**Allegheny Valley School District**

**August 9, 2016**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, August 9, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call: Mr. Conte Mr. Puskar

Mr. Gaschler - absent 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, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Holler, Ms. Vecchio, Mr. Donnelly, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that the Board had been in an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Negotiations and Personnel matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATION:   
Mr. Donnelly presented information on the possibility of increasing lunch princes for the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion was held on the matter.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend that the Board approve Resolution #16-07-2.1 – Eastern Area Special Schools Resolution No. 2016-1. “RESOLVED, that as authorized by Section 1704 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, all voting on the affairs of the Joint Board of school Directors of Eastern Area Special Schools shall be conducted by mail ballot.”

2. Recommend that the Board approve Resolution #16-07-2.2 – Eastern Area Special Schools Resolution No. 2016-2. “RESOLVED, that the Budget of the Eastern Area Special Schools for the 2016-2017 school year in the form appended hereto is hereby approved.”

3. Recommend that the Board approve Resolution #16-07-2.3 – Eastern Area Special Schools Resolution No. 2016-3. “RESOLVED, that the following are hereby elected officers of the Joint Board of School Directors of the Eastern Area Special School:

Mrs. Stephanie Byrne (GW) President

Mr. Stephen P. Puskar (ALV) Vice President

Mrs. Michele Gallagher (PL) Secretary

PNC Treasurer

4. Recommend the Board approve the 2016-2017 Waterfront Learning Services Contract.

5. Recommend the Board approve a $0.25 Lunch Price Increase for the 2016-2017 school year.

Proposed Lunch Prices

Acmetonia Primary School & Colfax Upper Elementary School - $2.50

Springdale Jr-Sr High School - $2.75

Adult Lunches-All Buildings - $3.75 (no change)

6. Recommend the Board approve the 2016-2017 Bus Drivers & Bus Routes as presented.

7. Recommend the Board approve a one-year renewal of Lifetouch Studios contract, effective for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Conte asked if the cost was the same as for the last school year. Mr. Rau stated that any increases will be noted on next week’s agenda.

8. Recommend the Board approve Board Members \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the PASA-PSBA Conference, October 13-15, 2016 in Hershey, PA. Approximate cost is $434/person for registration and $220/night for lodging per person as well as mileage reimbursement.

9. Recommend the Board approve the Parent Transportation Contract for Stacie Schneider to transport her child to St. Bonaventure Parish School, which is within ten miles of the District.

Mr. Rau explained that some items that need to be approved for the Acmetonia Project are not included on the agenda. Currently, they are gathering proposals. The Board needs to be aware of the additional items for next week’s agenda. Discussion was held on the matter.

EDUCATION:

1. 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 Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Conte explained that Mrs. Kaczor was putting together a survey for students and teachers. He asked that any member of the Board who had questions for the survey forward them to Ms. Kaczor.

PERSONNEL:   
1. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic Personnel:

A. Shawn Grady, Girls JV Volleyball Coach  
 Compensation: $3,057; Effective: August 16, 2016

B. Jamie McCartney, 7th & 8th Grade Girls Soccer Coach

Compensation: $3,057; Effective: August 16, 2016

2. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following Athletic Personnel:

A. Courtney Yaksich, Junior High Girls Soccer Coach

Effective: June 29, 2016

B. Ryan McGranahan, Junior High Boys Soccer Coach

Effective: June 22, 2016

3. Recommend the Board approve the resignation of the following classified staff:

A. Lea Nelson, Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School

Effective: June 9, 2016

B. Amanda Murphy, Paraprofessional at Colfax Upper Elementary School

Effective July 27, 2016

4. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Classified Staff:

A. Dana Muller, Substitute Cafeteria Worker

Compensation: $8.75/hour; Effective: August 16, 2016

B. Tara Morrison**,** Title I Paraprofessional at Acmetonia Primary School **(**Replacing Barbara Ansell)

Compensation: $93.00/day; Effective: August 17, 2016

C. Margaret Skaugen, Lunch Monitor at Colfax Upper Elementary School

Compensation: $10.30/hour; Effective: August 24, 2016

5. Recommend the Board approve the following Professional Staff:

A. Angie Rudolf, Extended Day-to-Day Substitute at Acmetonia Primary School (Replacing Employee #866 - FMLA)

Compensation: $150/day; Effective: August 17, 2016

B. Barbara Ansell, Long-Term Substitute at Acmetonia Primary School (Replacing Employee #762 - FMLA)

Compensation: $38,636/year plus Benefits (Step 1); Effective: August 17, 2016

6. Recommend the Board approve a \_\_\_% increase in the 2016-2017 compensation for all designated Act 93 personnel, retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

7. Recommend the Board approve a \_\_\_\_% increase in 2016-2017 compensation for the Board Secretary/Business Manager, retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

8. Recommend the Board approve the Allegheny Valley Service Employees’ International Union Local 32BJ Agreement for the period of July1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

9. Recommend the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ‑ Beyond Contractual Day “Sustained” Professional Development Option for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

Mr. Davis asked that the motion for Ms. Jamie McCartney be removed. She will be moving out of state to accept a teaching position.

Discussion was held on several open coaching positions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

1. Recommend the Board approve the creation of a position for a School Police Officer. Mr. Rocco asked when the decision was made to recommend a SPO instead of an SRO. Ms. Moretti stated that the motion for the SPO is the recommendation of the committee and administration. Mr. Graczyk explained the background and the support for the SPO. Discussion was held on the matter.

2. Recommend the Board approve the job description for School Police Officer. Mr. Pollick asked about record keeping. Mr. Graczyk explained. Discussion was held on the matter.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW:

Discussion: Update regarding the Student Foreign Travel Policy. Ms. Moretti explained concerns with two advertised trips that included Springdale Jr-Sr High School students. She explained that these trips were not approved, but she believes some parents consider them District activities. Mr. Graczyk explained what makes something a school activity. Mr. Hoffman commented that sponsors need to ensure that parents understand that these trips are not under the auspices of the District. They are not connected, approved, or recognized by the District. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Graczyk stated that he will meet with the sponsors to explain the District’s policy and clarify the District’s position.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:   
1. Mr. Puskar asked about the Football team having a third uniform and does this affect equality with the teams. Mr. Davis explained that with the amount of the purchase of football uniforms, the company gave the District the third shirt. Discussion was held on the matter.

2. Mrs. Renaldi announced a surprise event for one of the retired football coaches. She presented a copy of Chuck Wagner’s biography to Mr. Graczyk for the District.   
3. Ms. Moretti asked about fundraising events for the upcoming year and could the Board receive a list of fundraisers. Dr. Welter stated that she only knew of one at this time. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Graczyk stated that the Board could receive the list when it comes to the Business Office.   
4. Mr. Rocco asked about a second team for 7th and 8th grade boys basketball. Mr. Davis explained. Discussion was held on the matter.   
5. Mrs. Renaldi stated that she had received an email from Coach Leisure about signs at the fields. Mr. Graczyk explained the District’s position and the policy surrounding the matter. Discussion was held on the matter. Mrs. Renaldi asked for the Board to look into the issue of companies giving funding to the District for advertising in school facilities.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to adjourn the meeting, 8:27 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak

Public Relations Director