

Allegheny Valley School District January 22, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, January 22, 2018. President Mr. Antonio Pollino presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Gaschler	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. McFarland	Mr. Rocco - absent
	Ms. Moretti	Mr. Whelan
	Mr. Pollick	Mr. Pollino
	Mr. Puskar	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Davis, Ms. Kaczor, Mr. Slezak, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Mr. Stanley Malak commented on the naming of the schools. He stated that if the names were changed to Allegheny Valley HS and Allegheny Valley Elementary it would decrease animosity in the communities. He also asked for the Board to consider continuing Herron Avenue up to the school for traffic flow. He asked if this idea had been considered. Mr. Graczyk thanked Mr. Malak for his comments and responded that it is probably too late in the construction project to add anything. However, his comments would be taken into consideration for the future.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Graczyk announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month. He presented each member with a certificate and thanked them for their service. Mr. Pollino also thanked the members of the audience who were former School Board Members for the time they gave to the communities. A round of applause was given in appreciation.
2. Ms. Renee Batronis and Mr. Kevin Nester, Messaro, provided an update on the Acmetonia construction project.
3. Mr. Graczyk provide an update on the District goals.
4. Mr. Graczyk also informed the Board on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced NCLB. He explained that Pennsylvania's plan was accepted by the federal Department of Education. He reviewed some of the changes that will come with ESSA, including the School Performance Profile that will be changed to the Future Ready Index and include other criteria than test scores for ratings. Mr. Graczyk also commented on Chapter 55 and school meal debt. Discussion was held on the matter.
5. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Shriners would be taking action on the agreement with the District tomorrow (School Board had approved in the fall).

MINUTES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the December 5, 2017 reorganization and regular meeting minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the November and December 2017 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: In the absence of Mr. Rocco, Mrs. McFarland made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the following motions:

1. Acknowledge facsimile signatures for the Vice President (Mrs. Glenna Renaldi), Board Secretary (Ms. Hamsini Rajgopal), and Board Treasurer (Ms. Elizabeth Moretti).
2. Mr. Christopher Allman to attend the CDT Item Review – Science (Biology & Chemistry) in State College, PA from January 29, 2018 – February 2, 2018. Cost to the District is substitute coverage.
3. The purchase of new marching band and color guard uniforms from DeMoulin Bros., & Co. at a cost of \$19,267.40. Mr. Smietana presented information to the Board on the purchase and showed a sample of the uniforms. Discussion was held on the matter. After discussion, Mrs. McFarland made a motion seconded by Mr. Gaschler to amend the motion to read: Recommend the Board approve the purchase of new marching band and color guard uniforms from DeMoulin Bros., & Co. at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
4. Resolution # 2018-1 not to exceed the District Index under Act 1 to balance the 2018/2019 General Fund Operating Budget.
5. The IRS business mileage reimbursement rate of 54.5 cents per mile for the District, effective January 1, 2018.
6. Resolution #2018-2 to participate in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program and appoint a regular and an alternate member of the Joint Purchasing Board.
Hamsini Rajgopal, Regular Member
Patrick M. Graczyk, Alternate Member
7. The request of Valley Points YMCA to provide the Summer Day Camp program at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. The program will begin on Monday, June 4, 2018 and run until the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Voice vote carried the motion.

EDUCATION:

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollick to approve the spring trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio on May 19-20, 2018 for the Springdale High School Marching Band and Show Choir. No cost to the district except for substitute coverage. This trip replaces the previously approved trip to Williamsburg, VA. Mr. Smietana presented information on the trip. Ms. Moretti asked why the trip was changed. Mr. Smietana replied that student interest and a lower cost were the reasons. Ms. Moretti asked about the educational value in the trip. Mr. Smietana replied that the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame provided music history. Mrs. McFarland asked the cost of the trip. Mr. Smietana replied about \$300 per student. Further discussion was held on the matter. On voice vote, all members voted yes, with Ms. Moretti voting no. Motion carried, 7-1.

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollick to approve the 2018-2019 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School. On voice vote, all members voted yes, with Mr. Puskar voting no. Motion carried, 7-1.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report

PERSONNEL: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollick to approve the following:

1. Accept the resignation of the following Cafeteria Employees:
 - A. Ms. Sherry Mazzei, Head Cook; Effective: January 5, 2018
 - B. Ms. Christine Lamarca, Dishwasher; Effective: December 4, 2017
2. The employment of (Classified Employee) Ms. Ellen Burns, Paraprofessional with compensation of \$93/day plus Individual Benefits. Effective: January 23, 2018.

- 3 The employment of Ms. Meredith Cooper as Assistant Track Coach with compensation of \$3,088 effective January 23, 2018.
4. The employment (Professional Staff) of Ms. Angie Rudolf (previously approved as an Extended Day-to-Day Substitute for this same position) as a Long-Term Substitute at Acmetonia Primary School replacing employee #708 (FMLA/Child Rearing Leave) with compensation of \$38,636/year plus Benefits (Step 1). Effective: December 11, 2017 through June 1, 2018.

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ms. Moretti announced that the District was awarded a Safe Schools Grant in the amount of \$19,911. The grant will be used to purchase security cameras and a server for the high school.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW: No Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mrs. Renaldi asked about guidelines or policy on Board Members texting and using personal phones during meetings. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Mrs. McFarland asked about signing for no smoking at athletic events. Mr. Graczyk stated that he would ask for reminders to be given and will look into signage. Ms. Moretti asked if the policy could help monitor and enforce. Mr. Graczyk stated he would ask.
3. Mr. Pollino asked if any Board Member had comments on committee assignments to please let him know. He also asked to create committees to 1. explore options for the Colfax building and asked Mrs. Renaldi and Mrs. McFarland to lead, and 2. the Superintendent's contract and asked for interested members to contact him.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to adjourn the meeting, 8:01 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director