

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – August 7, 2017
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Mr. John Brandt, Mr. Jeff Carraway, Ms. Kathryn Monti, Mr. David Oberdick, Mr. Eric Templin, Ms. Kristin Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Vicki Carlson, Mr. Patrick Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Ken Lockette, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management
Mr. William Andrews, Esquire, Andrews & Price LLC
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Kaitlin Remensky, Middle/High School Asst. Principal Candidate
Mr. Ronald Ziccardi, Music Teacher Candidate
Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Call to Order

Board President, David Oberdick, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments.

Mr. Oberdick read the following:

The Athletic Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM in the Board Room to discuss athletic matters.

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** E. Templin; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-4:

1. To hire **Ms. Kaitlin Remensky** as Assistant Middle/High School Principal commencing August 14, 2017, pending release from current district, at a salary of \$77,000, with benefits according to the current Act 93 Agreement, pending requirements of the District. *Hire Asst.
Principal*
2. To accept the resignation of **Ms. Allison Long** as a Half Time Music teacher retroactive to August 2, 2017. *Resignatn.*

Personnel, continued

3. To change the position of Half Time Music Teacher to Full Time Music Teacher. *Position
Change*
4. To hire **Mr. Ronald Ziccardi** as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a Full Time Music Teacher commencing August 14, 2017, at Category B, Step 1, with benefits according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Hire Music
Teacher*

Ms. Remensky and Mr. Ziccardi introduced themselves to the Board and spoke of their experiences and background.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES – D. Oberdick/E. Templin, Co-Chairs

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** E. Templin; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve item 1:

1. To hire **Mr. Jesse Wells** as Assistant High School Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2017-2018 School Year pending coaches' training. *Hire
Coach*

Mr. Oberdick summarized items from the Athletic Committee meeting. He noted that the gym painting project has been completed. New wall pads have been installed in the high school gym and the gym floors have been finished. All coaching positions for 2017-2018 have been filled with the exception of the Assistant Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach. Vincentian dropped their football program so we are looking for a replacement team.

The following items were discussed for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, August 14, 2017:

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2017 and the General Purpose Meeting of July 19, 2017 (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for July, 2017, beginning with Check #42120 and ending with Check #42282 in the total amount of \$837,076.60.
- 1.2 Ratify the July, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$771,423.56.
- 1.3 Treasurer's Report for June, 2017.
2. To approve the EITC letter of support for Community College of Allegheny County, retroactive to July 20, 2017.

Finance, continued

3. To approve the Kennywood School Picnic Agreement for Saturday, May 12, 2018.
4. To approve _____ to write an AIU Career Readiness Mini-Grant (State) Mini Grant in the amount of \$5,000 retroactive to July 28, 2017 and payment of \$75.00 writing the grant.
5. To enter into an agreement with Human Services Administration Organization to provide services for the Student Assistance Program for the 2017-2018 School Year.

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

1. To move to record in the Minutes of this meeting the following Employee has attained Professional Employee status and will be issued a Professional Employee contract as per PA School Code #1108 and #1121: _____.
2. To approve _____ as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a Full Time Speech Therapist for the 2017-2018 School Year, commencing August 16, 2017, at Category M, Step 2, with benefits, according to the AEA contract.
3. To accept the resignation of _____, paraprofessional, retroactive active to June 2, 2017.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES – D. Oberdick/E. Templin, Co-Chairs

1. To approve the Ross-West View Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) Agreement for the 2017- 2018 School Year at a cost of \$750.00.
2. To create an additional AM and PM Bus Duty supplemental position beginning with the 2017-2018 School Year.
3. To change the title of Grade 9 Team Leader to Grade 9 Grade Level Chair beginning with the 2017-2018 School Year.
4. To accept the resignation of Ms. Natalie Barkovich as Grade 9 Class Sponsor retroactive to July 31, 2017.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – E. Templin/B. Blaser, Co-Chairs

1. Approval to advertise for bids for the LGI project at the Middle/High School campus.

Buildings & Grounds, continued

2. To declare the following High School Biology items obsolete and unusable and that they be disposed of:
 - a. One 100 g. aquarium with equipment, pumps, and stand
 - b. One 6-foot shelf/metal rack on wheels

3. To increase the cost of a student parking permit from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

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

1. The following handbooks for the 2017-2018 School Year:
 - a) Avonworth High School Personal Pathways Program Handbook
 - b) Avonworth School District Faculty Handbook
 - c) Avonworth School District Student Handbook and Discipline Code

Dr. Ralston discussed the proposed changes to the district’s drug and alcohol policy. He noted the changes are not yet finalized. Mr. Oberdick invited Board members to provide their thoughts in advance of next week’s Regular meeting. Dr. Ralston requested members to call or email him with their thoughts.

2. A minimum of four (4) Ohio Township canine visits throughout all areas of District facilities, including parking lots and one visit to the elementary school and primary center during the 2017-2018 School Year.

Old Business

Dr. Ralston noted our Kindergarten enrollment is at 137. If additional students enroll, we would need to add another section.

Dr. Ralston also provided information on the District-wide opening. New teachers report on Monday, August 14 and all teachers return on Wednesday, August 16. Teachers will follow their building agendas and set up their rooms the first two days. On Friday, August 18 lunch will be held at the Primary Center at 11:30 AM with the welcome back meeting beginning at 12:45 PM. He invited Board members to attend the Friday program.

New Business

Dr. Ralston said last year we hosted a screening of the movie “Most Likely to Succeed,” for which we paid \$300. We applied for and were accepted as a Most Likely to Succeed change agent school. We may now hold screenings for us and others. The movie is 1 hour and 20 minutes long and explains what we are doing. Discussed how this would also help parents understand our goal.

Adjournment

Motion: E. Templin; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45 P.M. to an Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, and contract matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary