**Allegheny Valley School District**

**September 13, 2016**

The planning session of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Tuesday evening, September 13, 2016. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. and opened with the flag salute.

Roll Call: Mr. Conte Mr. Puskar

Mr. Gaschler Mrs. Renaldi

Ms. Haas Mr. Rocco – absent (entered 8:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Jursa Mr. Pollick

Ms. Moretti

Also in attendance were Mr. Graczyk, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Rau, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Davis, Dr. Welter, Dr. Nuzzo, Ms. Holler, Ms. Vecchio, Ms. Kaczor, students, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that the Board had been in an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Negotiations and Personnel matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:  
1. Mr. Anthony Ditka, bond council, from Dinsmore & Shohl LLP and Mr. Randy Frederick, investment banker, of Piper Jaffray & Co. made a presentation concerning the funding of the Acmetonia Renovation Project.

2. Mr. Graczyk made a presentation on the Coaching Boys Into Men program.  
3. Mr. Graczyk provided an update on the community HOPE group.

The following motions were discussed with no action taken:

MINUTES: No Report.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: No Report.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE:

1. Recommend the Board approve 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. Recommend the Board approve the Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services/St. Stephens Lutheran Academy.

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION:

1. 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 Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

2. 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 Harmar Township. The proper notarized papers have been submitted to the Business Office.

TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Conte discussed a sample of the surveys on the 1:1 program for teachers and students. A copy will be sent to all Board Members. Any suggestions/input should be given to Ms. Kaczor. Discussion was held on the matter.

PERSONNEL:   
1. Recommend the Board approve the employment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Assistant Principal at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.

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  
 Ms. Moretti asked if this individual had started her employment. Mr. Graczyk stated that she would have started with all her clearances submitted. Discussion was held on the matter.

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

Mr. Puskar asked when the Cheerleading Coach was starting. Mr. Graczyk stated that the individual did not have the paperwork in by the deadline. Discussion was held on the matter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:

1. Recommend the Board approve “The Uninvited” as the 2016 Fall Play. The performance is scheduled for December 9 & 10, 2016. Mrs. Renaldi pointed out that the dates chosen were the same dates as those for the Tip-Off Tournament. Discussion was held on the matter.

Mrs. Renaldi congratulated Mr. Sanchez on his 200th WPIAL win as a head coach. A round of applause was given to Mr. Sanchez.   
  
Mrs. Renaldi stated that the WPIAL is now requiring coaches to take classes and that there is a fee involved. The Board should provide some guidance on whether the District will help with the costs. Discussion was held on the matter.

8:10 p.m. – Mr. Rocco entered the meeting.

Mrs. Renaldi explained that the District is receiving inquiries about a 7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Softball Team. The Board needs to give direction. Mrs. Renaldi stated that her recommendation would be not to field a team due to the number of teams using the fields at the present time. Mr. Graczyk stated that this matter would also be a contractual item. Mr. Davis stated that he surveyed the grades and 13 students were interested. He also noted that there are not many 7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Softball Teams and that the District would play bigger schools. He explained that due to WPIAL deadlines, a new team wouldn’t be able to start this spring. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Pollick suggested that the Athletic Committee set up an advertised meeting to discuss the matter.

POLICY REVIEW:   
1. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of Policy #823, Naloxone. Ms. Moretti explained her concerns on the policy. Mr. Hoffman stated that this copy is the one from PSBA and that he would adapt it to a more simple policy. Discussion was held on the matter. The item will be removed from the agenda until additional information is provided.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
1. Mr. Conte asked if the Board was still receiving a presentation from the Guidance Department at the next meeting. Mr. Graczyk explained that the presentation will be in October; the principals will be providing a presentation on Bullying at the meeting on Monday.   
2. Mr. Conte asked if now an appropriate time to look into the cost of updating the bathrooms for the Marshall Auditorium at the high school. Mr. Rau stated that the District could look into it, but the cost was high. Discussion was held on the matter.

3. Mr. Conte asked if the District could look at costs for the trophy cases at the high school. Mr. Rau stated that they will look into the matter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Haas made a motion seconded by Mrs. Jursa to adjourn the meeting, 8:28 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak

Public Relations Director