

Allegheny Valley School District
December 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, December 4, 2018. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Fred Wolfe (solicitor), Ms. Kaczor, Mr. Heavner, Ms. Holler, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Vecchio, Mr. Slezak, Dr. Nuzzo, Dr. Welter, students, staff members, and members of the community.

Mr. Graczyk stated that the Board was in Executive Session prior to the meeting for Personnel and Safety matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Todd Baldwin, Massaro Corp., provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction project. He noted that the elevator, the chairlift in the gymnasium stage area, and kitchen remain outstanding areas for the project. The chairlift was installed this past weekend. For the kitchen area, the coolers were started this past weekend. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the current change orders for the project. Ms. Moretti asked about the damage of the lightening protection. Mr. Baldwin stated that there were a number of primes involved. Mr. Rocco asked about a scoreboard in the gymnasium. Mr. Baldwin commented that there was not one included in the project. Mr. Rocco asked about an oversight and also noted that there is not a 3-point line in the gym. He is frustrated that no one caught these errors. Mr. Puskar asked if it is conceivable that the project would come in under budget. Mr. Baldwin replied yes.

MINUTES: Mr. Rocco made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the minutes of the November 13 and 19, 2018 Meetings, with changes to the November 19 minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollino to approve the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger) and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mr. Rocco made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the following motions:

1. The Agreement with Massaro Group. Mr. Graczyk commented that if the work is completed prior to the deadline, the amount will be pro-rated.
2. An increase in the hourly rate for Tucker Arensberg. The rate will be increased from \$125 to \$135 per hour, effective January 1, 2019. The retainer of \$400 for attendance at the Board's monthly meetings will remain unchanged. Mr. Puskar asked if the District saw an increase coming, and if the District is happy with their service. Mr. Graczyk stated that the District is happy with the council

received from Tucker Arensberg. He believes this request is reasonable. Mr. Rocco noted that there hasn't been an increase since 2012.

3. Change Order #'s 21, 63, 64, 67, 69, and 98 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Order is \$17,201.33.
 - Change Order #21: Vern's Electric
 - Cafeteria Exit Signage and kitchen power pole removal
 - Cost: \$1,295.21
 - Change Order #63: Vern's Electric
 - Message boards, wall clocks, and classroom high projector connection revisions
 - Cost: \$783.81
 - Change Order #64: Vern's Electric
 - Repair lightning protection
 - Cost: \$6,725.18
 - Change Order #67: Vern's Electric
 - Sprinkler Gongs and Switches
 - Cost: \$6,299.38
 - Change Order #69: Vern's Electric
 - Conduit through proposed kitchen ductwork & east building lighting
 - Cost: \$1,853.05
 - Change Order #98: Vern's Electric
 - ACCU Unit #8 wiring and breaker
 - Cost: \$244.70

Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no on items 1 (Agreement with Massaro Group) and 3 (change orders) above.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

PERSONNEL: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the following motions:

1. Accept, with regret, the retirement of Mr. Michael Davis, Custodian, effective March 29, 2019.
2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Doris McCartney, Administrative Assistant for Payroll and Benefits, effective January 9, 2019.
3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Shawn Grady, JV Volleyball Coach, effective November 16, 2018.
4. The employment of the following 7th and 8th Grade Co-Sponsors:
 - A. Ms. Heather Harapko
Compensation: \$714.50, Effective: September 25, 2018
 - B. Ms. Keely Grover
Compensation: 714.50, Effective: September 25, 2018
5. The employment of the Mr. Stephen Smietana as the 7th & 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach, effective December 5, 2018 with the compensation of \$3,119.00. Mr. Puskar asked about the credentials of Mr. Smietana for the position and the time spent away from the band. Mr. Davis commented that the position is for a spring sport, less conflict with the band program, and the candidate has proven experience with the sport. Ms. Moretti asked if the position would conflict with the band trip usually taken in the spring. Mr. Graczyk stated it should not.
6. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the Act 93 Job Descriptions. Mr. Graczyk stated these job descriptions are first readings and any suggestions should be sent to him.

Voice vote carried the motion.

Mr. Graczyk stated that a job description for a Social Worker would be sent to the Personnel Committee. If approved in January, the position can be opened for February.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mr. Pollick reported that a number of students who participated in fall sports were recognized for their performances. Mr. Davis read a list of students who were acknowledged.

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti stated that second readings for policies approved in November for first readings will be on the January agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mr. Puskar commented on parents in the main office taking photos of sign-out sheet that was put on social media. He asked if the administration could look at another way for student sign-out to be more confidential. He noted the behavior was very disappointing. Mr. Graczyk stated administrators will come up with something.
- B. Mrs. Renaldi commented on a fight that she witnessed at Colfax and asked about the responsibility of the crossing guard. Mr. Graczyk stated that the guard is an employee of the municipality, but the District can assist by giving the individual contact numbers to use when assistance may be needed.
- C. Mrs. Renaldi asked when the dress code changed to include flannel pajama bottoms to be acceptable. Mr. Graczyk stated that he would look into the matter. Mr. Simpson commented that some students wear shorts and put the flannel bottoms on until they get to school.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Stacey Ansell was recognized and asked about the recent threats at the high school. She commented that students aren't understanding why some directions were given to them. She noted that she's not happy with the communication and that changes were made to procedures and parent's weren't told reasons for the changes.

Ms. Jean Marie Gent commented on the late notice of information on procedure changes and it was difficult to make plans. Ms. Gent also commented on social media posts from Board Members and stated there is a need for a policy to govern social media and Board Members.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to adjourn the meeting, 7:35 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director