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

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| 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, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Vecchio, Ms. Kaczor, Dr. Prothro, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

Mr. Graczyk reported on meetings with the Colfax staff. Discussion was held on the matter.

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Acmetonia Paraprofessional Hire - hire Ms. Casey Kopac as a Paraprofessional at Acmetonia Primary School. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective September 9, 2015.
2. Colfax Paraprofessional Hire - hire Mr. William Emerick as a Paraprofessional at Colfax Upper Elementary School, replacing Ms. Erin Durante. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective September 9, 2015.
3. Colfax Paraprofessional Hire - hire Ms. Adrianna Scotti as a Paraprofessional at Colfax Upper Elementary School, replacing Ms. Chelsea Young. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective September 9, 2015.
4. Springdale Jr-Sr High School Paraprofessional Hire - hire Ms. Emilie Ogden as a Paraprofessional to replace Ms. Caitlin Watt at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective September 9, 2015.

Discussion was held on voting on items at a Planning Session. On voice vote, all members voted yes with Mr. Puskar abstaining. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Candidate - Recommend the Board nominate Mr. Larry Pollick as a candidate for the vacant position on the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.

2. Parent Transportation Contract - Recommend the Board approve the Parent Transportation Contract for Ms. Margaret Oleson to transport her child to Shady Side Academy Middle School, which is within ten miles of the District.
3. Parent Transportation Contract - Recommend the Board approve the Parent Transportation Contract for Ms. Stacie Schneider to transport her child to St. Bonaventure Parish School, which is within ten miles of the District.
4. Parent Transportation Contract - Recommend the Board approve the Parent Transportation Contract for Mr. Mark A. Ruppert to transport his children to Redeemer Lutheran School, which is within ten miles of the District.
5. Xerox Lease Agreement - Recommend the Board approve the lease of 8 (eight) Xerox copiers throughout the district for 36 months at a monthly rate of \$2,383.
6. PASA-PSBA Conference - Recommend the Board approve the following to attend the PASA - PSBA Conference, on October 14, 2015, in Hershey, PA: Mr. Patrick Graczyk Ms. Janice Zastawniak Mr. Gregory Heavner Ms. Jayne Sheldon Ms. Carla Lagattuta. Approximate cost is \$254/person for registration and \$182/night for lodging per person as well as mileage.
7. PSBA Slate of Candidates (Roll Call Vote) - Recommend the Board approve the following 2016 Slate of Candidates for PSBA endorsed by the PSBA Leadership Development Committee:
 - President-Elect: Mark B. Miller*, Centennial SD (Bucks County)
Mary Birks*, Mt. Lebanon SD (Allegheny County)

 - Vice President: John Love, Muhlenberg Twp. SD (Berks Co.)
Robert Schwartz*, Wallenpaupack Area SD (Pike Co.)
Michael Faccinetto*, Bethlehem Area SD (Northampton Co.)

**endorsed by PSBA*

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY:

1. Complimentary School Privileges - Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Springdale Borough. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
2. Complimentary School Privileges - Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Harmar Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

Dr. Nuzzo provided a presentation on the 2015 Keystone Exam results. Discussion was held on the matter. The Board asked for the District to provide additional information, including last year's test results. Mr. Graczyk noted that the information would be included in the Board Update.

PERSONNEL:

1. Paraprofessional Resignation - Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Tara Calabrese, Paraprofessional at Colfax Upper Elementary School, as of August 18, 2016.
2. Paraprofessional Resignation - Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Joshua DeStafano, Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.
3. Paraprofessional Hire - Springdale Jr-Sr High School Recommend the Board hire Ms. Chelsea Walker as a Paraprofessional to replace Mr. Joshua DeStafano at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective September 15, 2015.
4. Paraprofessional Hire - Recommend the Board hire Ms. Karen Mueller as a Paraprofessional to replace Mr. Travis Aiken at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Compensation for this position is \$93.00/day plus single benefits, effective September 15, 2015.
5. Head Cook Resignation - Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Beth Andriscin, Head Cook at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.

6. Head Cook Hire - Recommend the Board hire Ms. Jean Cotter as the Head Cook at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Compensation for this position is \$13.05/hour.
7. Cashier Hire - Recommend the Board hire Ms. Kimberly Hails as the Cashier at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Compensation for this position is \$9.00/hour.
8. Computer Club Sponsor Hire - Recommend the Board approve Mr. Andrew Tsangaris as the Computer Club Sponsor at Springdale Jr- Sr High School. Compensation for this position is \$1,078, as per the AVEA Agreement.
9. Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach – Recommend the Board approve Ms. Cindy Donnelly as the Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach. All paperwork is on file in the Business Office. Compensation for this position is \$3,027, as per the AVEA Agreement.
10. Junior High Cheerleader Coach Hire - Recommend the Board approve Ms. Kristina Stiner and Ms. Lisa Leasure as co-sponsors of the Junior High Cheerleaders. All paperwork is on file. Compensation for this position is \$1,216.50 each, as per the AVEA Agreement. Mr. Puskar commented on the search process. Discussion was held on the matter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:

1. Fall Play – Recommend the Board approve “A Charlie Brown Christmas” as the 2015 Fall Play. If unable to secure the rights, approve “Antigone” as a second choice. The performance is scheduled for December 18 & 19, 2015. Mrs. Beth Minda commented on the selections.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Policy#819 - Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, Second Reading (Revision) - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading of a revision to Policy #819, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.
2. Policy#806 - Child Abuse, First Reading (Revision) - Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of a revision to Policy #806, Child Abuse.
3. Policy #916 - Volunteers, First Reading (Revision) – Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of a Revision to Policy #916, Volunteers.
4. Policy #237 - Electronic Devices (Revision) - Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of a revision to Policy #237, Electronic Devices.
5. Policy #815 - Acceptable Use of Internet, Networks, Computing Resources (Revision) - Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of a revision to Policy #815, Acceptable Use of Internet, Networks, Computing Resources.
6. Policy #815.1 - Staff Use of Internet (Revision) - Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of a revision to Policy #815.1, Staff Use of Internet.
7. Policy #815.2 - Internet Safety (Revision) - Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of a revision to Policy #815.2, Internet Safety.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Puskar asked Mr. Graczyk about the Occupancy Permit for Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Mr. Graczyk explained that Springdale Borough had contacted the District to explain the situation found by the Department of Labor, which concluded that an Occupancy Permit for the high school had not been issued after the last renovation project. The District did pay for the permit and believed it had been issued. At present, a temporary permit has been issued. The District is working with the Borough to resolve the issue. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Pollino made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to adjourn the meeting, 8:38 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director