

ALLEGHENY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 13, 2015

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, October 13, 2015. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Mr. Conte - absent	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. Gilmartin - absent	Mr. Pollino - absent
	Ms. Haas	Mr. Puskar – (left at 7:50 p.m.)
	Mrs. Jursa	Mr. Pollick
	Ms. Moretti	

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Rau, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Vecchio, Dr. Welter, Dr. Prothro, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick noted that the Board held an Executive Session for Personnel matters prior to the meeting.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

The following items were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Overnight Conference - Recommend the Board approve Ms. Cathy Restauri to attend the Item Writing & Scoring Training Workshops in Erie on October 21 & 22, 2015. Registration and Lodging to be paid by PDE/DRC. The cost to the District would be mileage.
2. Overnight Conference - Recommend the Board approve Mr. Greg Heavner and Ms. Janice Zastawniak to attend the 2015 Safe Schools Conference in Harrisburg on October 29 & 30, 2015. The cost to the District would be \$311 for registration and lodging plus meals and mileage per person.
3. Overnight Conference - Recommend the Board approve Mr. John McDermott to attend the 2015 TEEAP Conference in Camp Hill on November 5 & 6, 2015. The cost to the District is \$327 for registration and lodging plus meals and mileage.
4. Overnight Conference - Recommend the Board approve Tina Kaczor to attend the PSBA Conference in Hershey on October 13 & 14, 2015. The cost to the District is meals and mileage.
5. Warranty Extension - Recommend the Board extend warranty for ten years of Veteran's Field lights with Musco Lighting Company at a cost of \$4,300 (attached).

6. Utility Billing Audit - Recommend the Board agree to a utility billing audit with the Eric Ryan Corporation (attached).
7. Swaption Stabilization - Recommend the Board assign \$300,000 of the Undesignated Fund Balance for Swaption Stabilization.
8. Capital Improvements - Recommend the Board assign \$1,600,000 of the Undesignated Fund Balance for future Capital Improvements.

Mr. Puskar asked about Item 7 Swaption Stabilization and Item 8 Capital Improvements and where we are with undesignated funds. Wouldn't we have more flexibility if we left the monies where they currently are? Mr. Rau stated that we are assigning the funds based on recommendations from the auditors. It is recommended that we have 8% or under undesignated funds. Mr. Puskar cautioned the district to keep in mind that this money should not be considered for Colfax.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY:

Dr. Nuzzo and Dr. Welter provided a presentation on the 2015-2017 Math Plan.

Dr. Welter reported on the 1:1 meetings with the High School students

Dr. Protho and Ms. Vecchio provided a report of what is happening in their buildings.

7:50 p.m. – Mr. Puskar left the meeting

9. Complimentary School Privileges - Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Cheswick Borough. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
10. Complimentary School Privileges - Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Springdale Borough. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
11. Complimentary School Privileges - Recommend the Board approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship for a resident of Springdale Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.
12. Student Activity – Holocaust Museum, Washington, D.C. - Recommend the Board approve a student trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on Friday, December 4, 2015 for interested students in Grades 11 and 12. No cost to the district.

PERSONNEL:

13. Learning Support Teacher Retirement – Colfax Upper Elementary School - Recommend the Board accept the retirement of Ms. Elizabeth Romeo, Learning Support Teacher at Colfax Upper Elementary School, effective September 30, 2015.
14. Fall Play Set Designer – Springdale Jr-Sr High School - Recommend the Board approve the hiring of Emily Ingram as Set Designer for the Fall Play.

15. Paraprofessional Special Education/Title 1/ESL Job Description – Recommend the Board approve the Paraprofessional – Special Education/Title I/ESL Job Description.
16. Compensation Increase - Recommend the Board increase the compensation of Ms. Jean Cotter the Head Cook at Springdale Jr-Sr High School from \$13.05/hour to \$13.30/hour.
17. Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher – Recommend the Board approve the employment of Ms. Ashley Shields at an Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher due to the retirement of Ms. Elizabeth Romeo. Compensation for this position is \$150/day plus single benefits, effective October 19, 2015.
18. Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher – Recommend the Board approve the employment of Ms. Adrienne Biagi as an Extended Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher while Ms. Kristin Bellavance is on leave. Compensation for this position is \$150/day, effective October 19, 2015.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:

19. Second Reading – Revision – Policy #806 Child Abuse - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a revision of Policy #806, Child Abuse (There are revisions in this policy from the first reading).
20. Second Reading – Revision – Policy #916 Volunteers - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a revision of Policy #916, Volunteers.
21. Second Reading – Revision – Policy #237 Electronic Devices - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a revision of Policy #237, Electronic Devices.
22. Second Reading – Revision – Policy #815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Networks, Computing Resources - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a revision of Policy #815, Acceptable Use of Internet, Networks, Computing Resources.
23. Second Reading – Revision – Policy #815.1, Staff Use of Internet - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading to a revision of Policy #815.1, Staff Use of Internet
24. Second Reading – Revision – Policy 815.2, Internet Safety - Recommend the Board approve the Second Reading of Policy #815.2, Internet Safety.
25. First Reading – Policy #815.4, Student Communications - Recommend the Board approve the First Reading of Policy #815.4, Student Communications.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Ms. Moretti reminded everyone that the Street Fair is this Friday evening.
2. Ms. Moretti thanked Mr. Heavner and Ms. Zastawniak for organizing the Safety Fair at Acme. Safety Fair participants included the Police Department, police dog, fire trucks, and ambulance.

3. Ms. Moretti asked Ms. Kelly and Ms. Mellon if they have considered taking students to the 9/11 Memorial in Somerset. They responded that they have considered it, but wanted to see it for themselves before they make a decision.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Caldwell
Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent