

**Allegheny Valley School District
Monthly Meeting (Monday, April 15, 2019)**

Members present

Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Larry Pollick

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Information: 1.1 Executive Session - 6:00 p.m.

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

2. MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 2.1 Flag Salute

Procedural: 2.2 Roll Call

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Procedural: 3.1 Audience Comments on Agenda Items

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Information: 4.1 Presentations

1. Springdale Free Public Library - Mr. Jim Anderson, President of Board of Directors, presented information on how funds given to the library are spent. He commented that the Library Board is very grateful for the money given, and it is necessary for the Board to provide reports of funding for the citizenry. Mr. Anderson provided information on residents using their services, at a cost of roughly \$19/resident; the programs provided; and upcoming summer programs.

2. AV HOPE Association - Mr. Jeffrey Hartz commented on partnering with the local citizens to publicize the Reality Tour. He stated the group is trying to work together to bring the message of the tour to the community. Mr. John Murray, President, said the answer to the drug problem is education and explained the Reality Tour. He encouraged all parents to bring their children to the Tour. Ms. Melissa Spirk Gilbert asked the District to partner with the HOPE group. She is a parent of a sixth grader, and encouraged everyone to see the tour, invite parents, hand out invitations, make it part of the school class mandates, etc. Cpt. Carl Kusbit, volunteer counselor with the HOPE group, reviewed statistics of addiction. He noted the group is working with drug addiction and to eliminate suicides, stating these are very serious problems. Mr. Hartz invited the Board Members to the Reality Tour, stating that the next tour is scheduled for May 9. He said the HOPE group meets every first Thursday at the Springdale Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Rocco asked Mr. Murray what the "ask" of HOPE is. Mr. Murray explained they would like the District to encourage every student in grades 5-12 to attend the Reality Tour, in whatever way is possible. Mr. Rocco asked if anything would be disturbing in the Tour. Mr. Murray responded that yes, some of the scenes are disturbing. He suggested people who want to learn more can google the Reality Tour for more information. Mr. Rocco thanked the HOPE group for their mission and efforts.

Ms. Moretti asked the students in attendance what might encourage them to attend the Tour. Some students suggested the extra credit might be a good incentive. Dr. Graczyk will look into the matter.

Mr. Pollick thanked the group for their efforts in promotion the drug-free environment with our students.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.1 Approval of Minutes

Recommend the Board approve the March 12, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes and the March 18, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Elizabeth Moretti, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

6. BILLS/PAYMENTS - Mr. Puskar

Action: 6.1 BILLS AND PAYMENTS

Recommend the Board approve the March 2019 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger) and the Accounts Payable List.

Motion by Steve Puskar, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

7. OPERATIONS/FINANCE - Mr. Gaschler, Mr. Pollick, Mrs. Renaldi

Action: 7.1 Adelphoi Education Services Agreement

Recommend the Board approve the Adelphoi Education Services Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.2 River Pediatric Therapies Agreement

Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with River Pediatric Therapies effective August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$59 per hour for occupational therapy services and \$61.00 per hour, at a minimum of 3 hours per week, for physical therapy services.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.3 PSBA Agreement

Recommend the Board approve the agreement with PSBA for the purchase of the All Access Package for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$10,861.96.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.4 Purchase of ProSoft Accounting Software

Recommend the Board approve the purchase of ProSoft Accounting software in the amount of \$30,000, effective July 1, 2019.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.5 Change Orders

Recommend the Board approve Change Order #'s 81 and 107 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project.

Final cost for these Change Orders is a credit of \$2,955.00.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.6 Purchase Of Window Blinds

Recommend the Board approve the purchase of window blinds for the music rooms at Acmetonia Elementary School with Costars vendor Caldwell's Windoware, Inc. in the amount of \$2,842.00.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.7 Purchase of Football Uniforms

Recommend the Board approve the purchase of football uniforms in the amount of \$13,021.20.

Mr. Rocco read a letter dated March 13 from the Football Coach to the Board on the reasons why the uniforms are necessary. First, they team doesn't have a set of uniforms that fit them. Second, the team can no longer order replacements for the uniforms in use, so there are only about 20 uniforms that the team will be able to use. Ms. Moretti and Mrs. McFarland provided additional information for the Board to consider. Ms. Moretti asked about the amount on the agenda, noting it is higher than the discount rate, and the cost isn't in the budget. Mr. Gaschler asked about the cycle for uniforms; he would still like more information. Mr. Pollino questioned the timing of request for the budget. Mr. Rocco asked for a roll call vote for this item.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Nino Pollino.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yes: Larry Pollick, Glenna Renaldi, Nino Pollino

No: Elizabeth Moretti, Joelle McFarland, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

8. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Puskar, Mr. Pollino, Mr. Whelan**Action: 8.1 Special Education Plan**

Recommend the Board approve the Special Education Plan effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022.

Motion by Steve Puskar, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 8.2 School Calendar for 2019-2020

Recommend the Board adopt Draft #1 of the AVSD 2019-2020 Master Calendar as the final version.

Motion by Steve Puskar, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, James Gaschler

No: Joelle McFarland, Steve Puskar

Information: 8.3 Revised 2018-2019 Master Calendar**Discussion: 8.4 Discussion: Pre-K Program****9. PERSONNEL - Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Renaldi, Mr. Rocco****Action: 9.1 Resignation of Head Girls Soccer Coach**

Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of the following Athletic Personnel

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.2 Leave of Absence

Recommend the Board approve the following request for a leave of absence:

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.3 Employment of Paraprofessional

Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Paraprofessional:

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.4 Sabbatical for Restoration of Health

Recommend the Board approve the request of Employee #233 for a Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.5 Retirement

Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the retirement of Carla Lagattuta, Elementary Teacher, effective June 18, 2019.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.6 ADDENDUM - Employment of Summer Custodians

Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following custodial summer help:

- Ms. Lisa Gray, at the rate of \$9.25/hour, effective June 17, 2019
- Ms. Linda Krason, at the rate of \$9.25/hour, effective June 17, 2019
- Ms. Linda Welsh, at the rate of \$9.25/hour, effective June 17, 2019

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Ms. Moretti, Mr. Pollino, Mr. Rocco

No Report.

11. ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES - Mr. Rocco, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Whelan

No Report.

12. POLICY/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS - Ms. Moretti, Mr. Gaschler, Mr. Puskar

No Report.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Ms. Moretti thanked Ms. Zastawniak and the administration for their work on the Alumni Hall of Fame Event. She noted the special designation of a diploma for Mr. Emilio Saldari, Hall of Fame inductee. She encouraged all of the Board Members to attend the event if they have the chance. Mr. Pollick also commented on the event and thanked those involved.
- Mr. Whelan thanked Coach Concannon for all of his years with the program, noting he is sad to see him leave.
- Mr. Pollino commented on the tax collectors and the possibility to move up the deadlines for budget and payments.
- Mr. Rocco asked about the possibility for athletic teams to watch video somewhere close to the gymnasium or lockerrooms. Dr. Graczyk stated that seemed a realistic request, and he would look into the matter.
- Mr. Puskar commented on an article about the Riverview School District possibly cutting programs, with the wrestling program a possibility to be cut. He asked if the District should look at picking up the program if Riverview should move to dissolve the program.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

15. ADJOURN

Action: 15.1 Adjourn

Recommend the Board adjourn the meeting, 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Elizabeth Moretti, second by Glenna Renaldi

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler