

Allegheny Valley School District

September 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, September 18, 2017. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Daniel Compton (solicitor), Mr. Sanchez, Dr. Nuzzo, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that the Board was in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Personnel Matters.

Mr. Pollick also noted that there was a short Groundbreaking for the Acmetonia Construction Project held at 6:30 p.m. in the Acme playground.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Mr. David Bachman was recognized and commented on the Hershey Conference item. He stated that it's regrettable that Mr. Pollick and Mr. Gaschler had removed their names from the recommendation. He commented that the directors leaving the Board have no need for professional development; that it was a waste of District funds. Materials and presentations are normally available without attendance. He stated that faith and confidence in the Board has diminished and he believes those who want to attend the conference should abstain from voting on the motion. He strongly encouraged the Board Members to vote against the motion.

Ms. Joelle McFarland was recognized and asked about salary increases for Act 93 employees. She asked if the percentage would be made public. Mr. Graczyk stated not at this time. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mr. Rocco asked about copies of the letter by Mr. Bachman. Mr. Conte also stated that he did not receive a copy of the letter and he believes it is inappropriate that all members did not receive a copy. Discussion was held on the matter.

MINUTES: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the August 8 and 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

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

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the following members of the Board to attend the PASA-PSBA Conference, October 18-20, 2017 in Hershey, PA. Approximate cost is \$460/person for registration and \$225/night for lodging per person as well as mileage reimbursement.

Kathleen Haas

Annetta Jursa

Salvatore Conte

Mr. Gaschler commented that there are not a lot of control methods in place for trips taken by Board Members. He asked the Board Members to vote “no” to the motion so the Board can establish criteria for these types of matters. On roll call vote, Mr. Conte, Mrs. Jursa, Ms. Haas, Mrs. Renaldi, and Mr. Pollick voted yes, with Mr. Gaschler, Ms. Moretti, Mr. Puskar, and Mr. Rocco voting no. Motion carried, 5-4.

The Board selected the following individuals to endorse for the PSBA Slate of Candidates: (the number of Board Members who selected the candidate proceeds the name of the candidate)

One (1) person from each category from the following 2018 Slate of Candidates for PSBA:

- President-Elect
8 - David Hutchinson*, State College Area SD (Centre Co.)
1 - Otto W. Voit III*, Muhlenberg SD (Berks Co.)
- Vice President
7 - Eric Wolfgang*, Central York SD (York Co.)
2 - Gary Michael Smedley, Carbondale Area SD (Lackawanna Co.)
- Treasurer
Mike Gosert*, Cumberland Valley SD (Cumberland Co.)
- Western At Large (three-year term) – Includes Regions 1, 2, 3, 13, 14
Daniel O’Keefe, Northgate SD (Allegheny Co.)
- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (term ends Dec. 31, 2020)
1 - Michael Faccinetto (Bethlehem Area SD), PSBA President
8 - Marianne L. Neel (West Jefferson Hills SD), PSBA Past President

*endorsed by PSBA

Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the following motions.

1. Approve/endorse one (1) person from each category from the following 2018 Slate of Candidates for PSBA:

- President-Elect: David Hutchinson*, State College Area SD (Centre Co.)
- Vice President: Eric Wolfgang*, Central York SD (York Co.)
- Treasurer: Mike Gosert*, Cumberland Valley SD (Cumberland Co.)
- Western At Large (three-year term) –
Includes Regions 1, 2, 3, 13, 14: Daniel O’Keefe, Northgate SD (Allegheny Co.)
- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees
(term ends Dec. 31, 2020): Marianne L. Neel (West Jefferson Hills SD), PSBA Past President

2. The annual agreement with Pennsylvania Educators’ Clearinghouse (PA-Educator.net) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$1,500.

3. The Parent Transportation Contract for Margaret Oleson to transport her child to Shady Side Academy Senior School, which is within ten miles of the District.

4. Resolution #2017-7: Eastern Area Special Schools Resolution No. 2017-1. “RESOLVED, that as authorized by Section 1704 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, all voting on the affairs of the Joint Board of School Directors of Eastern Area Special Schools shall be conducted by mail ballot.”

5. Resolution #2017-8: Eastern Area Special Schools Resolution No. 2017-2. “RESOLVED, that the Budget of the Eastern Area Special Schools for the 2017-2018 school year in the form appended hereto is hereby approved.”

6. Authorize the Superintendent to approve change orders for the Acmetonia Project up to \$10,000. These change orders will then be ratified at the next voting meeting.

7. Accept the approval of PlanCon Part G: Project Accounting Based on Bids from PDE as received in the August 11, 2017 letter.

8. The Board of School Directors of the Allegheny Valley School District hereby certifies that PlanCon Part H documents for the Additions & Alterations to Acmetonia Primary School are approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

9. The Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Harmar Township.
10. The annual partnership agreement (2017-2018) between the District and The Consortium for Public Education at a cost of \$2,900.
11. An Agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside for the 2017-2018 school year. Cost for services will be \$75 per day per student placed in their partial hospitalization program.

Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no on items 7 (PlanCon Part G), 8 (PlanCon Part H), and 9 (Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement).

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to authorize the Business Manager to secure a bond for the Developer's Agreement with Harmar Township for the Acmetonia Construction Project, pending review and approval of all bond paperwork by the District Solicitor, with the cost of the bond not to exceed \$10,000. Discussion was held on the matter. Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no.

EDUCATION: Mr. Puskar 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 student A, who is under the guardianship of a resident of the District. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
2. Complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for student B who is under the guardianship of a resident of the District. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

Voice vote carried the motion.

TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Gaschler made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to donate \$2,500 to ABC Create to help offset the cost of STEAM resources, professional development, and programs. Mr. Puskar commented that the program is beneficial, however, it is unsettling to consider these requests after budget season. Ms. Moretti asked if this request would come to the Board every year. Mr. Graczyk stated for three years. Mr. Rocco asked if the Board would be voting every year and Mr. Graczyk responded yes. Mr. Puskar asked if the Board could opt out then and Mr. Graczyk answered affirmatively. Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no, stating her vote was due to other considerations.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the following motions:

1. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adding an additional paid coaching position at the 7th & 8th grade level for boys' basketball.
2. Accept the resignation of Casey Weber as a Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School, effective August 14, 2017.
3. Recognize tenure for the following teachers who have completed three (3) consecutive and satisfactory years of employment:
 - Ms. Rebecca Bachman
 - Ms. Courtney Yaksich
 - Ms. Keely Grover
4. The 2017-2018 Act 93 raises, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Discussion was held on the matter.

8:12 p.m. – Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Voice vote carried the motion.

8:22 p.m. – Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to have the Board return to regular session.

5. The employment of the following Classified Employees:
 - A. Ms. Jadyne McCleery, Temporary Paraprofessional
Effective: September 19, 2017 – December 21, 2017; Compensation: \$93/day
 - B. Ms. Christine Lamarca, Dishwasher
Effective: September 19, 2017; Compensation: \$9.50 per hour
 - C. Ms. Kelly Kotermanski, Cafeteria Substitute
Effective: September 19, 2017; Compensation: \$9.00 per hour
 - D. Ms. Julianne Burrell, Paraprofessional/Bus Aide
Effective: September 19, 2017; Compensation: \$93 per day plus Individual Benefits (Para)
\$10.30 per hour (Bus Aide)

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Gaschler to approve “It’s a Wonderful Life” as the 2017 Fall Play. The performance is scheduled for December 1 & 2, 2017. Voice vote carried the motion.

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the Second Reading of Policy #204, Attendance. Voice vote carried the motion, with Mr. Rocco voting no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to adjourn the meeting, 8:24 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director