

Allegheny Valley School District
January 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Valley School Board was held Monday evening, January 14, 2019. President Mr. Larry Pollick presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Gaschler	Mrs. Renaldi
	Mrs. McFarland	Mr. Rocco
	Ms. Moretti	Mr. Whelan
	Mr. Pollino - absent	Mr. Pollick
	Mr. Puskar - absent	

Also in attendance were Dr. Graczyk, Ms. Rajgopal, Mr. Fred Wolfe (solicitor), Mr. Davis, staff members, and community members.

Mr. Pollick announced that the Board was in Executive Session prior to the meeting for Personnel Matters.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Dr. Graczyk recognized Ms. Jayne Sheldon for her service as a music teacher in the District. A round of applause was given.
2. Dr. Graczyk announced that January is School Director Recognition Month. He thanked the Board Members for the time they give to the District and presented them with certificates and a gift of appreciation.

MINUTES: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the December 4, 2018 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes.

BILLS/PAYMENTS: In the absence of Mr. Puskar, Mr. Pollick made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve the November 2018 and December 2018 Treasurer's Reports, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger), and the Accounts Payable List. Voice vote carried the motion.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE: Mr. Gaschler made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to approve the following motions:

1. Resolution 2019-1 not to exceed the District Index under Act 1 to balance the 2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget.
2. The IRS business mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.58 per mile for the district, effective January 1, 2019.
3. Resolution # 2019-2 to participate in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program and appoint a regular and an alternate member of the Joint Purchasing Board.
Mrs. Hamsini Rajgopal, Regular Member
Dr. Patrick M. Graczyk, Alternate Member
4. Dedicate the new principal office area in Acmetonia Elementary School to Julia M. Desmone.
5. Nominate Mr. Larry Pollick as a candidate for the vacant three-year position, July 2019 – June 2022, on the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.

Voice vote carried the motion.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY: In the absence of Mr. Puskar, Mr. Whelan made a motion seconded by Mrs. Renaldi to approve complimentary school privileges, under Section 1302 of the PA School Code, for Student #190108 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. McFarland made a motion seconded by Mr. Whelan to approve the following motions:

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Rechelle Fersch, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, effective June 4, 2018.
2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Jayne Sheldon, Musical Rehearsal Pianist and Elementary Choral Director, effective December 14, 2018.
3. The employment of Mr. Steve Smietana as the JV Volleyball Coach, with the compensation of \$3,119, effective January 15, 2019. Ms. Moretti asked how the JV program would affect his position with the band? Mr. Davis stated that he doesn't see any conflicts. He explained the scheduling of practices and matches.
4. The employment of the following Classified Personnel:
 - A. Ms. Dorothy Pfeiffer, Substitute Bus Aide
Compensation: \$10.30 per hour, Effective: November 28, 2018
 - B. Ms. Kaitlin Hoy, Paraprofessional
Compensation: \$93/day plus individual benefits, Effective: January 15, 2019
5. The employment of the following Professional Staff:
 - A. Mr. Nick Etzel, Long-Term Substitute at Acmetonia replacing Employee #411 (Sick Leave)
Compensation: \$38,636/year plus Benefits (Step 1), Effective: January 23, 2019 - June 14, 2019 (2nd Semester)
 - B. Ms. Alison Perry, Long-Term Substitute at Springdale Jr-Sr High School replacing Employee #233 (Sabbatical)
Compensation: \$38,636/year plus Benefits (Step 1), effective: January 15, 2019 – June 14, 2019
6. The unpaid Child Bearing/Child Rearing Leave request for Employee #762, effective April 2, 2019 – April 30, 2019.
7. The employment contract of Ms. Rhonda Caldwell, Confidential Secretary, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.
8. The second reading of the Act 93 Job Descriptions, with changes made to the School Police Officer and Public Relations Job Descriptions.
9. Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the following job descriptions:
 - A. Social Worker
 - B. Director of Special Education
 - C. Supervisor of Technology
 - D. Technology Systems Coordinator
 - E. Confidential Assistant to the Superintendent
10. The employment of Ms. Carin Liberati as May Day Sponsor (Supplemental Employee) at a compensation of \$1,763, with an effective date of January 15, 2019.

Voice vote carried the motion, with Ms. Moretti voting no on item #3 above, JV Volleyball Coach position.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: No Report.

POLICY REVIEW: Ms. Moretti made a motion seconded by Mr. Rocco to approve the following motions:

1. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #201, Admission of Students.
2. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #806, Child Abuse.
3. The Second Reading to a Revision of Policy #808, Food Services.

Voice vote carried the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mrs. McFarland asked about a presentation by the auditor. Ms. Rajgopal explained that the presentation would be next month.
- B. Ms. Moretti asked about the custodial work/positions. Mr. Gaschler is to meet with Mr. Sanchez and Dr. Graczyk to share information with the entire Board
- C. Mr. Pollick announced the Dynamo Education Foundation would be holding a fundraiser, The Fabulous Gemtones, on Saturday, February 9.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ms. Paula Moretti was recognized and asked about the training of personnel on safety matters. Is the District training the secretaries in their new positions? Dr. Graczyk commented.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Renaldi made a motion seconded by Ms. Moretti to adjourn the meeting, 7:41 p.m. Voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director