

**Allegheny Valley School District
Voting Meeting (Monday, May 20, 2019)**

Members present

Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Also in attendance : Dr. Patrick Graczyk, Mr. Matthew Hoffman (solicitor), Mr. Alan Donnelly, students, staff, and community members.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by President Larry Pollick.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion, Information: 1.1 Executive Session - 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Pollick commented that the Board was in Executive Session prior to the meeting for Emergency Management.

2. MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 2.1 Flag Salute

Procedural: 2.2 Roll Call

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Procedural: 3.1 Audience Comments on Agenda Items

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Information: 4.1 Extra Mile Awards (Dr. Graczyk)

Information: 4.2 Cafeteria Budget (Mr. Donnelly)

Mr. Donnelly provided information on how the food service budget is developed. He discussed lunch prices, quality of meals, reimburseable meals, ala carte items. Ms. Moretti asked about dilinquency of funds. Mr. Donnelly stated that the District has not taken anyone to the magistrate, but we have tried other means. Some of the money owed is from families who then get on the Free and Reduced program, but cannot go back once the debt is incurred. Ms. Moretti asked if the other means have been successful. Mr. Donnelly stated that they have been; there are a lot of guidelines overseeing the process now. Mr. Pollino asked about items put on tray that students will not eat. Mr Donnelly stated there is an amount of waste involved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 5.1 Approval of Planning Session Minutes - Recommend the Board approve the April 9, 2019 Planning Session Minutes.

Motion by Nino Pollino, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action, Minutes: 5.2 Approval of Voting Meeting Minutes - Recommend the Board approve the April 15, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Nino Pollino, second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

6. BILLS/PAYMENTS - Mr. Puskar

Action: 6.1 Bills/Payments - Recommend the Board approve the April 2019 Treasurer's Report, the payment of bills (Disbursement Ledger) and the Accounts Payable List.

Motion by Steve Puskar, second by Nino Pollino.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

7. OPERATIONS/FINANCE - Mr. Gaschler, Mr. Pollick, Mrs. Renaldi

Action: 7.1 ROLL CALL VOTE AT VOTING MEETING - Proposed Final Budget - Recommend the Board approve the Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$23,002,665. The Budget represents an increase of 1% or \$228,066 more than the 2018-2019 Budget of \$22,774,599.18. Local revenue for this Proposed Final Budget will be provided by a real estate tax of 20.8377 mills, one half of 1% earned income tax, one-half of 1% real estate transfer tax and one-half of \$10 occupation privilege tax.

Mr. Puskar asked if the Board would have a conversation on the surplus. He stated that statements are being made that the Board is sitting on a pile of money. If that's true, he commented, the Board can always vote to roll back taxes. So, should the Board have a conversation on rolling back taxes? Mr. Rocco stated that he believes the conversation should be about costs, because construction and retirement have been big ticket items. Mrs. McFarland commented that there were also no discussion on increasing taxes, some members believe taxes should be raised each year.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, James Gaschler

No: Steve Puskar

Action: 7.2 ROLL CALL VOTE AT VOTING MEETING - Forbes Road CTC Operating and Administrative Budgets

Recommend the Board approve Resolution #2019-5 - The 2019-2020 Operating and Administrative Budgets for the Forbes Road Career & Technology Center in the amounts of: Operating Budget - \$6,505,203 and Administrative Budget - \$191,560 (Projected Allegheny Valley School District share of Administrative Budget - \$12,670.02).

Mr. Pollick stated that the budget was sent to all Board Members.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Nino Pollino.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.3 Paper, Athletic, General Supplies and Custodial Bid Awards - Recommend the Board award the paper, athletic, general supplies, and custodial supplies bids.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.4 Appoint Board Treasurer - Recommend the Board appoint Mr. Antonio Pollino as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2019.

Mr. Pollino asked to have the recommendation changed to Mr. Puskar. With no objections from the Board, the motion was changed to read: Recommend the Board appoint Mr. Stephen P. Puskar as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2019.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.5 Acmetonia Elementary School As-Built Survey - Recommend the Board approve the agreement with Gateway Engineers in the amount of \$8,700 to conduct a survey in order to document the Stormwater Management System for final closeout of the Erosion & Sedimentation NPDES Permit with the County.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.6 Purchase of MacBooks for Staff - Recommend the board approve the purchase of 100 MacBooks for staff from vendor Apple, Inc., 4 year lease commencing with 2019-2020 payment of \$33,119.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco,

Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.7 Purchase of Chromebooks for Students in Grades 3-9 - Recommend the Board approve the purchase of 550 Chromebooks with 1:1 initiative for students in grades 3-9 from Costars vendor Dell Financial Services with a four-year lease commencing with Year 1 (2019-2020) payment of \$47,127.07.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.8 Resolution Declaring Support for Cyber Charter School Funding Reform - Recommend the Board approve Resolution #2019-4 Declaring Support for Cyber Charter School Funding Reform.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.9 Resolution to Amend the Right to Know Law - Recommend the Board approve Resolution #2019-6 to amend the Right to Know law and provide relief from vexatious requesters.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.10 CCL Agreement - 2 year renewal - Recommend the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CCL Technologies for the outsourcing of technology staff, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.11 Updated Bus Driver List - Recommend the Board approve the updated 2018-2019 Bus Drivers list as presented.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.12 Creation of a Pre-K Program - Recommend the Board approve the creation of a pre-k program at Acmetonia Elementary School effective the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Pollino asked about the program. He's still a bit concerned with how the program is set up, concerned that the program is arranged for economically disadvantaged; he believes there are other children who need the services, but may not fit into this category. Other questions still not answered. If the District can't address all of the students, why are we doing this? Dr. Graczyk commented if the District wants to qualify for the Pre-K Counts program, we need to abide by their rules. If the Board does not want to abide by the criteria, he needs direction. Dr. Graczyk's recommendation is that the Board follow the Pre-K Counts criteria. He further commented that the state does not believe that screening students prior to the start of the program is a good idea. The District will provide a screener after the start of the program. Mrs. McFarland still believes there are a lot of unknowns - transportation information, curriculum. Mr. Pollick stated the Board directed the administration to develop a program, they have done that. No one wants to tell a parent that their child can't attend a pre-K program. Mr. Pollino stated that the program should be open to any child who would like to attend; the District shouldn't have a program that discludes some children based on economic factors. Mr. Puskar stated that the District is not necessarily able to attend to all students from pre-K to post-secondary. We value everybody, but there's a population that behooves us to prepare them as much as we can. He is okay with a pre-K program that targets the students, according to federal program guidelines, who need support the most. He thinks its a great starting point, and the District will get to a point where we can offer it to everyone and serve a need.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.13 Reconfiguration of Acmetonia Elementary School - Recommend the Board approve the

reconfiguration of the Acmetonia Elementary School. Effective the 2019-2020 school year, all students in pre-k through sixth grade shall be assigned to attend the Acmetonia Elementary School.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.14 Agreement with The Children's Institute for ESY Services - Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh for ESY Services for a Springdale Jr-Sr High School student. The program runs from June 19, 2019 through July 17, 2019, at a cost of \$3,900.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.15 ESY Agreement with Riverview School District - Recommend the Board approve the Agreement to provide Extended School Year (ESY) services to Riverview School District students.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.16 Certified Audit of Final Construction as per PlanCon J - Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood LLP to complete a certified audit of PlanCon J - Acmetonia Primary School Project #3874.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 7.17 Budget Transfers related to Audit - Recommend the Board authorize the Business Manager to make appropriate budget transfers related to the above audit.

Motion by James Gaschler, second by Donald Rocco.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

8. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Puskar, Mr. Pollino, Mr. Whelan

Action: 8.1 2018-2019 Graduate List - Recommend the Board approve the list of graduating seniors, Class of 2019, and further approve those who meet the requirements for graduation to be granted an official diploma on June 7, 2019 or shortly thereafter.

Motion by Steve Puskar second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 8.2 Overnight Conference - Recommend the Board approve the request of Chris Allman to attend the PSSA Rangefinding Science Grades 4 & 8 Committee Meetings in Lancaster on June 4 & 5, 2019. DRC will cover the cost of overnight accommodations plus \$26.00 per day for travel expenses and dinner. The District will pick up remaining cost for travel and dinners.

Motion by Steve Puskar second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 8.3 Change in Student Placement Agreements - Recommend the Board approve agreement 18-19-01 and 18-19-02 for change in student placement.

Motion by Steve Puskar second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action, Procedural: 8.4 2019-2020 Springdale Jr-Sr High School Handbook - Recommend the Board approve the changes to the Springdale Jr-Sr High School Student Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Steve Puskar second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 8.5 2019-2020 Elementary Student Handbook - Recommend the Board approve the changes to the Acmetonia Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Steve Puskar second by Shawn Whelan.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

9. PERSONNEL - Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Renaldi, Mr. Rocco

Action: 9.1 Resignation - Asst. Boys Basketball Coach - Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Clinton Kollister, Assistant Coach for Boys Basketball, effective April 24, 2019.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.2 Resignation - Junior Class Sponsor - Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Courtney Yaksich as Junior Class Sponsor, effective June 18, 2019.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.3 Leave of Absence - Recommend the Board approve the following leave of absence requests:

Employee #	Leave Type	Effective Date
192	FMLA	April 10, 2019, not to exceed 60 work days
263	FMLA	April 15, 2019, not to exceed 60 work days

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.4 Unpaid Leave of Absence - Recommend the Board accept a 1-year unpaid leave of absence for Ms. Aileen T. McDermott effective January 30, 2019 - January 30, 2020.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.5 Extended School Year Staff - Recommend the Board approve the employment of the following Extended School Year staff:

NAME	POSITION	COMPENSATION
Bob Ochsenhirt	Teacher	\$36 per hour
Curt Poremski	Teacher	\$36 per hour
Kellee Kovach	Speech Therapist	\$26 per hour
Kandi Conner	Nurse	\$36 per hour
Maura Allen	Paraprofessional	\$14.15 per hour
Kaitlin Hoy	Paraprofessional	\$12.40 per hour
Nick Etzel	Paraprofessional	\$13.07 per hour
Ian Moorhead	Paraprofessional	\$12.40 per hour
Michael Dudjak	Paraprofessional	\$12.40 per hour

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.6 Employment of Summer Custodian - Recommend the Board approve the employment of Mr. Michael Dudjak as custodial summer help, at the rate of \$9.25 per hour, effective June 17, 2019.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Action: 9.7 Employment of Classified Staff - Recommend the Board approve the employment of Ms. Angie Rudolf, paraprofessional, at the rate of \$93.00 per day, effective May 2, 2019.

Motion by Joelle McFarland, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Ms. Moretti, Mr. Pollino, Mr. Rocco

No Report.

11. ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES - Mr. Rocco, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Whelan

Mr. Rocco extended congratulations to the Softball Team on their season. Mr. Puskar asked about parades and teams in playoffs.

12. POLICY/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS - Ms. Moretti, Mr. Gaschler, Mr. Puskar

No Report.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Mr. Gaschler asked if it would be possible for Ms. Rajgopal to put together what the maximum tax numbers would look like and what a tax roll back would look like, so the Board would have that information. Dr. Graczyk asked what numbers he would like to use. Mr. Puskar commented last year's index.

- Mr. Pollick commented that the Forbes Road Certificate Program would be held at Highlands High School on Wednesday. He stated there are five students from Springdale Jr-Sr High School who will participate.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Will Fleske was recognized and stated that his family is one who expressed interest in the Pre-K Program. He commented on developmental and economic screening of attendees, stressing that if those factors play into the program his son may not qualify. He stated that he really would like his son to attend to gain skills, both academic and social. He thanked Mr. Pollick and Mr. Pollino for saying that individuals won't be turned away.

15. ADJOURN

Action: 15.1 Adjourn - Recommend the Board adjourn the meeting, 9:05 p.m.

Motion by Elizabeth Moretti, second by Glenna Renaldi.

Final Resolution: Voice vote carried the motion

Yes: Larry Pollick, Elizabeth Moretti, Glenna Renaldi, Joelle McFarland, Nino Pollino, Shawn Whelan, Donald Rocco, Steve Puskar, James Gaschler

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Zastawniak
Public Relations Director