

ALLEGHENY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
March 14, 2017

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, March 14, 2017. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Mr. Salvatore Conte - absent	Mr. Stephen Puskar
	Mr. James Gaschler	Mrs. Glenna Renaldi
	Ms. Kathleen Haas	Mr. Donald Rocco
	Mrs. Annetta Jursa	Mr. Larry Pollick
	Ms. Elizabeth Moretti - absent	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Matt Hoffman, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Nuzzo, Mrs. Holler, Mr. Simpson, Dr. Welter, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Davis and community members.

Mr. Pollick asked for a moment of silence for Joel Wunnenberg, a recent graduate that unexpectedly passed away.

Due to an illness, the budget presentation was moved to the Voting Meeting. Dr. Nuzzo gave a presentation regarding two calendar options for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Pollick announced that there is 1-day delay for swimming. He extended best wishes for swimmers Kevin Kondrit and Collin Hurley. He also commented on the wonderful job that the staff, students, and parents did on this year's musical, Peter Pan.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Ms. Joelle McFarland questioned the 3-day ending date difference on the proposed calendars. Would students really benefit from getting out of school earlier?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board approve a one-year renewal of Lifetouch Studios contract, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, as submitted. Mr. Puskar asked if administration could contact Lifetouch to find out how they set the pricing for their packages. He also expressed concern regarding the booster groups use of independent photographers. Discussion was held.
2. Recommend the Board direct the administration to place out for bid the general school, athletic, and custodial supplies for the 2017-2018 school year.

3. Recommend the Board authorize continued participation of the Allegheny Valley School District in the Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium for the purchase of electricity from Direct Energy only if the price is at or below our current price. This extension to the original agreement will begin on the meter read date in January 2019 for a period of twenty-four (24) months and the price will include all costs except distribution, and other related delivery utility charges as contained in the original agreement.
4. Recommend the Board approve the proposed 2017/2018 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,034,004.00. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,835,198.00. The Allegheny Valley School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$20,700 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).
5. Recommend the Board accept the audited Financial Statement submitted by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLC and the accompanying management letter comments for the year ending June 30, 2016.
6. Recommend the Board approve a one-year agreement with Consolidated Communications in the amount of \$1,481.30 per month, effective July 1, 2017.
7. Recommend the Board approve Stiner Construction, LLC to fix the sidewalk at Vet Stadium at a cost of \$4,500.00.
8. Recommend the Board approve the removal and recycling of 399 damaged and outdated books and materials from the Library at Colfax Upper Elementary School, as submitted.
9. Recommend the Board approve Resolution #2017-03-2.9 regarding the extension of the term of the Eastern Area Special Schools Restated Jointure Agreement for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.
10. Recommend the Board adopt Draft #\_\_\_\_\_ of the AVSD 2017-2018 Master Calendar as the final version.
11. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with Peter J. Camarda & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$400 per day. Mr. Puskar asked why there wasn't an end-date. Discussion was held. The Board directed the administration to include a 6-month termination date.
12. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with Massaro CM Services, LLC in the amount of \$341,904.

#### EDUCATION:

- Mr. Simpson made a presentation on the proposed new courses and changes for the Program of Studies. Discussion was held and questions were asked. Mr. Puskar would like to see credits awarded for student below 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He and Dr. Nuzzo will discuss at a later date.
1. Recommend the Board approve the 2017-2018 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School.
  2. 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: No Report.

#### PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Classified Personnel:
  - Christine Lamarca, Lunch Monitor, Effective: March 21, 2017  
Compensation: \$10.30/hour
  - Nicholas Etzel, Paraprofessional, Effective: March 21, 2017  
Compensation: \$93/day plus Individual Benefits
2. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic Personnel:
  - Aileen McDermott, <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Coach, Effective: March 21, 2017  
Compensation: \$4,907.00
3. Recommend the Board approve the resignation of the following Athletic Personnel:
  - Michael Fulmore, Head Football Coach, Effective: February 15, 2017
  - James Hastings, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Football Coach, Effective: February 15, 2017
  - Victoria DiDomenico, Junior High Cheerleader Coach, Effective: February 8, 2017Mr. Rocco asked where we are in the interview process. Mr. Graczyk replied that the posting us up on March 24.
4. Recommend the Board approve the resignation of the following Classified Personnel:
  - Charlotte Sikora, Lunch Monitor, Effective: February 2, 2017
5. Recommend the Board accept the retirement of Sandra Kostewicz, Paraprofessional, effective June 2, 2017.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

#### ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

Mrs. Renaldi announced that Spring Sports are currently taking place, but there have been many cancellations due to the weather.

#### POLICY/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #005 Local Board Procedures. Mrs. Jursa asked that we add that the reorganization meeting will be held during the first FULL week of December. It was also asked how the hiring process is handled? Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Pollick suggested that each committee liaison send an e-mail to their respective committee each week in order to improve communication.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. SPO Policies – Mr. Graczyk reported that he is looking at policies regarding the SPO position. One of those policies concerns levels of force to be utilized. The other policy is regarding the position itself, such as the obligations of the district (where/how to store a weapon, etc.) Mr. Rocco asked how Mr. Downing had been introduced to the students. Mr. Gaschler asked if he was introduced to our parents. Discussion was held on the matter.

#### AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Joelle McFarland asked about the SPO and any new employee. Could the district send out a mass e-mail to the parents announcing the new employee and give a little background and how they came to us.
- Mrs. McFarland also asked about the time period for posting a job. Mr. Graczyk responded that if it is a union position, it needs to be posted for 10 days. She also inquired about when we ask for clearances. Mr. Graczyk stated that they are requested as part of the application process.

- Mr. Pollick attended the Dr. Seuss Family Night at Acmetonia. He said it was an outstanding event. He also attended a fundraiser for St. Jude which was a nice event.
- Mr. Puskar asked when the Board will be discussing the parking options again. Mr. Graczyk stated that he and Mr. Rau had counted cars in the parking lot each day for a week and he is recommending additional parking.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Caldwell  
Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent