

Allegheny Valley School District
January 8, 2019

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, January 8, 2019. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 congratulated Dr. Graczyk on receiving his doctoral degree. Mr. Pollick also thanked the administration, staff, and maintenance for working so hard on the elementary transition.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Todd Baldwin, Massaro Corp., provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction project. He noted that there would be no change orders this month. He also provided an update on inspections and the outstanding items (wheelchair lift in gymnasium and elevator).
2. Dr. Graczyk reviewed changes in the procedural organization of the agenda, noting that at the beginning of each section the administrative liaison for the committee will provide an update or speak on the items listed.
3. Dr. Graczyk reminded everyone that to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month (January) Monday's voting meeting would be held in the Rachel Carson Conference Room at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.
4. Mr. Heavner, Ms. Vecchio, and Mr. Donnelly provided a presentation on the Acme Transition. They noted that the move was completed according to the timeline developed and the transition went well.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Pollick made a motion seconded by Mr. Whelan to approve the employment of Ms. Lisa Gerome as the Administrative Assistant for Payroll and Benefits, at compensation of \$35,500 (Pro-rated), and with an effective date to be determined. Voice vote carried the motion, with Mr. Puskar voting no.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: Recommend the Board approve the December 4, 2018 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board approve Resolution 2019-1 not to exceed the District Index under Act 1 to balance the 2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget.
2. Recommend the Board approve the IRS business mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.58 per mile for the district, effective January 1, 2019.
3. Recommend the Board approve Resolution # 2019-2 to participate in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program and appoint a regular and an alternate member of the Joint Purchasing Board.
Mrs. Hamsini Rajgopal, Regular Member
Dr. Patrick M. Graczyk, Alternate Member
4. Recommend the Board dedicate the new principal office area in Acmetonia Elementary School to Julia M. Desmone.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY:

1. Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for Student #190108 who is under the guardianship of a resident of the District. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

PERSONNEL:

1. Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Rechelle Fersch, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, effective June 4, 2018.
2. Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Jayne Sheldon, Musical Rehearsal Pianist and Elementary Choral Director, effective December 14, 2018.
3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the Mr. Steve Smietana as the JV Volleyball Coach, with the compensation of \$3,119, effective January 15, 2019. Ms. Moretti asked if the JV Volleyball games would interfere with the band program and what will the impact be? Dr. Graczyk stated that Mr. Davis will be at Monday's meeting and will be able to answer any questions concerning the position.
4. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Classified Personnel:
 - A. Ms. Dorothy Pfeiffer, Substitute Bus Aide
Compensation: \$10.30 per hour, Effective: November 28, 2018
 - B. Ms. Kaitlin Hoy, Paraprofessional
Compensation: \$93/day plus individual benefits, Effective: January 15, 2019
5. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Professional Staff:
 - A. Mr. Nick Etzel, Long-Term Substitute at Acmetonia replacing Employee #411 (Sick Leave)
Compensation: \$38,636/year plus Benefits (Step 1), Effective: January 23, 2019 - June 14, 2019 (2nd Semester)
 - B. Ms. Alison Perry, Long-Term Substitute at Springdale Jr-Sr High School replacing Employee #233 (Sabbatical)
Compensation: \$38,636/year plus Benefits (Step 1), effective: January 15, 2019 – June 14, 2019
6. Recommend the Board approve the unpaid Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave request for Employee #762, effective April 2, 2019 – April 30, 2019.
7. Recommend the Board approve the employment contract of Ms. Rhonda Caldwell, Confidential Secretary, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.
8. Recommend the Board approve the second reading of the Act 93 Job Descriptions, with changes made to the School Police Officer and Public Relations Job Descriptions.

9. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the following job descriptions:
 - A. Social Worker
 - B. Director of Special Education
 - C. Supervisor of Technology
 - D. Technology Systems Coordinator
 - E. Confidential Assistant to the Superintendent

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Heavner and Ms. Zastawniak presented information to the School Board on the Act 44 Safe2Say Something program.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW:

1. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #201, Admission of Students.
2. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #806, Child Abuse.
3. Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #808, Food Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Dr. Graczyk discussed possible dates for a meeting with the Board and Mr. Tom Templeton.
- B. Mr. Whelan asked about training for the BoardDocs program. Dr. Graczyk explained that they would look into dates and get back to the Board.
- C. Mr. Puskar asked for the Policy Committee to look into updating policy #702.1 to include direction for the Board when dedicated spaces are no longer in use in the District. He believes the Board should determine procedures and a process.
- D. Mr. Whelan asked when the Opening Events for the Acmetonia building would be held. Dr. Graczyk stated January 17th.
- E. Mrs. Renaldi stated that the Boys' Basketball Team was ranked 15th and encouraged everyone to go and see the boys play.
- F. Mrs. McFarland asked about having two security guards at Acme. Dr. Graczyk explained that the administrators thought it was prudent to keep both guards through the transition period. Mrs. McFarland asked about applicants for the SPO position and interviews. Dr. Graczyk stated that interviews are scheduled for January 17th and reviewed the process utilized. Mrs. McFarland asked if the District had found an estimate on the cost of turf for the fields. Dr. Graczyk stated that Mr. Sanchez has contacted places and requested information.

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, 8:04 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director