

## **Allegheny Valley School District May 8, 2018**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, May 8, 2018. President Mr. Antonio Pollino presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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, Ms. Rajgopal, Ms. Holler, Dr. Nuzzo, Dr. Welter, Mr. Simpson, 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 matters.

Mr. Pollino asked for a moment of silence for the Donna Musico, retired elementary librarian, who had passed away earlier in the week.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

### PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Kevin Nester provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction Project.
2. Mr. Graczyk presented an update on the Colfax transition. Ms. Moretti asked if a 2018-2019 calendar would be recommended to the Board in June. Mr. Graczyk said yes.
3. Dr. Nuzzo presented information on Science and Math Resources for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Mr. Graczyk commented on the Active Shooter Drill at the high school. He expressed thanks, on behalf of the District, to all emergency management agencies, staff, and students who participated. Mr. Graczyk explained that the lessons learned through the drill would become part of the District's Emergency Management Plan. Ms. Moretti also commented on the success of the drill, and explained that a report will be issued on the drill, its goals, and recommendations for improvement. Mr. Zach Novich, student, was recognized and provided his comments as a participant. He noted that participating was a rewarding experience, one he – and all of the students who participated – believes all students should have.

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 April 10 and 16, 2018 meetings.

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

### OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. (*ROLL CALL VOTE AT VOTING MEETING*) Recommend the Board approve Resolution #2018-7 - The 2018-2019 Operating and Administrative Budgets for the Forbes Road Career & Technology Center in the amounts of: Operating Budget - \$6,362,057 and Administrative Budget - \$1,481,039 (Projected Allegheny Valley School District share of Administrative Budget - \$22,069.44).

2. Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Voting Delegates for the PSBA Delegate Assembly as indicated.

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After discussion, Mr. Pollick expressed interest in an appointment. Mr. Gaschler also stated that he would be willing to fill a seat. Mr. Graczyk stated that the District had until June 29 to establish their appointments.

3. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh for ESY Services for student #170018. The program runs from June 27, 2018 through July 26, 2018, at a cost of \$3,700.
4. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with UPMC's Merck Summer Clinic for ESY Services for Student #200221 in the amount of \$8,892 plus transportation to and from the program. Mrs. McFarland asked for the dates of the program. Ms. Holler stated that the clinic would run from June 18 through August 10.
5. Recommend the Board approve the Adelphoi Education Services Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.
6. Recommend the Board approve Change Order #'s 32, 14, 14, and 35 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Orders is \$3,350.75.

- Change Order #32: Vern's Electric
  - Repair unforeseen conduits in existing plank (elevator cuts)
  - Cost: \$355.96
- Change Order #14: Vern's Electric
  - Temporary power for kitchen during demolition
  - Cost: \$2,092.43
- Change Order #14: Vern's Electric
  - Repaired existing emergency lighting that did not have power
  - Cost: \$324.85
- Change Order #35: Vern's Electric
  - Locate existing conduit and circuit in the kitchen floor
  - Cost: \$577.51

Mr. Pollino asked for a clarification on Change Order #32, asking if it was a repeat, that this change order had already been approved. Mr. Graczyk stated that he would follow up on the matter.

#### EDUCATION:

1. Recommend the Board approve the request of Mr. Andrew Tsangaris and two (2) FBLA students to attend the 2018 National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, MD on June 26, 2018 – July 2, 2018. The district will cover the total cost of the advisor (\$2,064.00) plus 50 percent of the cost to students (\$720/each) for a final district cost of \$3,504.00. Mr. Graczyk stated that the students placed a down payment to show commitment to attending. The District would then pay half of the costs.
2. Recommend the Board approve the list of graduating seniors, Class of 2018, and further approve those who meet the requirements for graduation to be granted an official diploma on June 1, 2018 or shortly thereafter.
3. Recommend the Board approve Ms. Alexis Redman to attend the Eureka Math Summer Institute at the Crowne Plaza Times Square, New York, NY on August 2, 2018 – August 3, 2018. Cost to District is approximately \$1,683.76 (\$500 for registration, \$645.01 for lodging, \$130 for meals, \$408.75 for transportation); payable with Title II Funds.

4. 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 the District. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
5. Recommend the Board approve the changes to the Springdale Jr-Sr High School Student Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Early Retirement Incentive Agreement for Allegheny Valley Education Association members. Mr. Graczyk thanked the members of the Allegheny Valley Education Association and the District for their work in putting an agreement together.
2. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Nicholas Etzel as an Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher, effective May 4, 2018, lasting for 2 – 4 weeks. Compensation will be at a rate of \$150 per day plus individual benefits. Mr. Etzel is replacing an Employee who is on medical leave.
3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Custodial Summer Help at a rate of \$9.25/hour. Effective date for all will be June 11, 2018.
  - A. Linda Welsh
  - B. Linda Krason
  - C. Marian Olczak
  - D. Lisa Gray
4. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Classified Employee Mr. Mark Hospodar, Paraprofessional, effective May 15, 2018 at the compensation rate of \$93.00 per day plus Individual Benefits.
5. Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Athletic Personnel Mr. Seth Thompson, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective April 30, 2018.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No further report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:

Recommend the Board adopt Resolution 2018-6 to Amend PIAA Classifications to Level the Competitive Arena. BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny Valley School District Board of Education joins school districts around the state in calling for PIAA classification reform including: regular season competition may be a blend of PUBLIC and non-boundary schools, postseason competition should be exclusive. PUBLIC schools should compete against other PUBLIC schools. Non-boundary schools should compete against non-boundary schools. The state can divide the non-boundary schools in half. The largest non-boundary schools play 6A. The smaller non-boundary schools play 5A. The state can divide PUBLIC schools by 4. The largest schools will play 4A. The next largest 3A, then 2A, and the smallest schools 1A. A transfer rule will also be in effect. If a student-athlete transfers after their ninth grade year, they forfeit the following year of varsity athletic eligibility. The student-athlete may play at the junior varsity level. The PIAA could develop criteria to account for mitigating circumstances. Mr. Davis explained the motion, explaining about a survey from the WPIAL with results overwhelmingly positive to provide change.

POLICY REVIEW:

Mr. Graczyk provided an update on audio recordings of Board meetings, stating that additional information would be available in June.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Graczyk asked for comments, suggestions on ways to balance the budget. Mr. Puskar led a discussion on a possible tax increase. Ms. Rajgopal stated that if the District raised millage to the index this year, it would gain about \$347,000. Mr. Puskar also mentioned using funds in reserve as an option and at what point should the Board utilize this money. Mr. Pollino asked if the District has reached the point where the increases in Health Care have leveled off. Ms. Rajgopal stated yes, but the cost is still high. Mr. Pollick asked for the administration to look at adjustments in staffing. Mr. Graczyk stated that reconfiguring the District is an opportunity that could result in the loss of four positions. Mr. Pollino asked about areas of increases in revenue. Mr. Graczyk stated that revenue has increased. Mr. Rajgopal commented that she created the budget with the assumption that Colfax would be open all year. Mrs. Renaldi asked if the District has reached out to Charter School students to possibly bring them back to the District. Mr. Graczyk stated that that has not been done recently.
2. Ms. Jennifer Novich, AVEA President, was recognized and stated that the way the Early Retirement Incentive was written and because of the late approval date, an extension of the date to apply for the ERI would be helpful. Mr. Graczyk stated that he would speak to Ms. Novich about a possible date for the extension.
3. Mrs. Renaldi stated that several former Band Directors will be participating in the Colfax Band Concert on May 16.
4. Mr. Gaschler questioned social media posts made by a staff member during work time. Citing policies #321,320, and 319, he asked for clarification from administration. Ms. Moretti asked when the last time sensitivity training was held for staff, and with changes in social media, it may be time to hold this type of training again. Mr. Puskar commented that as School Board members, they have an obligation to address concerns directly to the Superintendent.
5. Mrs. McFarland asked if the District would consider holding a Senior Walk, where the senior students parade through the elementary schools. Mr. Graczyk stated that they would look into the matter.
6. Mrs. McFarland asked if the District could consider a way to recognize all students who choose to play athletics at the collegiate level, noting that the recognition shouldn't be limited to students who attend Division I schools.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Whelan to adjourn the meeting, 9:30 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak  
Public Relations Director