

**Allegheny Valley School District**  
**March 13, 2018**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, March 13, 2018. President Mr. Antonio Pollino presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Pollino announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Personnel and Contractual matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Mr. Graczyk provided an update on the White Out for Peace, discussion items that were known for each school building. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Rocco read a statement detailing his concerns over the student event. He disagreed with how the event was being arranged and believed communication efforts were lacking. Mr. Gaschler also stated his opposition to the event, stating that he believed the activity was against policy, not student led, and lacking communication.
2. Ms. Renee Batronis, Messaro, provided an update on the Acmetonia construction project.
3. The Budget Presentation by Ms. Hamsini Rajgopal, Business Manager, was moved to the regular meeting on Monday, March 19.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Graczyk. The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: Recommend the Board approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 and February 12, 2018 meetings

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Recommend the Board approve the February 2018 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List.

**OPERATIONS/FINANCE:**

1. Recommend the Board direct the administration to place out for bid the general school, athletic, and custodial supplies for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Recommend the Board adopt Draft #1 and Draft #2 of the AVSD 2018-2019 Master Calendar as the final versions. Draft #2 will only be enacted if necessary. Mr. Graczyk asked for this item to be removed from the agenda.

3. Recommend the Board adopt the Principles for Governance and Leadership established by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Mr. Graczyk reviewed information for the Board to look through and possibly adopt. Consensus of the Board was to move forward with the item.
4. Recommend the Board approve Change Orders #1, 8, 14, and 16 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Mr. Pollick asked if the changes result in a savings? Mr. Graczyk responded that there should be a savings that amounts to approximately \$17,000.
5. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for ESL Services for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$62,358.00

**EDUCATION:**

1. Recommend the Board approve the 2018 Extended School Year (ESY) Program. The program will operate from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning on July 2, 2018 and ending on July 26, 2018, at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Three special education teachers, three para-professionals, one school nurse, one speech therapist, and one occupational therapist are required to staff the program each day.

**TECHNOLOGY: No Report**

**PERSONNEL:**

1. Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of the following Classified Personnel:
  - A. Ms. Julianne Burrell, Substitute Bus Aide  
Effective: February 8, 2018
  - B. Ms. Barbara Roney, 10-Month Administrative Asst. for Food Service/Athletic Dept.  
Effective: May 4, 2018
2. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Ms. Barbara Roney, Clerical Substitute, effective May 4, 2018, with the compensation of \$10.00 per hour
3. Recommend the Board approve the FMLA request for Employee #576, Classified Personnel, effective February 12, 2018 – February 23, 2018.
4. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic Personnel:
  - A. Ms. Caitlin Farr, Track Worker  
Effective: March 20, 2018, Compensation: \$35.00 per meet
  - B. Mr. Paul Jack, Volunteer Baseball Coach  
Effective: March 20, 2018
  - C. Ms. Tina Kaczor, Track Worker and Ticket Taker/Seller for football, boys' basketball, and girls' basketball  
Effective: March 20, 2018, Compensation:
 

Track Worker - \$35.00/meet
Ticket Taker for Football - \$30.00/evening
Ticket Seller for Football - \$35.00/evening
Ticket Taker for Basketball - \$40.00/evening
Ticket Seller for Basketball - \$35.00/evening
5. Recommend the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to resolve AVEA Grievance #01-1718.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Mr. Graczyk provided a report on the Parent/Community Awareness Night for Emergency Management. He noted that District personnel would continue to research and explore additional ways to make the school environment more safe. Mr. Rocco asked about metal detectors and student identification cards. Mr. Graczyk stated these items are part of the discussion.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of Policy #150, Title I – Comparability of Services
2. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of Policy #918, Title I Parent and Family Engagement
3. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of Policy #808, Food Service

Update regarding the following Administrative Regulations:

- A. #918AR-1 - Checklist for School-Parent and Family Meetings
- B. #918AR-3 - School-Parent and Family Compact.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Graczyk updated the Board on options for recording meetings. He noted the cost of a stenographer would be between \$60-100 plus additional costs. However, the way meetings run makes it almost impossible for a stenographer to follow the discussion. Mr. Rocco asked if there was another way to bring meetings to the public. Audio options were discussed. Mr. Bachman, Harmar Township, commented on ADA requirements, noting he doesn't believe the District needs to make accommodations that are costly. Mr. Hoffman stated that there is a difference between keeping audio achieves and broadcasting. Mr. Graczyk stated information on audio recording. After discussion, the consensus of the group was to move forward with the audio recording.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Dawn Biery was recognized and spoke about school safety, stating that she cares about what happens when active shooters come into schools. She commented on various scenarios that could happen in schools and that the communities need to work together with the school to make school safer places.

Ms. Kathleen Haas was recognized and asked about after-hours security measures and opened doors. Mr. Graczyk stated that the matter was being addressed.

Ms. Jennifer Gent was recognized and asked about a policy for School Board members using social media accounts. Mr. Hoffman commented that there isn't one. Ms. Gent questioned how violations are addressed by the Board. Mr. Pollino re-stated that there isn't a policy. Ms. Gent asked about options for joint funding for emergency management matters. Mr. Graczyk stated that there are opportunities through grants and agreements that can be developed. Mr. Gaschler stated that he would like it noted that when he speaks it is as an individual, not as a Board Member. Ms. Gent commented that the comments are still held to a higher standard because they are from an elected official.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollick to adjourn the meeting, 8:43 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak  
Public Relations Director