

Allegheny Valley School District
February 5, 2019

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, February 5, 2019. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Dr. Graczyk, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Sanchez, Ms. Vecchio, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Slezak, Ms. Holler, Dr. Nuzzo, Dr. Welter, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Kaczor, staff members, 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. He noted that the elevator required corrections and is now ready for inspection. They are fifty percent completed with the punch out submittals. Mr. Pollino asked for a list of change orders with a breakdown by area/contractor. Mr. Puskar asked if there would be any benefit in holding some of the payment until the punch list items are completed. Mr. Hoffman responded that the retainer (5% of the contract) is leverage.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: Recommend the Board approve the January 8 and 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Recommend the Board approve the January 2019 Treasurer's Reports, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mr. Gaschler reported that he is working to meet with Ms. Rajagopal and Mr. Sanchez to discuss the landscaping contract and options.

1. Recommend the Board approve payment to Foreman Architects Engineers in the amount of \$22,328.52 for Additional Services relating to the Acmetonia Construction Project.
2. Recommend the Board approve 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

Mr. Hoffman stated that there will be changes to the agreement. Dr. Graczyk commented that the changes will be in the Board packets.

3. Recommend the Board approve Resolution #2019-3 approving the Towerco Agreement and the construction of a cell phone tower on the Eastern Area Special Schools property. Mr. Puskar commented that there's not much the Eastern Area Board can do with the property, and this option will generate funding.
4. Recommend the Board approve 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

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY:

1. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve 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. Student are responsible for lunches. Advisor will pay for dinners. District will pay cost of substitute teachers. Dr. Graczyk commented that this request is similar to the one already approved by the Board. Mr. Puskar commented that the discussion is less about the cost and more about what costs the Board should cover. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to cover the budgeted amounts and pay for student meals.
3. Recommend the Board approve 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. Student is responsible for meals. District will pay cost of substitute teacher.
4. Recommend the Board approve 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. Student is responsible for meals. District will pay cost of substitute teacher.
5. Recommend the Board approve 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.
6. Recommend the Board approve the 2019-2020 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School Grades 7 & 8. Mr. Simpson reviewed the new information with the Board
7. Recommend the Board approve the 2019-2020 Program of Studies for Springdale Jr-Sr High School Grades 9-12. Ms. Moretti asked if all new classes need to be approved by the Board. Mr. Puskar stated that the Board approves the classes when the Program of Studies is approved.

Dr. Graczyk asked for reports on education:

-Ms. Vecchio reported that Ms. Lauren Hanlon, elementary art, had a project on Instagram that garnered the attention of the professional artist on which the project was based.

-Dr. Welter commented that Springdale Jr-Sr High School was part of a CMU pilot program. Seven schools participated in the project on coding. From the program, CMU offers free curriculum to schools.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Graczyk stated that if the Board approves the job description for the Social Worker, a recommendation for the position will be on the next agenda. He also commented that the Personnel Committee will meet and discuss the Act 93 positions, moving 12-month positions to 10-month positions, and merge/combine positions.

1. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Connor McKeel as a Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective February 12, 2019.
4. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve the School Police Officer Contract for _____ \$45,500.
Effective date to be determined. **[Pending receipt of required paperwork]**
Dr. Graczyk stated that he will fill in the candidate's name for Monday's meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the First Reading to a Revision of Policy #251, Homeless Students.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mr. Whelan commented that it was nice to see the police stay after the basketball games.
- B. Ms. Rajgopal distributed the auditor report to the Board.
- C. Mrs. McFarland asked why the District waits until March to discuss the Preliminary Budget. Ms. Rajgopal stated that it's just a practice, it can change if the Board would like to have a different timeframe. Mr. Puskar stated that the districts that have earlier timeframes are usually raising taxes above the index. Dr. Graczyk asked if the Board wanted to adjust the time to February for the next school year. Hearing no comments, the timeframe will remain the same.
- D. Mrs. McFarland asked about cheerleaders for basketball and if the District can look at why the high school doesn't have junior high cheerleaders. Ms. Moretti commented that the District needs to know early for next year (an athletic coach with no team) so it can look at positions. Mr. Pollino stated that this year, the high school didn't know going in, maybe the position salaries can be pro-rated.
- E. Ms. Moretti asked if the Colfax Repurposing Committee could give a report at the March meeting.
- F. Mr. Gaschler stated that the district will be seeking quotes for landscaping options. Ms. Moretti asked if those options included bringing the landscaping back in-house. Mr. Gaschler responded that it was determined that bringing landscaping back in-house would not be a fiscally responsible move. Ms. Moretti stated that she would like to see the costs.
- G. Mr. Pollick stated that Governor Wolfe would be going to the Intermediate Unit tomorrow to look at STEAM programs.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Pollino made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to adjourn the meeting, 8:44 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director