**Allegheny Valley School District**

**September 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, September 19, 2016. 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 Mr. Puskar

Mr. Gaschler Mrs. Renaldi

Ms. Haas Mr. Rocco

Mrs. Jursa Mr. Pollick

Ms. Moretti

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Gavin Robb (solicitor), Mr. Rau, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Welter, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Vecchio, students, staff members, and community members.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:  
1. Mr. Heavner, Ms. Vecchio, and Dr. Welter made a presentation on Bullying.

2. Mr. Heavner presented information on two grants that were awarded to the Acmetonia Primary School (ALCOA - $15,000 and Crayola - $2,500).  
3. Mr. Graczyk provided an update on the District’s goals and his progress evaluation.

MINUTES: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the August 9 and 15 Meeting Minutes. Voice vote carried the motion.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve the August Treasurer’s Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mrs. Jursa made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the following motions:

1. The MHY Family Services Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of $85/day for regular education and $90/day for Special Education.

2. The Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services/St. Stephens Lutheran Academy.

3. The agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for School Psychologist Services at a cost not to exceed $40,755.00.

4. The following 2017 Slate of Candidates for PSBA, endorsed by the PSBA Leadership Development Committee:

- President-Elect: Michael Faccinetto\*, Bethleham Area SD (Northampton Co.)

- Vice President: David Hutchinson\*, State College Area SD (Centre Co.)

*\*endorsed by PSBA*

5. The following PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees:

(There are currently 5 open seats. School entities can vote for up to five individuals)

-Trustee (term ends Dec. 31, 2018):   
 William S. LaCoff (Owen J Roberts SD), PSBA Immediate Past President

- Trustee (term ends Dec. 31, 2019):   
 - Kathy K. Swope (Lewisburg SD), PSBA President  
 - Mark B. Miller (Centennial SD), PSBA President-Elect

- Trustee (term ends Dec. 31, 2017)  
 - Marianne L. Neel (West Jefferson Hills SD), PSBA Past President  
 - Michael Faccinetto (Bethlehem Area SD), PSBA Vice President

6. Resolution #16-9-2.6, making a declaration of official intent for capital expenditures to be reimbursed from subsequent tax-exempt borrowings.

7. The annual partnership agreement (2016-2017) between the District and The Consortium for Public Education (Project Novo) at a cost of $2,800.

8. The annual agreement with Pennsylvania Educators’ Clearinghouse (PA-Educator.net) for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of $1,500.

Voice vote carried the motion.

EDUCATION: Mr. Puskar made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to approve the following motions:

1. Complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Springdale Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

2. Complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for a student who is under the guardianship of a resident of Harmar Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

Voice vote carried the motion.

TECHNOLOGY: No Report.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the following motions:

1. The Allegheny Valley Education Association’s Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022.

2. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Supplemental Contracts, effective September 19, 2016. Mr. Graczyk explained that the document outlines a timeline and discussion for supplemental contracts.

On roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Pollick thanked the AVEA and District representatives for all of their hard work in putting together the agreement. Mr. Graczyk commented on the format of the negotiations, stressing the professionalism of the representatives to work together to reach an amicable and fair contract.

Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the following motions:   
1. Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Peter Simpson as Assistant Principal at Springdale Jr-Sr High School at a salary of $72,000 pro-rated. Mr. Simpson’s start date is to be determined.

2. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Anthony Pototo, 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Effective: August 16, 2016.

3. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Athletic Personnel:

A. Anthony Pototo, 7th & 8th Grade Boys Soccer Coach  
 Compensation: $3,057; Effective: September 20, 2016

B. Maura Allen, 7th & 8th Grade Girls Soccer Coach  
 Compensation: $3,057; Effective: September 20, 2016

C. Gerald Clark, 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach  
 Compensation: $3,057; Effective: September 20, 2016

4. Recommend the Board approve the following Volunteer Football Coach:

A. Chris Liberto, Volunteer Football Coach  
 Effective September 20, 2016

5. Recommend the Board approve the FMLA request for Employee #886 (Ramona Kasavage). Effective August 29, 2016, not to exceed 60 work days.

6. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following paraprofessional:

A. Sarah Schmotzer, 1:1 Paraprofessional @ Acmetonia Primary School  
 Compensation: $93/day plus Individual Benefits; Effective: September 9, 2016

B. Amber Bash (Replacing Amanda Murphy), Colfax Upper Elementary School Title I Paraprofessional  
 Compensation: $93/day plus Individual Benefits; Effective September 20, 2016

Voice vote carried the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to approve “The Uninvited” as the 2016 Fall Play. The performance is scheduled for December 2 & 3, 2016.   
Voice vote carried the motion.

POLICY REVIEW: No Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
1. Ms. Moretti asked about procedures concerning the fire alarms. Discussion was held on the matter. She asked that the District set up a meeting with the Springdale Borough Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Management, and administration.   
2. Ms. Haas asked about the water at Colfax. Mrs. Vecchio explained the situation. Discussion was held on the matter.   
3. Mr. Rocco asked if the District could expand the use of the phone system to include announcements/ reminders about upcoming events. Discussion was held on the matter.

3. Mr. Gaschler and Mr. Conte asked about changes to dates in the calendar. Discussion was held on the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:   
- Mrs. McFarland was recognized and stated that a lot of items were left off of this year’s Activities Calendar. She also asked that the District utilize technology when communicating about events. Discussion was held on both matters.   
- Mrs. Jennifer Novich commented on the Early Bird Contract and the negotiations process. She thanked the Board for allowing Mr. Graczyk and Mr. Rau to participate.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Ms. Haas to adjourn the meeting, 8:12 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak

Public Relations Director