

Allegheny Valley School District
October 15, 2018

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, October 15, 2018. President Mr. Antonio Pollino presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Mr. David Conlon (solicitor), Ms. Rajgopal, staff members, and community members.

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

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mr. Todd Baldwin, Massaro Corp., provided an update on the Acmetonia Construction project. He also provided an updated timeline for the areas of the project, including that the gym is proceeding with the flooring and should be ready to turn over in approximately four weeks.
2. Mr. Graczyk explained about the Colfax Repurposing Committee (Mr. Pollino, Mr. Whelan, Ms. McFarland, Ms. Renaldi) that has been exploring ideas to repurpose the building in a way to benefit the community. He introduced Mr. Nick Viccoza, alumnus and working with the Vincentian Collaborative System, who is helping the committee. Mr. Viccoza reviewed possibilities, including ideas to support education, senior citizen programs, daycare, senior care, adult education, and others. Discussion included the possibility of repurposing the building, costs, management of the project, and responsibilities with the building. Questions were raised concerning time of staff members, responsibilities, and the issue of the District serving as landlords. Ms. Moretti stated that the Board and community were told the building was unsafe. How is it now okay to house other programs? Mr. Rocco commented that the idea seems like a lot of risk and not where the District should be spending time. Mr. Puskar stated that if the exploration of the ideas isn't costing the District anything, the Board should continue to explore options. After discussion, consensus of the Board was to have the committee continue to explore possibilities and invite additional members of the community to meetings for input.

Ms. Paula Moretti was recognized and conveyed her concerns that the public was led to believe that the Colfax facility was no longer able to support education. She said that she cannot understand why now, the committee is trying to say that the building can be refurbished for student/community programs. She stated that she appreciated the Board and Mr. Viccoza's time and effort with the project.

Ms. Sydney Henley, student, was recognized and stated that students are really interested in the Innovation Lab at the high school, and uses of Colfax could include items such as this room. She commented that she knows there are lots of risks and funding involved, but looking at the possible end result, it could really be a great thing for students.

Ms. Jaden Domaratz, student, commented that she appreciated the idea of preserving the building and that various high school clubs had to put in volunteer hours and may be able to help. She stated that although the ideas may not happen, she appreciates that the committee is thinking of students.

Ms. Kathleen Haas stated if the Board has a committee, they need to let the citizens know about the committee and meetings.

Mary Nash stated that she applauded the Board for their commitment to the community. She thinks there is need.

MINUTES: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollick to approve the minutes of the September 11 and 17, 2018 Meetings. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report, 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 Mrs. Renaldi to approve the following:

1. The Parent Transportation Contract for Mr. Mark Ruppert to transport his child to Redeemer Lutheran School in Verona, which is within 10 miles of the District, for the 2018-2019 school year, retroactive to August 22, 2018.
2. The Tuition Agreement with Pittsburgh Public Schools to educate Student #200221 in their Pittsburgh Conroy Program for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$39,600.
3. The Agreement with Wesley Family Services for Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Program at a cost of \$132.00 per day/per student, effective August 1, 2018 through July 30, 2019.
4. A 60-month Lease Agreement with ComDoc for replacement of the black and white copier located in Room D101 at Springdale Jr-Sr High School, effective November 1, 2018. The cost of the lease will be \$377.00 per month.
5. Authorize the Administration to participate in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Annual Homestead/Farmstead exclusion notification required by Act 1 of 2006.
6. Change Order Numbers 50, 56, 70, 71, 77, 86, 87, 88, and 89 as they relate to the Acmetonia Construction Project. Final cost for these Change Orders is \$1,582.99.
 - Change Order #50: Mike Coates Construction
Existing Suspended Ceiling System and Tented Light Fixtures (Fire Protection)
Credit: \$6,683
 - Change Order #56: Mike Coates Construction
Delete Floor Mats per Owner's Request
Credit: \$4,842.00
 - Change Order #70: Vern's Electric
Add Power for HVAC Control Cabinets
Cost: \$1,283.44
 - Change Order #71: SA Comunale
Kitchen Grease Duct Work Routing and Sprinkler Piping
Cost: \$1,769.00
 - Change Order #77: Vern's Electric
Costs for Electrical Services required per RFI #120 and #128, CCN #42-48
Cost: \$6,275.55
 - Change Order #86: Mike Coates Construction

Additional Fence Gate Installation – SE Corner of Site

Cost: \$697.00

- Change Order #87: Mike Coates Construction
Additional facility cleaning services
Cost: \$1,319.00
- Change Order #88: Mike Coates Construction
Revised Column Wrapping
Cost: \$1,337.00
- Change Order #89: Mike Coates Construction
Acoustic Ceiling Repairs for Transformer Installation
Cost: \$387.00

7. The purchase of the kitchen equipment listed below for the Acmetonia Construction Project with CoStars vendor Ward Restaurant Equipment in the amount of \$24,043.00.
 - A. Ice Cuber - Price includes freight and delivery but does not include installation
\$4,568.00
 - B. Dishwasher, Conveyor type, including Hatco Booster Price includes freight and delivery, but does not include installation \$19,475.00.

8. The Agreement with Templeton Advantage in the amount of \$5,995.00.

Mr. Gaschler asked what happened to the equipment in the Acmetonia kitchen that was installed prior to renovation. Mr. Pollino commented that the layout had changed through renovation, so the equipment was not able to be used. Mr. Rocco asked if it would be worthwhile to look into programs that may help decrease the cost of equipment. Mr. Conlon recommended the District stick with approved vendors. Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no on items #6 (Change order #87, Cleaning Services) and #7 (kitchen equipment).

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

1. Complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for Student #190280 who is under the guardianship of a resident of the District. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
2. Complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for Student #200254 who is under the guardianship of a resident of the District. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

Voice vote carried the motion.

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

1. The employment of the following Classified Personnel:
 - A. Ms. Rebecca Myers, Paraprofessional
Effective: October 16, 2018; Compensation: \$93 per day, plus individual benefits
 - B. Ms. Hillary Hilbert, Cafeteria Worker
Effective: October 16, 2018; Compensation: \$9.00 per hour
 - C. Ms. Emily Sikora, Paraprofessional
Effective: October 16, 2018; Compensation: \$93 per day, plus individual benefits
2. The employment of the following Substitute Personnel:
 - A. Ms. Dewi Densmore, Clerical Substitute
Effective: October 16, 2018; Compensation: \$10 per hour
 - B. Ms. Dana Zier, Clerical Substitute
Effective: October 16, 2018; Compensation: \$10 per hour
 - C. Mr. Daniel Clark, Substitute Custodian
Effective: October 16, 2018; Compensation: \$9.25 per hour

Ms. Moretti asked if the clerical substitutes were employees of the District or hired through the substitute agency, and if hired through the agency, did they need to be approved by the Board? After discussion, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to remove Item #2, A and B. Voice vote carried the motion. Therefore, Item #2 above read for approval:

2. The employment of the Mr. Daniel Clark as a Substitute Custodian effective October 16, 2018, with the compensation of \$9.25 per hour.
3. The employment of Mr. Joseph Moreno, Long-Term Substitute, who will replace Employee #592 (FMLA) at the compensation rate of \$39,536/year plus Benefits (Step 1, Masters), effective October 16, 2018 - June 14, 2018.
4. The Leave Requests of the following Employees:
 - A. Employee #220 - FMLA Effective: September 6, 2018 – September 14, 2018
 - B. Employee #592 - FMLA Effective: September 18, 2018 – December 13, 2018
- Unpaid Leave: December 14, 2018 – June 14, 2018
5. Accept, with regret, the resignation of the following Classified Employees:
 - A. Ms. Angie Rudolf, Title I Paraprofessional
Effective: October 10, 2018
 - B. Mr. Nick Etzel, Paraprofessional
Effective: August 20, 2018
 - C. Mr. William Royal, Paraprofessional
Effective: October 2, 2018
 - D. Ms. Caitlin Farr, Paraprofessional
Effective: October 15, 2018
6. The 2018-2019 administrative raises. This increase is retroactive to July 1, 2018.
7. Approve a \$0.50 increase for Mr. William Vargo, Custodial Substitute, who in 2017-2018 had achieved a satisfactory rating and had worked more than the minimum of 750 hours. This increase is retroactive to July 1, 2018.
8. The employment of Ms. Jami Fowler, Paraprofessional, 5 days per week (Originally approved 9/17/18, 1 day per week), effective October 16, 2018 at the compensation rate of \$93 per day, plus Individual Benefits.

Voice vote carried the motion, with Mrs. McFarland and Mr. Rocco opposing item #6, administrative raises.

Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Puskar to approve the Addendum to the employment contract of Mr. Patrick M. Graczyk, as Superintendent of Schools, modifying the terms of his compensation for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, all members voted yes, with Mrs. McFarland voting no. Motion carried, 8-1.

Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the reappointment of Mr. Patrick M. Graczyk as Superintendent of Schools for a five year term effective from August 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024, per the terms and conditions outlined in the employment contract. On roll call vote, all members voted yes. Mr. Pollino extended his congratulations to Mr. Graczyk and a round of applause was given to Mr. Graczyk on his new contract. Mr. Graczyk thanked the Board and extended his appreciation to his family and the entire community.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW: No Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mr. Puskar asked if it was time to explore turf on for the soccer field and Veterans' Field. Mr. Graczyk stated that Mr. Sanchez could look to add this item to his multi-year plans.
- B. Mr. Graczyk commented that he looked into past meeting minutes to explore the issue of the bathrooms at the Cheswick Tennis Courts. He stated that the District did approve \$20,000 for the project.
- C. Mr. Puskar commented on the great job of the Boys' Soccer Coach and the importance of maintaining coaches despite of losing seasons.
- D. Mrs. McFarland commented that she was disappointed with the elementary night at the football game, stating that there was inconsistent communication for these events.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Jeannie Haas was recognized and stated that she never wanted to see Colfax torn down. She asked if it is realistic for the District to act as landlords. Mr. Pollino responded that the answers are unknown, the committee is still exploring options.

Ms. Jennifer Novich stated that she is all for expediting the kitchen, but is the kitchen equipment included in the budget? Is installation included? Mr. Pollino stated that installation is included and the costs are from District expenditures.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director