

## **Allegheny Valley School District January 16, 2018**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, January 16, 2018. In the absence of President Mr. Antonio Pollino, Vice President Mrs. Glenna Renaldi presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

Mrs. Renaldi announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Personnel matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

### PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Graczyk announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month. He noted that the regular meeting for January (January 22, 2018) would be held at the high school's Rachel Carson Conference Room. The Board is asked to tour the Innovation Lab at the high school at 6:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Renee Batronis, Messaro, provided an update on the Acmetonia construction project.

### PERSONNEL:

Mrs. McFarland made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve Ms. Brooke Harpine for the position of Bookkeeper at the compensation of \$35,500 (Pro-rated), effective date to be determined. Voice vote carried the motion.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: Recommend the Board approve the December 5, 2017 reorganization and regular meeting minutes.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Recommend the Board approve the November and December 2017 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List.

### OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge facsimile signatures for the Vice President (Mrs. Glenna Renaldi), Board Secretary (Ms. Hamsini Rajgopal), and Board Treasurer (Ms. Elizabeth Moretti).
2. Recommend the Board approve 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. Ms. Moretti asked if a staff member had attended this conference in the past. Discussion was held on the matter.

3. Recommend the Board approve the purchase of new marching band and color guard uniforms from DeMoulin Bros., & Co. at a cost of \$19,267.40. Mrs. Renaldi asked if color guard uniforms were included for male color guard members. Dr. Welter stated that the uniforms may be unisex. Ms. Moretti asked how many members were in the Marching Band. Mrs. Renaldi estimated twenty-some students. Mr. Gaschler asked about logos on the uniforms. Mr. Graczyk stated that he would check and would ask Mr. Smietana to attend the next meeting to respond to questions.
4. Recommend the Board approve Resolution # 2018-1 not to exceed the District Index under Act 1 to balance the 2018/2019 General Fund Operating Budget.
5. Recommend the Board approve the IRS business mileage reimbursement rate of 54.5 cents per mile for the District, effective January 1, 2018.
6. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve 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.

#### Discussion Items:

1. Closing Colfax Timeline – Mr. Graczyk reviewed information on the process to close a building. A tentative timeline was also provided. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Graczyk asked for the Board's approval to move ahead with selecting a date for a public meeting and advertising the information. Hearing no objections, he will move forward with the planning. Additional information will be provided to the Board when it becomes available.
2. Budget Review – Mr. Graczyk provided information on the District's budget planning for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### EDUCATION:

1. Recommend the Board approve a 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. Graczyk stated that he would ask Mr. Smietana to attend the next meeting to present the information the trip and respond to any questions of the Board.
2. Recommend the Board approve the 2018-2019 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Mr. Simpson presented information on the Program of Studies for the high school and junior high for the 2018-2019 school year. Discussion was held on the matter.

#### TECHNOLOGY: No Report

#### PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board 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. Recommend the Board approve the employment of (Classified Employee) Ms. Ellen Burns, Paraprofessional with compensation of \$93/day plus Individual Benefits. Effective: January 23, 2018.
3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Ms. Meredith Cooper as Assistant Track Coach with compensation of \$3,088 effective January 23, 2018.  
Mr. Graczyk also mentioned a change in status for Ms. Angie Rudolf that will be on the agenda for Monday.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW: No Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Graczyk asked the Board how they would like to proceed with the issue of filming School Board Meetings. Discussion was held on the matter. It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Graczyk to forward all information on costs to the members and have a discussion on the matter at a future meeting.
2. Mrs. Renaldi asked for a United States flag to be hung and a sound system to be placed in the multi-purpose room for games. Mr. Sanchez stated that the District had a flag and it would be placed in the room and a sound system already exists. Discussion was held on the matter.
3. Mrs. Renaldi asked which musical was selected to be performed this year. The response was The Pajama Game. Mrs. Renaldi questioned some of the language used. Ms. Moretti asked that the administration ensure that those portions of the script be changed. Mr. Graczyk assured her they would be.
4. Mrs. McFarland asked if the information on the weather make-up day could be emailed to parents. Mr. Graczyk stated that the District would send it out on DYNAmail.
5. Ms. Moretti asked how fundraisers were approved, noting that she is getting questions from community members. Mr. Graczyk explained. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Pollick made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to adjourn the meeting, 7:55 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak  
Public Relations Director