

Allegheny Valley School District August 14, 2018

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, August 14, 2018. President Mr. Antonio Pollino presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Gaschler - absent	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. McFarland	Mr. Rocco
	Ms. Moretti	Mr. Whelan
	Mr. Pollick	Mr. Pollino
	Mr. Puskar - absent	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Sanchez, Ms. Kaczor, Mr. Davis, Ms. Vecchio, Dr. Nuzzo, Dr. Welter, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Holler, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollino announced that the Board was in Executive Session prior to the meeting for personnel matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Ms. Tammy Campus was recognized and commented that she believes there was a lack of communication for parents about the elementary transition.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Todd Baldwin, Massaro Corp., provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction project and reviewed the change orders on the agenda. He noted that the contractors are working toward the August 27 start date for students. Mr. Baldwin provided a timeline for the construction areas, noting that a follow up with inspectors from Harmar Township was scheduled for August 15. Mr. Graczyk asked about the temporary occupancy permit. Mr. Baldwin stated that the permit for the original building and the classroom wing is anticipated after the inspector visit tomorrow. Mr. Rocco asked about the areas that will not be complete. Mr. Baldwin said that there isn't any updated information on areas A & B, the kitchen, or gymnasium. Mr. Graczyk stated that there would be a walk-through of the project on Monday at 6:00 p.m. for Board Members with an Executive Session to follow on legal matters. Mrs. McFarland asked about clearances for the workers. Mr. Baldwin stated that the contractors understand the timeframes, and that the primes have been approached to discuss the matter.
2. Mr. Graczyk commented on the start of school, referencing a parent survey and round-table meeting. He stated that he believes it to be appropriate to start school with Kindergarten – grade 3 at Acme and grades 4-6 at Colfax. Mrs. McFarland stated that she was disappointed in the survey and the results. Ms. Moretti asked about the cafeteria area and if the seating area would be useable for students. Mr. Graczyk stated that the seating area would be available for student use. Mr. Graczyk asked for any additional input on the configuration for start of school. With none heard, Mr. Graczyk stated that the District would begin the school year in two buildings, Kindergarten-grade 3 to start at Acmetonia Elementary and grades 4-6 to start at Colfax Upper Elementary.
3. Mr. Graczyk commented on Act 55 training for Board Members, the FBI fingerprint clearance, and communication among the Board and Superintendent.

PERSONNEL:

After commenting that the Board had met with the candidate for the Basketball Coach position prior to the meeting, Mr. Pollick made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the employment of Mr. Aaron Epps as the Head Boys' Basketball Coach, effective August 21, 2018, with compensation of \$6,565. Voice vote carried the motion.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: Recommend the Board approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Planning/Voting Meeting.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Recommend the Board approve the June and July 2018 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board approve Change Order #'s 5, 6, 57, 62, and 67 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Orders is \$52,088.54.
 - Change Order #5: Mike Coates Construction
Caisson Depth Reconciliation – Added Length
Cost: \$15,950.00
 - Change Order #6: Mike Coates Construction
PR#3 – Additional Caissons and Grade Beam at Gym SE Corner
Cost: \$25,440.00
 - Change Order #57: Wheels Mechanical
Gas Supply Line for Proposed Kitchen Equipment
Cost: \$1,653.25
 - Change Order #62: Vern's Electric
Costs for Electrical Services required per RFI #120 and #128.
Cost: \$4,045.29
 - Change Order #67: Vern's Electric
Sprinkler Gongs and Switches
Cost: \$5,000.00
2. Recommend the Board approve services from the contractors listed below for psychological evaluations, reevaluations, and other services as needed.
 - A. Ms. Mary Lou Conroy (Primarily Elementary Evaluations)
 - Initial Multidisciplinary Evaluation - \$500
 - Gifted Evaluation - \$400
 - Reevaluation with Testing - \$500
 - Reevaluation with Functional Behavioral Assessment - \$1,000
 - Testimony at Due Process Hearing - \$100 per hour
 - Attendance at IEP Meetings and other services authorized by the District- \$100 per hour
 - B. Ms. Susan Mszyco (Primarily Secondary Evaluations)
 - Initial Multidisciplinary Evaluation - \$500
 - Gifted Evaluation - \$200
 - Reevaluation with Testing - \$500
 - Reevaluation with Functional Behavioral Assessment (without testing) - \$300
 - Testimony at Due Processing Hearing - \$50 per hour
 - Attendance at IEP Meetings and other services authorized by the District - \$42 per hour
 - C. Ms. Kris Orosz (Primarily Gifted Evaluations)
 - Initial Multidisciplinary Evaluation - \$500
 - Gifted Evaluation - \$300
 - Reevaluation with Testing - \$375
 - Reevaluation with Functional Behavioral Assessment (without testing) - \$300
 - Testimony at Due Processing Hearing - \$50 per hour
 - Attendance at IEP Meetings and other services authorized by the District - \$50

Mrs. McFarland asked why the costs were different among the individuals. Ms. Holler explained that the difference was due to the individual's credentials. Mr. Graczyk stated that resumes for the individuals would be sent to the Board as additional information. Ms. Moretti asked how the costs compared to the costs from the Intermediate Unit. Ms. Holler explained.

3. Recommend the Board approve the Lunch Prices for the 2018-2019 school year with no price increase.

Proposed Lunch Prices

Acme/Colfax	\$2.50
Jr-Sr High School	\$2.75
Adult Lunches – All Buildings	\$4.00

4. Recommend the Board approve the items listed below for delinquent tax collection and related services effective through and including June 30, 2021. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms unless and until either of the parties hereto shall terminate this Agreement by sending to the other party a written notice of termination at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewed term.

- A. Keystone Collections Group Agreement
- B. Act 20 Resolution

Mr. Lawson, Keystone Collections, outlined the procedure for the Board.

5. Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$3,500,000.
6. Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund to Capital Projects in the amount of \$3,500,000 for construction related expenditures.
7. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for English as Second Language (ESL) Services for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$31,766.70.
8. Recommend the Board approve the 2018-2019 Bus Drivers and Bus Routes as presented. Mr. Rocco asked who determined the stops that were moved and the safety of the new stops. Mr. Graczyk explained that any changes in stops were discussed with representatives from the Roenigk Bus Company and local police departments.
9. Recommend the Board approve/endorse one (1) person from each category from the following 2019 Slate of Candidates for PSBA:

GOVERNING BOARD – Choose up to one candidate for each seat

- President-Elect (one-year term)
Eric Wolfgang*, Central York SD (York Co.)
- Vice President (one-year term)
Art Levinowitz*, Upper Dublin SD (Montgomery Co.)

PSBA INSURANCE TRUST TRUSTEES - A school entity can vote for up to three individuals:

- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (term ends Dec. 31, 2021)
William S. LaCoff (Owen J. Roberts SD), PSBA Past President
Dr. Richard Frerichs (Penn Manor SD), PSBA Past President
Nathan Mains, PSBA CEO

*endorsed by PSBA

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY:

1. Recommend the Board approve the changes to the Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Recommend the Board approve the addition of STEAM Encore rotation for Grades K through 3. This encore class replaces library in the lower elementary rotation. Library has been incorporated

into the grade level schedules. Mrs. Vecchio stated that Create U will be used by the classrooms, and the library will be utilized through the language arts classes.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board recognize tenure for the following teachers who have completed three (3) consecutive and satisfactory years of employment.
 - A. Ms. Chelsea Young
 - B. Mr. Gerald Clark
 - C. Ms. Lauren Hanlon
 - D. Ms. Kelly Slomka
 - E. Mr. Travis Aiken
2. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following Classified Employees:
 - A. Ms. Adrianna Scotti, Paraprofessional
Effective: July 26, 2018
 - B. Ms. Jamie Medure, Cafeteria Worker
Effective: July 19, 2018
 - C. Ms. Ellen Burns, Paraprofessional
Effective: August 31, 2018
3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Classified Employee:
 - A. Ms. Caitlin Farr, Paraprofessional
Effective: August 20, 2018, Compensation: \$93 per day plus Individual Benefits
 - B. Ms. Kaylee Bachorski, Title I Reading Paraprofessional
Effective: August 20, 2018, Compensation: \$93 per day plus Individual Benefits
4. Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the retirement of the following Classified Personnel:
 - A. Ms. Linda Durkt, Administrative Assistant to Guidance
Effective: December 31, 2018
 - B. Ms. Paula Jean Moretti, Administrative Assistant for Child Accounting/PIMS
Effective: December 31, 2018
5. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Nicholas Etzel as an Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher, effective August 20, 2018 at the compensation of \$150 per day plus Individual Benefits. Mr. Etzel is replacing Employee #411 who is out on sick leave.
6. Recommend the Board approve the FMLA Requests of Employee #618, effective October 10, 2018, not to exceed 60 work days.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mr. Graczyk provided an update on security firms and information on Act 44.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mr. Pollino commented on Booster Groups who are asking families to contribute money in lieu of fundraisers. Mr. Pollick asked about a policy on Booster Groups. The Athletic Committee will look into this matter.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a revision of Policy #005, Organization.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mrs. McFarland commented on improvements for communication.
2. Mrs. McFarland asked about the status of the Junior High Football Team. Mr. Davis stated that the status is still uncertain, and that they will know more when practice begins. Mr. Rocco asked

about paying the coaches if there is no team. Mr. Graczyk asked Mr. Hoffman to comment. Mr. Hoffman will look into the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Jeannie Haas was recognized and asked if the Board could use microphones, noting it was difficult to hear some of the discussion in the room. She also commented on the number of football coaches and if there isn't a team, why would the District need to pay a coach?

Ms. Tammy Campus stated that she was unhappy with the building survey that it didn't work well for the parents.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to adjourn the meeting, 9:01 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director