

Allegheny Valley School District

October 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, October 16, 2017. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Hoffman, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that the Board had been in Executive Session prior to the meeting for Personnel matters.

Mr. Graczyk recognized Mr. Conte, Ms. Haas, Mrs. Jursa, and Mr. Pollick for 8 years of School Board Service. A round of applause was given to all the members and certificates of appreciation were distributed. Mr. Pollick recognized Mrs. Renaldi for 18 years of Board Service. A second round of applause was given.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Graczyk provided an update on the District goals. Discussion was held.

MINUTES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the September 12, 2017, the September 18, 2017, and the September 22, 2017 Minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the September Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

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

- The following overnight conferences:
 - Mr. Raymond Davis to attend the PSADA 2018 Conference in Hershey on March 20-23, 2018
District Cost Estimate: \$1,470 for registration, lodging, meals, and mileage
 - Mr. John McDermott to attend the 2017 TEEAP STEM Conference in Lancaster on October 26-27, 2017
District Cost Estimate: \$397.50 for registration and mileage
- The Parent Transportation Contract for Jennifer Oleson to transport her child to St. Joseph School, which is within ten miles of the District.
- The temporary use agreement with the Syria Shriners. Mr. Hoffman explained the agreement. Ms. Haas asked if there were any costs associated with the agreement. Mr. Hoffman stated there were no fees, but the District insurance would be used in the event of an incident. Voice vote carried the motion.

EDUCATION: Mr. Rocco made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the following motions:

1. 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.
2. The student trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on Friday, December 1, 2017 for interested students in Grades 11 and 12. The only cost to the District is for substitute coverage for a maximum of 4 teachers.

Voice vote carried the motion.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report

PERSONNEL: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the following motions:

1. The employment of Ms. Sally Hurley as Head Swim Coach, effective October 17, 2017 with compensation of \$3,517.00.
2. The employment of Ms. Jeannine McCutcheon as a part-time paraprofessional, effective October 17, 2017 at a rate of \$12.40 per hour.
3. Mr. James Gaschler, Jr. as a volunteer for Springdale Jr-Sr High School's fall play and spring musical, effective October 17, 2017.
4. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reclassify the Administrative Assistant to Business Operations position from a Level II 12-month to a Level III 12-month position.
5. The employment of Ms. Caitlin Farr as a Health and Physical Education Teacher, effective October 17, 2017 with compensation at Step 3, Bachelors.

Voice vote carried the motion, with Mr. Gaschler abstaining on item 3 (volunteer for Springdale Jr-Sr High School's fall play).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the payment of all appropriate costs related to the District Swim Team. Mr. Conte asked for an explanation of the costs. Mr. Graczyk listed pool usage, timekeepers, etc. After discussion, voice vote carried the motion.

POLICY REVIEW: No Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Conte asked if there would be an Assistant Swim Coach. Mrs. Renaldi stated that the Swim Coach would be able to recommend someone for the Assistant position. Mr. Graczyk stated that there was a paid position approved. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Ms. Haas commented on attending the PSBA Conference, stating that she wanted to clarify that the trip was not a vacation that work sessions were held all day and information was brought back for the District. Mrs. Jursa also commented on the conference, explaining that they attended session on Board issues – legal, personnel. Mrs. Renaldi expressed her appreciation to Ms. Haas and Mrs. Jursa for attending. She stated that important information is presented at this conference and a number of Board Members cannot attend due to work, family situations, etc. She appreciated that others stepped forward to attend. Mr. Conte also commented that he is proud to serve on the Board with the other members. He believes that all members are serving to improve the District and not there for personnel reasons. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Christine Gaschler was recognized and stated that her daughter is a high school student and she [Ms. Christine Gaschler] is not able to volunteer. Can a family member take her place and volunteer if needed? Mr. Graczyk explained that she would need to speak with the principal to clarify the issue.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Haas 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