

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – General Purpose Meeting – July 26, 2018
Avonworth School District – Board Room
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Board Vice President, Kristin Thompson, called the General Purpose Meeting to order at 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Ms. Sandra Bolain, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Vicki Carlson *(6:30 PM via telephone, voice verified; arrived 6:50 PM)*, **Mr. Jeff Carraway, Ms. Kristin Thompson**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Kathryn Monti, Mr. David Oberdick, Mr. Patrick Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Maureen Frew, Primary Center Teacher
Mr. Phil Coffin, Middle/High School Teacher
Ms. Tommie Murray, Assistant Elementary School Principal Candidate
Ms. Meghan Kelly, Grade Two Teacher Candidate
Ms. Roberta Kelly, Resident
Ms. Lucy Negron, High School Teacher Candidate
Mr. Will Guess, Band Teacher
Mr. Ronnie Ziccardi, Elementary Band Teacher
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

RECESS

Motion: B. Blaser; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to recess the General Purpose Meeting to an Executive Session at 6:31 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

RECONVENE

The General Purpose Meeting resumed at 6:57 PM.

Visitors' Comments

Mr. Coffin told the Board that he has an opportunity to participate in the National Bass Fishing Championship in Alabama. Mandatory registration is November 6 and rehearsal and the championship are November 7-9. He asked the Board for an exception to the AEA contract in order to use four personal days to attend. In order for him to arrive later for the championship, the event organizer must have proof that he has exhausted all avenues for an approved absence. Ms. Thompson said the Board would not make a decision tonight but would discuss and let him know their decision.

FINANCE – J. Carraway/P. Stewart, Co-Chairs

Motion: J. Carraway; **Second:** V. Carlson; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve item 1:

1. Approve Capital Project Fund payments in the amount of \$36,606.50.

Capital Projects

Dr. Ralston gave an update on construction:

- *We are working through the punch list for the LGI room*
- *The Elementary School restroom has been framed in and is ready to tile*
- *Bud Young is replacing/fixing flooring in some of the classrooms*
- *Concrete and asphalt work have been done in the parking lots*

PERSONNEL – K. Thompson/D. Oberdick, Co-Chairs

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-9:

1. To hire **Ms. Tommie Murray** as Assistant Elementary School Principal commencing August 1, 2018, pending release from her current district, at a salary of \$75,000, with benefits according to the current Act 93 Agreement, pending requirements of the District. *Asst. AES Principal*
2. To approve **Ms. Ashley Randall** as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a First Grade Teacher commencing August 17, 2018, at Category M, Step 1, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Gr. 1 Teacher*
3. To approve **Ms. Kathy Reichart** as a mentor for Ms. Ashley Randall, First Grade Teacher, for the 2018-2019 School Year with a stipend according to the AEA contract. *Mentor Gr. 1*
4. To approve **Ms. Meghan Kelly** as a Professional Employee with an assignment as a Second Grade Teacher commencing August 17, 2018, at Category B, Step 5, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Gr. 2 Teacher*
5. To approve **Ms. Lucille Negron** as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a High School Learning Support Teacher commencing August 17, 2018, at Category M, Step 2, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *HS LS Teacher*
6. To approve **Ms. Hannah Fassler** as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a Grade 6 Math Teacher commencing August 17, 2018, at Category B, Step 1, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District and receipt of her certificate. *Gr. 6 Math Teacher*
7. To approve **Ms. Brittney Livesay** as a Long Term Substitute High School Science Teacher commencing August 17, 2018 through June 7, 2019, at Category B, Step 1, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *LTS HS Science*

Personnel, continued

8. To approve three days of summer hours for **Ms. Katy Tarasi** to allow for Literacy Coach preparation and program implementation for the new school year. *Summer Hours*
9. To approve the job description for the School Security Officer position. *Sch. Sec. Ofcr Descr.*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – P. Stewart/S. Bolain, Co-Chairs

Motion: S. Bolain; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-2:

1. To declare acoustic sound shelves for the stage as obsolete and unsafe and that they be disposed of, retroactive to July 20, 2018. *Obsolete Shelving*
2. To declare selected choral risers at the High School as obsolete and unsafe and that they be disposed of, retroactive to July 20, 2018. *Obsolete Risers*

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES – D. Oberdick/K. Thompson, Co-Chairs

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** B. Blaser; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-6:

1. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avonworth School District and the Avonworth Education Association to amend the supplemental contract compensation for assignments specifically related to the Marching Band as attached. *MOU AEA Band*
2. To approve **Mr. Kevin Dexter** as a Volunteer Assistant Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2018-2019 School Year, with no benefits, pending requirements of the District. *Vol. Asst. Soccer*
3. To approve **Ms. Catherine Potter** as Assistant Middle School Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2018-2019 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Asst MS Soccer*
4. To approve **Ms. Megan Sudsina** as JV Cheerleading Coach for the 2018-2019 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *JV Cheer Coach*
5. To approve **Ms. Allison Long** as the Marching Band Woodwind Instructor for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend according to the current AEA contract pending requirements of the District. *Woodwind Instr.*

Athletics & Activities, continued

6. To approve **Mr. Michael Dorato** as the Marching Band Brass Instructor for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend according to the current AEA contract Pending requirements of the District. *Brass Instr.*

Mr. Guess said Band Camp is going well with 72 students. The Band will perform at Kennywood Park on August 6. Mr. Ziccardi is running the summer band every Wednesday where students and come and play if they're available. It's free courtesy of the PTA.

POLICY – V. Carlson/K. Monti, Co-Chairs

Motion: V. Carlson; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-2:

1. To waive the provisional status of the Avonworth High School Chamber Choir and approve it as a supplemental position beginning with the 2018-2019 School Year. The sponsor for this club is **Mr. Michael Warren**, with a stipend according to the AEA contract. The waiver is based on the Chamber Choir running for the past year with the sponsor volunteering his time. *Chamber Choir*
2. To approve the change to the Primary/Elementary Grade Level Chair job description. *APC/AES Gr Level Chair Job Descr. Chg*

Old Business

Dr. Ralston said the School Security Officer job description reflects changes according to State Act 44. The position opening will be advertised. These positions will not be filled by the start of the new school year but we want to be sure to get the right people.

New Business

Ms. Carlson asked why we don't hire in May like some other school districts. Dr. Ralston explained that open positions are posted internally for two weeks and then we can advertise externally.

Adjournment

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the General Purpose Meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary