

Allegheny Valley School District

July 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, July 9, 2018. President Mr. Antonio Pollino presided. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Nuzzo, Mr. Slezak, students, staff members, and community members.

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

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Todd Baldwin provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction Project and reviewed the change orders listed on the agenda. He updated approximate completion dates for the various parts of the project, noting that man power has increased with the general contractor having 40 workers on site. Ms. Moretti asked if the cafeteria will be ready for student use. Mr. Baldwin stated that the cafeteria seating area will be ready, not the kitchen. Mr. Pollino asked if the gymnasium is not ready, will outdoor areas be ready for use? Mr. Baldwin stated that some areas will be available. Mr. Graczyk stated that the District still has the agreement with the Syria Mosque to utilize some of their grounds area for students. Mr. Graczyk also stated that the District will hold a townhall meeting for parents on July 17 or 18 in the Rachel Carson Conference Room to provide information from parents and address questions and concerns. Ms. Moretti asked when a decision will be made concerning where elementary students will begin school. Mr. Graczyk stated he will have the answer for the August meeting.

MINUTES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the minutes of the June 12 and 26, 2018 meetings. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the June 2018 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the following Change Order #'s 7, 31, 34, 47, 48, 51, 53, and 54 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Orders is \$20,056.35.

- Change Order #7: Mike Coates Construction
 - Dumpster Enclosure and Area D Exit Stair; Credit: \$4,624.00
- Change Order #31: Mike Coates Construction
 - LGI Ramp Railing Details; Cost: \$909.00

- Change Order #34: Mike Coates Construction
- Use interactive projectors in lieu of interactive boards; Cost: \$10,049.00
- Change Order #47: Mike Coates Construction
- Chairlift Installation Revisions for State – Knee Wall and Gate; Cost: 7,611.00
- Change Order #48: Vern’s Electric
- Basement Air Handler/Panel D Conduit; Cost: \$1,508.95
- Change Order #51: Vern’s Electric
- Transformers A & C installation/relocation; Cost: 1,293.94
- Change Order #53: Wheels Mechanical
- See Snake investigation of existing courtyard piping; \$1,261.29
- Change Order #54: Wheels Mechanical
- Existing kitchen – concrete footer demolition; Cost: \$2,047.17

Mr. Puskar questioned having items in the bid that did not need to be there. He noted that the District could have completed them on their own with a possible cost savings. Voice vote carried the motion.

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

1. The removal and recycling of damaged, outdated, and end-of-life electronics and related technology materials, as submitted. Ms. Moretti asked if the District ever considered selling these types of items. Mr. Graczyk stated the items were very old. Mrs. McFarland questioned if the District should have a policy that outlines steps for removal of such items. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Board would still need to vote on the items. Mr. Graczyk stated the District would look into the matter.
2. The agreement with PLEA for ESY Services for Student #300064. The program runs from July 9, 2018 through August 3, 2018 at a cost of \$3,000.
3. The agreement with Pressley Ridge Day School for ESY Services for Student #230261. The program runs from June 27, 2018 through August 1, 2018 at a cost of \$4,536.00.
4. The following overnight conferences:
 - A. Ms. Kandi Conner to attend the Department of Pupil Services 18th Annual Conference on August 1-2, 2018 in State College, PA at a cost to the District of approximately \$310 for registration and lodging plus meals and mileage
 - B. Mr. Tom Downing to attend the Mandatory Terminal Agency Coordinator Training (TAC) in Hershey, PA on September 12, 2018 at a cost to the District of approximately \$493.69 for registration, lodging, meals, and mileage.

Voice vote carried the motion.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Graczyk stated that there was a committee meeting held last Friday and commented on the items. Mr. Slezak explained the Innovative Academy Teachers Cohort that the District will form to support teachers. Mrs. McFarland asked if there will be data to support growth with the committee. Mr. Slezak stated that the Brite Bytes survey currently provides that type of information.

PERSONNEL: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the employment of the Ms. Adriana Scotti as a 1:1 Paraprofessional for the Extended School Year (ESY) Classified Staff. Compensation for the position is \$13.73 per hour. Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mr. Graczyk ask for the Board’s position on the Safe Schools Grant for which the District could apply. Several grants are available, but the Board has to provide direction if they would like the District to apply for the SPO grant or SRO grant. He noted the recommendation of the committee is to apply for the SPO grant. Mr. Puskar asked what is behind the request. Ms. Moretti explained that the District is looking to enhance the program to staff both the elementary and secondary buildings. The rationale was questioned on using two SPOs versus one SPO and security guards. Ms.

Moretti stated that one of the reasons the committee originally recommended an SPO was due to the training and teaching he/she could do in the schools. The committee believes it is important to have one for each building. Mrs. McFarland commented that the SPO could move around the District more freely with security in the buildings. Mr. Pollino commented that the Board needed to compare “apples to apples.” Mr. Puskar asked about a possible social worker position. Mrs. Renaldi questioned if that position would need to be full time. Ms. Moretti asked if anyone on staff had the qualifications to serve as a social worker. Mr. Puskar stated that maybe this conversation should be part of one for staffing for the following school year and repositioning staff. Mrs. McFarland asked about the new grant and safety committee announced by Governor Wolfe. Mr. Graczyk stated the District would research information. After the discussion, the Board consensus directed the administration to proceed with the writing of the grant for a School Police Officer. Mr. Whelan asked if the District had discussed hiring its own security? Mr. Hoffman commented on policies and procedures necessary.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No report.

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the First Reading of the revision to Policy #005, Organization. Voice vote carried the motion.

Discussion was held on the update to AR005- BOG1, which details the responsibilities of Board Committees.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Communication – Discussion was held on the best ways for the Board to communicate. Mr. Graczyk asked for the Board to submit suggestions, concerns, questions to him for answers or distribution to the entire Board. Mr. Puskar commented that the Board could possibly funnel requests through the Board President. Mr. Graczyk stated there are ways to improve communication among members and the committees.

Mrs. McFarland asked for an update on the pre-K grant. Mr. Graczyk stated that the District had asked for additional information from the state.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to adjourn to Executive Session for legal matters, 7:55 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director