

Allegheny Valley School District December 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, December 6, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Mr. Conte	Mr. Puskar
	Mr. Gaschler	Mrs. Renaldi
	Ms. Haas	Mr. Rocco
	Mrs. Jursa	Mr. Pollick
	Ms. Moretti	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Rau, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Davis, Ms. Kaczor, Ms. Holler, Mr. Simpson, Dr. Nuzzo, Dr. Welter, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Graczyk provided an update on the District's goals.

MINUTES: Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the November 8 and 14, 2016 Minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the November 2016 payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger) and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

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

1. Mr. Ray Davis to attend the PSADA 2017 Conference in Hershey, PA from March 21-25, 2017. Costs to the District include \$1,794.84 for registration, lodging, meals, and mileage.
2. Mrs. Annetta Jursa, Mr. Salvatore Conte, Mr. James Gaschler, and Ms. Kathleen Haas to attend the NSBA Conference and Exposition in Denver, CO. from March 24-27, 2017. Approximate cost is \$760/person for registration, \$500/person airfare, \$225/person/night for lodging, and meal reimbursement.

Voice vote carried the motion.

Mr. Rau provided an update on restroom facilities at the Cheswick Tennis Courts. Estimated costs for options are \$25,000-30,000, with Cheswick Borough paying half of the cost. Discussion was held on the matter. The Board was in agreement to put the matter on the January agenda for a vote.

7:40 p.m. – Mr. Fred Wolfe, solicitor, entered the meeting.

EDUCATION: No Report.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

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

1. Accept the resignation of Mr. David Leasure, Varsity Football Coach, effective November 14, 2016.
2. Accept the resignation of Ms. Racheal Aldridge, Paraprofessional at Colfax Upper Elementary School, effective November 29, 2016.
3. Accept the resignation of Ms. Megan Rak, Learning Support Teacher at Acmetonia Primary School, effective February 24, 2017.
4. The employment of Ms. Adrienne Biagi as an Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher replacing employee #841 (Heather Harapko) who is out on FMLA. Compensation for this position is \$150/day.
5. The employment of the following classified personnel:
 - A. Margie Myers, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Acmetonia Primary School
Effective November 22, 2016; Compensation: \$93/day plus individual benefits.
 - B. Michael Mikus, Custodian
Effective December 7, 2016; Compensation: \$11.20/hour with all benefits per SEIU Agreement
 - C. Julianne Burrell, Substitute Secretary
Effective December 7, 2017; Compensation: \$10/hour

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW: No Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Puskar stated that he is disturbed by the national travel and doesn't see the benefits the Board is getting as a group. He would like the Board to consider an administrator to also attend the conference and for the group to hold work sessions there. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Mrs. Renaldi stated that community members have requested that the track remain open if there is a mild winter. Mr. Graczyk stated that he believes that would work. Discussion was held on the matter.

6:48 p.m. – Mr. Conte left the meeting.

3. Mrs. Renaldi asked about handicapped parking for events at the high school. She asked that coaches, workers, etc. be reminded to park in the back of the multi-purpose room and that handicapped parking be expanded for events. Discussion was held on the matter.
4. Mr. Rocco asked if someone will be overseeing off-season football activities during the search for a new coach. Mr. Davis stated that the team doesn't hold any activities during December and that he would talk with the coach who is on staff to continue the program in the interim.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mrs. McFarland was recognized and asked what is the benefit of Board Members attending conferences. Mr. Graczyk responded that the members bring back items to provide additional information on various topics discussed at the conferences. Mrs. McFarland thanked the administration for the letter concerning the recent emergency at the high school, but asked why the letter is still the primary form of communication. Mr.

Graczyk explained that a meeting had been held to debrief on the incident and the District is currently working to improve communication methods.

Mr. John Murray (HOPE group) was recognized and stated his support for Narcan to be carried by the school nurses. Mr. Graczyk stated that the Board has had discussions and asked for additional information. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Pollick stated for the Board's information that at the last Allegheny Intermediate Unit meeting, the AIU Board passed a policy on the use of medical marijuana. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Pollick recognized the passing of two retired staff members, Ms. Barbara Lagoon (former School Nurse) and Mr. George Petroff (former high school science teacher). A moment of silence was held in their memory.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to adjourn the meeting, 7:08 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director