

## **Allegheny Valley School District**

### **September 12, 2017**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, September 12, 2017. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Conte - absent	Mr. Puskar
	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, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sanchez, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Holler, Dr. Welter, Ms. Vecchio, Ms. Kaczor, Mr. Davis, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Dave Parker, Messaro, provided information on the schedule for the Acme Construction Project.
2. Ms. Colleen Smith and Mr. Dror Yaron presented information on ABC Create (Alle-Kiski Best Practices Collaborative CREATE Lab Regional Satellite Network Hub). Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Rocco asked for an updated list on the number of staff members who are involved with the project at the end of the year to help support the expense in the future.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

#### OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board 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
James Gaschler, Jr.	Salvatore Conte
Larry Pollick	

Mr. Puskar asked if the Board would be able to vote on the attendees individually. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Rocco asked that the Board look into limiting the number of Board Members allowed to attend conferences. After further discussion, Mr. Gaschler asked to have his name removed from the motion. Mr. Pollick asked to have his name removed from the motion. Majority of the Board agreed to keep the recommendation as one motion.

2. Recommend the Board 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.)
    - Otto W. Voit III\*, Muhlenberg SD (Berks Co.)

- Vice President
  - Eric Wolfgang\*, Central York SD (York Co.)
  - 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)
  - Michael Faccinetto (Bethlehem Area SD), PSBA President
  - Marianne L. Neel (West Jefferson Hills SD), PSBA Past President

\*endorsed by PSBA

3. Recommend the Board approve the annual agreement with Pennsylvania Educators’ Clearinghouse (PA-Educator.net) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$1,500.
4. Recommend the Board approve 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.
5. Recommend the Board approve 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.”
6. Recommend the Board approve 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.”
7. Recommend the Board to 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.
8. Recommend the Board accept the approval of PlanCon Part G: Project Accounting Based on Bids from PDE as received in the August 11, 2017 letter.
9. 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.
10. Recommend the Board approve the Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Harmar Township. Mr. Puskar asked for clarification on the agreement. Mr. Hoffman explained that it is needed for stormwater management. Mr. Parker stated that the agreement was standard practice for construction projects. Mr. Hoffman also stated the agreement was required by state regulations.
11. Recommend the Board approve the annual partnership agreement (2017-2018) between the District and The Consortium for Public Education at a cost of \$2,900. Dr. Nuzzo explained the partnership and that the District team was working on a Future Ready Alliance that also supports the new guidance plan. Discussion was held on the matter.
12. Recommend the Board approve 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.

#### EDUCATION:

1. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve 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.

TECHNOLOGY:

1. Recommend the Board donate \$2,500 to ABC Create to help offset the cost of STEAM resources, professional development and programs.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adding an additional paid coaching position at the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade level for boys' basketball. Mr. Puskar asked why the District was adding a coaching position. Mr. Graczyk explained that the numbers for students interested in participating in the program had increased. Mr. Davis explained the history of the past two years and playing youth and district ball. Discussion was held on the matter.
2. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Casey Weber as a Paraprofessional at Springdale Jr-Sr High School, effective August 14, 2017.
3. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve a \_\_\_\_\_% increase in the 2017-2018 compensation for all designated Act 93 personnel, retroactive to July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
5. Recommend the Board approve 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)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:

1. Recommend the Board approve "It's a Wonderful Life" as the 2017 Fall Play. The performance is scheduled for December 1 & 2, 2017. Mr. Matthew Mlynarski explained.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading of Policy #204, Attendance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

1. Mrs. Jursa asked about the taping/recording of meetings. Discussion was held on the matter. The Policy Committee will review the matter.
2. Mr. Puskar asked about the Volunteer Policy and a clarification on when clearances are needed vs. having the individual's identification run through the Raptor System. The information needs to be communicated to the Booster groups. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Joelle McFarland was recognized and asked about the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball team and a “cut policy.” Mr. Davis stated that yes, students can be cut from the program depending on their skill level. Mr. Graczyk asked if the number of students on the team depended on the number of uniforms. Mr. Davis answered no, students were dismissed from the team depending on skill level.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to adjourn the meeting, 8:34 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak  
Public Relations Director