

Allegheny Valley School District
February 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, February 11, 2019. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Gaschler	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. McFarland	Mr. Rocco
	Ms. Moretti	Mr. Whelan
	Mr. Pollino absent (ent. 7:39 p.m.)	Mr. Pollick
	Mr. Puskar	

Also in attendance were Dr. Graczyk, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Fred Wolfe (solicitor), Mr. Davis, staff members, students, and community members.

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

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Todd Baldwin, Massaro Corp., provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction project, commenting on the change order totals as requested.
2. Mr. Stephen H. Neidenberger, CPA of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP reviewed the audit report. Ms. Moretti stated that when the Board begins budget discussions, she would like to have the Food Service Director in attendance to help answer questions concerning the cafeterias. Mr. Puskar also asked about the Food Service meal debt. Ms. Moretti asked about the uncollected debt from staff from the cafeteria.

MINUTES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the January 8 and 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the January 2019 Treasurer's Reports, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mr. Gaschler made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the following motions:

1. Payment to Foreman Architects Engineers in the amount of \$22,328.52 for Additional Services relating to the Acmetonia Construction Project.
2. The Athletic Training Agreement with UPMC according to the fee schedule listed below:

2019-2020 Academic Year:	\$25,250.00
2020-2021 Academic Year:	\$26,460.00
2021-2022 Academic Year:	\$27,783.00
3. Resolution #2019-3 approving the Towerco Agreement and the construction of a cell phone tower on the Eastern Area Special Schools property.
- 4 Change Order #'s 17, 58, 65, 85, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 109, and 110 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Orders is a cost of \$81,894.00.

- Change Order #17: Wheels Mechanical
 - Underground water detection
 - Cost: \$5,365.50

- Change Order #58: Coates/LMI/SA Comunale/Vern's Electric
 - Room a26 beam demolition
 - Cost: \$21,444.82

- Change Order #65: Mike Coates
 - Unsuitable soil for site work operations (1 of 2)
 - Cost: \$40,653.00

- Change Order #85: Vern's Electric
 - Repair front parking lot existing lights
 - Cost: \$567.75

- Change Order #99: Vern's Electric
 - Existing water fountain GFCIs
 - Cost: \$894.31

- Change Order #100: Vern's Electric
 - Add exit signs to the boiler room (per inspector comments)
 - Cost: \$1,251.97

- Change Order #101: Northeast Interior Systems
 - Music room storage cabinet and Area D countertop modifications (rooms D133/D132)
 - Cost: \$560.00

- Change Order #102: Mike Coates
 - Chairlift installation revision – automatic doors
 - Cost: \$4,759.00

- Change Order #104: Vern's Electric/SA Comunale
 - Elevator Revisions per Otis Pre-inspection #2
 - Cost: \$4,665.65

- Change Order #109: Mike Coates
 - Underground Gas Line Investigation
 - Cost: \$464.00

- Change Order #110: Mike Coates
 - Add corner guards at cafeteria serving line
 - Cost: \$1,268.00

Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no on item 4, Change Orders.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Puskar noted that there was a Committee Meeting held on Friday. Discussion included the updated draft of the high school Program of Studies and the Dynamo Cyber Academy. The Academy has online options available, and the District is working toward having its own area with its own booklet of offerings for students. However, there is a budget attachment to that.

Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollino to approve the following motions:

1. The 2019 Extended School Year (ESY) Program. The program will operate from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning on July 8, 2019 and ending on July 25, 2019, at Springdale Jr-Sr High School. Three Special Education Teachers, three Paraprofessionals, one School Nurse, one Speech Therapist, and one Occupational Therapist are required to staff the program each day.
2. The request of Mr. Andrew Tsangaris, Ms. Sue Mellon and seven (7) qualified students to attend the 2019 FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 7, 2019 to April 10, 2019. Total cost to district is approximately \$3906.85 and includes transportation, registration, lodging, and breakfasts. District-owned transportation will be utilized. The District will also pay the cost of substitute teachers and meals for all students and staff.
3. The request of Mr. Stephen Smietana and one (1) qualified student to attend the PMEA Region Orchestra Festival at Hollidaysburg Senior High School on February 21-23, 2019. The total cost to district is approximately \$511.50 and includes transportation, registration, and lodging. The District will also pay the cost of substitute teachers and meals for all students and staff.
4. The request of Mr. Stephen Smietana and qualified students to attend the PMEA Region Band Festival at New Castle Senior High School on March 7-9, 2019. The total cost to district is approximately \$465.00 and includes transportation, registration, and lodging. The District will also pay the cost of substitute teachers and meals for all students and staff. Ms. Moretti asked about the cost for lodging. Mr. Smietana explained due to the time that students are expected to attend practices, an overnight stay will be needed.
5. The 2019-2020 Fall Band and Choir Trip to Walt Disney World and Universal Studios in Orlando, FL on November 28, 2019 – December 3, 2019. Approximate cost for the trip is \$975 per student. Students will be encouraged to fundraise the amount required. District will pay cost of substitute teachers. Mr. Smietana also clarified that there are no extra costs for meals; the cost is part of the fees already stated.
6. The 2019-2020 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School Grades 7 & 8.
7. The 2019-2020 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School Grades 9-12.

Voice vote carried the motion.

PERSONNEL: Mrs. McFarland made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the following motions:

1. The second reading of the following job descriptions:
 - A. Social Worker
 - B. Supervisor of Special Education
 - C. Supervisor of Technology
 - D. Technology Systems Coordinator
 - E. Confidential Assistant to the Superintendent
2. The employment of Mr. Joseph Hamp as the Elementary Choral Director effective February 12, 2019 at the compensation of \$1,735.00 (Pro-Rated).
3. The employment of Mr. Connor McKeel as a Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective February 12, 2019.
4. The employment of the following Classified Personnel:
 - A. Ms. Leslie Schneider, Paraprofessional
Effective: February 12, 2019; Compensation: \$93/day plus individual benefits
 - B. Tracy Acheson, Substitute Custodian
Effective: February 12, 2019; Compensation: \$9.25 per hour
5. The School Police Officer Contract for Mr. Kevin Gourley for \$46,000. Effective date to be determined. **[Pending receipt of required paperwork]**

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

Mr. Rocco asked, with the hiring of the School Police Officer, what happens to the security guards. Dr. Graczyk stated it is up to the Board. He has met with Officer Downing about the plan in bringing Officer Gourley to the District, and some of the overlap should be covered with the security firm. Dr. Graczyk will look at the contract to review any terms for ending the service. The consensus of the Board was to move to end the current configuration of services with the security firm.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mr. Rocco congratulated the Boys' Basketball Team on making the WPIAL playoffs and commented on attendance at games. Mr. Davis stated that the pairing meeting will be held tomorrow.

Dr. Graczyk asked Mr. Davis to speak about the 7th & 8th Grade Cheerleading program. Mr. Davis responded that those cheerleaders chose to stay with the youth program and not cheer for the high school. Mr. Rocco asked about the coach position, if there is no team will there be a coach? Mr. Davis commented that he is under the impression, if there is no interest, there can't be a team and the coach position will be eliminated for the year. The salary can be pro-rated if necessary.

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the First Reading to a Revision of Policy #251, Homeless Students. Voice vote carried the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mr. Puskar asked for an update on the Safe2Say program. Dr. Graczyk commented that administrators had met with the police chiefs, added information on the web site, and established a District procedure. Mr. Puskar commented that the sooner the District can let the students know about the program, the better.
- B. Mrs. McFarland asked about the make-up days due to weather cancellations. Has the information been sent out to parents and students? Dr. Graczyk clarified the make-up schedule, noting school will now be in session on Presidents' Day; Thursday, April 18; and June 10. That information is on the school calendar and will be communicated with parents and students.
- C. Mr. Pollick commented on the Dynamo Education Foundation fundraiser held this past weekend. He thanked the Foundation for their hard work to support the District, and also thanked Mr. Futules, Mr. Rocco, and all the individuals who volunteered their time for the event. .
- D. Mrs. McFarland asked about cheerleaders for basketball and if the District can look at why the high

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mr. David Buchman was recognized and commented that he is serving as the Harmar representative for the Colfax Refurbishing Committee. He informed the Board that after attending meetings, he is going to ask the Harmar Supervisors to write a letter to the District to put the Colfax property up for sale. Mr. Puskar and Ms. Moretti both stated concerns with these comments. Mr. Pollino stated that the committee was looking for suggestions and ideas on the needs of the community from these representatives. Mr. Rocco asked what timeframe is reasonable to receive updates from the committee. Mr. Pollino stated whenever the Board would like to have a report. Ms. Moretti asked for the costs to maintain the closed building for budgeting purposes. Ms. Rajgopal stated that she will get those costs to the Board.

Ms. Anna Yaksich was recognized and asked for an explanation of the duties of the School Police Officer. Dr. Graczyk explained that Officer Gourley's duties will parallel Officer Downing's duties.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to adjourn the meeting, 9:04 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director