

**Allegheny Valley School District**  
**August 14, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, August 14, 2017. In the absence of President Mr. Larry Pollick, Vice President Mr. Salvatore Conte presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Fred Wolfe (solicitor), and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Ms. Joelle McFarland was recognized and asked about the Supervisor of Technology position and the candidate's qualifications. Mr. Graczyk explained. Discussion was held on the matter.

MINUTES: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the minutes of the June 13, June 19, and August 1, 2017 meetings. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the June Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), Accounts Payable List and the Cafeteria Fund Report for May 2017. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mr. Gaschler to approve the following motions:

1. The MHY Family Services Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$90/day for regular education and \$100/day for Special Education.
2. The E-Rate agreement renewal with BTU Consultants. The renewal amount is \$3,060 beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
3. The agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the School Psychologist Services for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$40,755.00.
4. The Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services/St. Stephens Lutheran Academy for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. The agreement with Family Services of Western PA for the 2017-2018 school year.
6. Lunch Prices for the 2017-2018 school year with no price increase.  
Proposed Lunch Prices

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| Acme/Colfax                   | \$2.50 |
| Springdale Jr-Sr High School  | \$2.75 |
| Adult Lunches – All Buildings | \$4.00 |
7. The Parent Transportation Contract for Ms. Stacie Schneider to transport her child to Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy, which is within ten miles of the District.
8. The 2017-2018 Bus Drivers & Bus Routes as presented.
9. Award the contract for Special Tests and Inspections Services for the Acmetonia Primary School Project, pending final approval by the Solicitor, to Construction Engineering Consultants for the sum of \$38,000.

10. Recommend the Board approve the replacement of the 2002 Ford F350 Dump Truck/Salt Spreader/Snow Plow Equipment, with a new 2017 Ford F350 DRW Regular cab Truck and the Sabre Equipment Upfit, from Day Ford, Inc. for the total bid price \$53,155.56 utilizing CoStars Contract #025-151 and CoStars-25, Member #-5304.

Voice vote carried the motion.

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the following members of the Board and Mr. Patrick Graczyk to attend the PASA-PSBA Conference, October 18-20, 2017 in Hershey, PA approximate cost is \$460/person for registration and \$225/night for lodging per person as well as mileage reimbursement.

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| Ms. Kathleen Haas       | Mrs. Annetta Jursa  |
| Mr. James Gaschler, Jr. | Mr. Salvatore Conte |

Mr. Puskar stated that he would be voting no because three current Board Members who are listed in the motion will be off the Board in November. He doesn't see a benefit to the District in sending them to a conference. Mrs. Renaldi asked about Board Members being approved and then not attending the conference. Ms. Moretti asked if there was a way to re-coup the cost if a Board Member doesn't attend. Discussion was held on the motion. On roll call vote, Mrs. Jursa, Ms. Haas, Mr. Conte, and Mrs. Renaldi voted yes; Mr. Gaschler, Ms. Moretti, and Mr. Puskar voted no. Motion carried, 4-3. However, Mr. Wolfe noted that the item may require five votes to be approved (the majority of all members) due to the costs being expended. Discussion was held on the matter. Mrs. Jursa asked for the recommendation to be placed back on next month's agenda for reconsideration.

EDUCATION: No Report.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

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

1. The employment of the following Classified Employees:
  - A. Ms. Kristen Bare, Paraprofessional  
Compensation: \$93 per day plus Individual Benefits; Effective: August 15, 2017
  - B. Ms. Staceu Amm Burns, Paraprofessional  
Compensation: \$93 per day plus Individual Benefits; Effective: August 15, 2017
2. The Board employment of the following Professional Employees:
  - A. Ms. Kellee Kovach, Speech and Language Teacher  
Compensation: Step 1 + Masters; Effective: August 15, 2017
  - B. Ms. Meredith Cooper, Special Education Teacher  
Compensation: Step 11 + Masters; Effective: August 15, 2017
3. The employment of the following Act 93 Employee:
  - A. Mr. Brett Slezak, Supervisor of Technology  
Compensation: \$72,000.00; Effective: August 15, 2017

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Gaschler to approve the following motions:

1. The Second Reading of Policy #209, Diabetes Management.
2. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #246, School Wellness (Currently Student Wellness).
3. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #808, Food Services.
4. The First Reading of Policy #204, Attendance.

Voice vote carried the motion.

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Gaschler to approve Mr. Patrick Graczyk, Superintendent, to attend the PASA-PSBA Conference, October 18-20, 2017 in Hershey, PA approximate cost is \$460/person for registration and \$225/night for lodging per person as well as mileage reimbursement. Voice vote carried the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

1. Mr. Graczyk welcomed the new Business Manager, Hamsini Rajgopal, to the District. A round of applause was given in welcome.
2. Mr. Graczyk provided an update on a meeting with Mr. Andy Bock, Cheswick Borough Secretary, concerning rest room facilities at the Cheswick Tennis Courts. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Joelle McFarland was recognized and asked for clarification fo expenses for the PSBA conference and the costs for the Tennis Courts (District and Cheswick Borough). Mr. Graczyk provided the information.

Mr. Puskar questioned the open dialogue between audience members and Board Members. He asked how the matter is detailed in policy. Discussion was held on the matter.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to adjourn the meeting, 7:34 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak  
Public Relations Director