

**Avonworth School District  
258 Josephs Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Avonworth Board of School Directors  
Minutes – General Purpose Meeting – June 26, 2020  
Avonworth School District – Board Room  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE BOARD ROOM:**

Mr. Beau Blaser, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Kathryn Monti

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE (voices verified):**

Ms. Sandra Bolain, Ms. Vicki Carlson, Ms. Yu-Ling Cheng, Mr. Patrick Stewart  
Ms. Kristin Thompson, Ms. Danielle White

**OTHERS PRESENT IN THE BOARD ROOM:**

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent  
Mr. Ryan Johnson, Athletic Trainer  
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

**Call to Order**

*Board President, Mr. Beau Blaser, called the General Purpose Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.*

**Visitors' Comments**

*No visitor comments*

**PERSONNEL – K. Thompson/V. Carlson, Co-Chairs**

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

1. Approval of **Ms. Jillian Lohner** as a Summer ESY Program Teacher commencing July 6, 2020, at a rate of \$30 per hour with no benefits, pending requirements of the District. *ESY Teacher*
  
2. To accept the resignation of **Ms. Brittney Livesay** as a High School Science Teacher effective August 1, 2020. *Resignation*

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

**Motion:** J. Brandt; **Second:** B. Blaser; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve item 1:

1. To declare several 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics textbooks as obsolete and to sell/donate/dispose of them accordingly. *Obsolete Books*

**ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES – J. Brandt/B. Blaser, Co-Chairs**

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

1. To approve the adoption of the PDE mandated Return to Athletics plan. *Return to Athletics*
  
2. To accept the resignation of **Ms. Brittney Livesay** as Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective August 1, 2020. *Coach Resignation*

**Old Business**

*Dr. Ralston reported that PDE mandated schools have a Board approved “Return to Athletics” plan and it be placed on the school website. Our plan is in three steps and is meant to be a framework for our programs to return to operation. It will restate the mandates given by the State and consist of screening athletes before returning. Students will be required to go online to answer questions to be sure they are asymptomatic before reporting for practices and games. Coaches will reinforce social distancing, proper hygiene, etc. During Phase I coaches will submit their plan for individualized drills. During Phase II teams can begin contact one-on-one drills but not games or scrimmages. No spectators are permitted at sporting events at this time.*

*Dr. Ralston reported the house at 146 Harvey’s Lane has been torn down and the company cut a road in so demolition vehicles would not disturb the surrounding property. At the July meeting, discussion will include moving forward with a temporary gravel parking lot on that site.*

*The Prom will only be for Avonworth seniors or an Avonworth junior as a date for a senior. Graduation is still scheduled for July 17 with limited speakers and attendees. We are looking into streaming the graduation ceremony.*

**New Business**

*Mr. Brandt proposed a Resolution be approved at the July meeting which recognizes and thanks administrators and staff for their flexibility and hard work though the COVID crisis.*

*Dr. Ralston discussed a Resolution sent to us by the Pennsylvania School Board Association regarding discrimination.*

*At the July meeting, the Board would like to recognize varsity football players, Jax Miller and Josh Elm, whose jerseys have recently been framed.*

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** J. Brandt; **Second:** K. Thompson; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the General Purpose Meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,  
Board Secretary