

Allegheny Valley School District Planning Meeting (Tuesday, April 9, 2019)

Members present

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

Also in attendance: Dr. Patrick Graczyk, Ms. Hamsini Rajgopal, Mr. Matthew Hoffman (solicitor), Mr. Heavner, Mr. Davis, Ms. Holler, Dr. Welter, Ms. Vecchio, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sanchez, and Dr. Nuzzo.

Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM by President Larry Pollick

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Information: 1.1 Executive Session - 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Pollick stated 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 Acmetonia Construction Update (Massaro Corp.)

Mr. Todd Baldwin of Massaro Corp. presented information on the Acmetonia construction project. He noted that this meeting will be the last for a report on the project. He stated that there are two outstanding items punch list items, withholding over \$300,000 in retained fees, and the chairlift, which is now ready for inspection. He reviewed the remaining change orders for the project.

Information: 4.2 Dr. Patrick M. Graczyk

Dr Graczyk presented the following information:

- Update on the Colfax building: the goal is to have a proposal for the Board. Information from the Zoning Board is currently being gathered and a meeting was held with a broker last week. Consulting with developers and touring the building will complete the information needed for the proposal.
- High School Library: Working name for the project is Reddy's Kitchen. Various groups have contributed ideas to conceptualize what this space could be. Utilizing human-centered design methods (HCD), a program will be designed to be proposed to the School Board.
- Senator Lindsey Williams Visit: Pennsylvania Senator Lindsey Williams will visit Acmetonia Elementary School on Wednesday, April 24 from 9:30 - 11:00 am. She will talk with administrators and School Board Members, tour the building, and visit with staff and students. All members are welcome to attend.
- ReTool Learning and CyberLearning: Working with Acmetonia Elementary teachers, administrators gained insight into K-6 cyber-learning ideas. Ms. Jennifer Beagan from Waterfront Learning discussed information about a K-6 cyber-learning model.
- Congratulations to Mr. Pollick, who was re-elected to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Board of Directors.
- Reminder: next month, meetings will be completely electronic via Board Docs.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.1 Approval of Minutes

Recommend the Board approve the March 12 and 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

6. BILLS/PAYMENTS - Mr. Puskar

Action: 6.1 Bills/Payments

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

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

Mr. Gaschler provided a Committee Report.

Action: 7.1 Stormwater Management Agreement - Recommend the Board approve the Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Harmar Township.

Mr. Gaschler stated that Mr. Hoffman has reviewed the agreement and provided updates at the Board table. Mr. Pollino asked why a Management Agreement was needed. Mr. Hoffman responded that an Agreement that included ongoing maintenance is part of Harmar Township's ordinance requirements.

Action: 7.2 Adelphoi Education Services Agreement - Recommend the Board approve the Adelphoi Education Services Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.

Action: 7.3 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.

Action: 7.4 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.

Action: 7.5 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.

Mr. Puskar asked what the school was using now. Ms. Rajgopal responded CSIU. Mr. Puskar asked if the District would be able to move between the two programs and the reason for the switch. Ms. Rajgopal explained that CSIU is a very rigid system, and that there shouldn't be an issue with the two systems.

Action: 7.6 Change Orders - Recommend the Board approve Change Order #'s 81 and 107 as it relates to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Orders is a credit of \$2,955.00.

Change Order #81: Mike Coates, Maintenance Garage Concrete Floor Slab, Credit: \$2,955.00

Change Order #107: Mike Coates, Replace damaged wall tile in kitchen and tile cap at low walls (revisited), Cost: \$649.00

Change Order #107: LMI, Replace damaged wall tile in kitchen and tile cap at low walls (revisited), Credit: \$649.00

Action: 7.7 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.

Action: 7.8 Purchase of Football Uniforms - Recommend the Board approve the purchase of football uniforms in the amount of \$13,021.20.

Mr. Puskar asked about the request for football uniforms, when the District hasn't purchased volleyball or softball uniforms since 2014. Dr. Graczyk stated that he is correct that other programs need uniforms. He noted that Mr. Davis approached Ms. Rajgopal with the request for softball uniforms today, so that request didn't make the agenda. Ms. Moretti asked if the uniforms were needed or wanted. Mr. Davis responded that some football uniforms were ruined with blood or had to be cut off for injuries and sizes of the uniforms are off from the size of the athletes. Mr. Rocco asked if the Board waited a year, would the team still have uniforms that fit. Mr. Davis responded yes, but that wouldn't be ideal. Mrs. McFarland asked when the uniforms were replaced before 2016; Mr. Davis responded six year prior. Mr. Puskar asked if there was a plan to replace uniforms for softball and volleyball. Dr. Graczyk stated that Mr. Davis has made the request, and the administration will look into it. Mr. Pollick asked if the coaches are aware of the purchase rotation. Mr. Davis replied that they should be. Dr. Graczyk stated that they will reach out to the coach for additional information to respond to questions.

Dr. Graczyk stated that the District has advertised for landscaping bids.

8. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Puskar, Mr. Pollino, Mr. Whelan

Presentations were given by Mr. Slezak (SeeSaw program), Ms. Vecchio (Disability Day, Saltworks presentation sponsored by Springdale HOPE, and the making of a chandelier from recycled materials), and Mr. Simpson (Drug & Alcohol assembly and high school activities).

Action: 8.1 Special Education Plan - Recommend the Board approve the Special Education Plan effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022.

Ms. Holler presented information on the Special Education Plan and distributed copies to the Board. She explained the updates including number of staff, students, and trainings. This Plan is part of the Comprehensive Plan and is usually due prior to the Comprehensive Plan.

Action: 8.2 School Calendar for 2019-2020 - Recommend the Board adopt Draft # ___ of the AVSD 2019-2020 Master Calendar as the final version. Dr. Nuzzo presented two options of calendars for the 2019-2020 school year. She explained the differences in the drafts and noted the administrators recommend Draft #1. Mr. Puskar asked about a two-week break in December. Dr. Nuzzo stated that it all depends on when the holiday is scheduled. Dr. Graczyk stated if you don't like either version, we can go back to the drawing board and start over. Dr. Graczyk stated Draft #1 would be on the agenda. Mr. Pollino asked if we should ask for feedback from the staff. Dr. Graczyk stated that they will get some feedback and present it to Board.

Information: 8.3 Revised 2018-2019 Master Calendar

Discussion: 8.4 Discussion: Pre-K Program

Dr. Nuzzo asked for the Board to ask any questions concerning a Pre-Kindergarten Program. She noted that the District sent out a DYNAmail, web site and Facebook posting to gather information and interest on a possible program. She stated that she had already received some responses from parents. Mrs. McFarland asked if a curriculum was selected and if questions about transportation were resolved. Ms. Moretti stated that she would also like to see the costs on transportation. Dr. Nuzzo stated that the District was still looking into some items. Mr. Pollick thanked Dr. Nuzzo for all of her work. Dr. Graczyk asked the Board Members to send any questions they may have to Dr. Nuzzo or him.

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 Mr. Jerry Concannon, Head Girls' Soccer Coach, effective March 28, 2019.

Action: 9.2 Leave of Absence - Recommend the Board approve the request for a leave of absence for Employee #193, effective April 23 through the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Action: 9.3 Employment of Paraprofessional - Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Ian Moorhead, Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$93.00/day, effective April 16, 2019.

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.

Action: 9.5 Job Description Review - Recommend the Board approve the first reading to a revision of the job description for Public Relations Director. The matter was pulled from the agenda.

Action: 9.6 Retirement - Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the retirement of Ms. Carla Lagattuta, Elementary Teacher, effective June 18, 2019.

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

No Report.

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

Mr. Davis commented on students and the athletic program. He noted the softball team was currently ranked 4th, and would be playing a big game vs. Leechburg tomorrow. Mr. Rocco announced a reminder of the Powderpuff Game on Friday at 7:00 p.m., rain or shine.

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

Discussion: 12.1 Discussion - Safe2Say Something Policy

Dr. Graczyk stated that he had asked Mr. Hoffman to look into the matter; it is on the agenda for the Board's review. Mr. Hoffman commented that he believed it would be more appropriate to make a procedure for the Safe2Say Something program than a policy. Mr. Puskar asked how many S2SS alerts the District had received. Dr. Graczyk replied about three or four. Mr. Puskar asked if it was becoming burdensome. Dr. Graczyk explained the process, noting that to date Officer Downing had taken the lead on responding to the alerts and completing the follow up as necessary. He stated that the group is working well together and following up on items as necessary.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mr. Rocco asked if arrangements had been made to celebrate any students who will be playing sports at the collegiate level. Mr. Davis reported that a reception will be held in May, after the spring sports have concluded.
2. Mr. Puskar commented that it is important to stated that no formal offer has been made to the Board and/or District on Colfax. It is not listed yet. He believes it needs to be known that the District hasn't entertained offers and the Board isn't at that point in the process.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Paula Moretti was recognized and asked about the Board Docs program and agendas offered on the system. Dr. Graczyk explained the options.
2. Ms. Jeannie Haas was recognized and asked about the starting dates for students on the calendar options. Dr. Nuzzo responded that it was the same for both options, August 26.

15. ADJOURN

Action: 15.1 Adjourn

Recommend the Board adjourn the meeting, 9:03 p.m.

Motion by Steve Puskar, 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