

**Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 3, 2018
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Board President, Beau Blaser, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Vicki Carlson, Mr. Jeff Carraway, Ms. Kathryn Monti, Mr. David Oberdick, Mr. Patrick Stewart, Ms. Kristin Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Sandra Bolain

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Dir. of Fiscal Mgmt.
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Dir. of Student Services
Ms. Keera Dwulit, High School Principal
Ms. Kaitlin Remensky, Middle/High School Asst. Principal
Mr. Mike Hall, Middle School Principal
Ms. Melissa Reagle, High School Teacher
Mr. James Berent, Esquire, Andrews & Price
Ms. Angela DeJulio, Esquire, Andrews & Price
Mr. Jason Watkins, AWBCC Principal/Dr. Ralston's Intern
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Mr. Mike Hall, Middle School Principal, provided a Middle School update on New Tech. He explained integrated courses, ECHO, continuing professional development and math changes from conceptual to perceptual learning.

Mr. Blaser read the following: The Athletic Committee met on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the LGI Room to discuss athletic matters. The Curriculum Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM in the Board Room to discuss curriculum matters.

Report of Student Representative – Ms. Isabella Salerno/Ms. Mara Bett
Representatives were absent but had provided a report for the Board.

Report of Administration – Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Ralston thanked the Board for their support during the first half of the school year.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Hadley

Dr. Hadley discussed the Future Ready index information he had presented at the Curriculum meeting.

Report of the Solicitor – Mr. James Berent, Esq.

No report at this time.

Beattie Key Notes/AIU News – Mr. Jeff Carraway/Mr. Beau Blaser

Mr. Blaser said the AWBCC proposed budget increased due to increased staffing needs which include the addition of two school police officers, a counselor, and a nurse. Mr. Watkins confirmed that AWBCC does not have a School Resource Officer and interacts with the McCandless Police Department.

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** D. Oberdick; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2018 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

Motion: J. Carraway; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1.1-1.6 and items 2-5:

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| 1.1 | Ratify payment of General Fund bills for November, 2018, beginning with Check #45429 and ending with Check #45645 in the total amount of \$682,275.05. | <i>General Fund</i> |
| 1.2 | Ratify the November, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$1,201,205.49. | <i>Payroll</i> |
| 1.3 | Treasurer’s Report for October, 2018. | <i>Treasurer’s Rpt.</i> |
| 1.4 | Ratify a Capital Project Fund payment in the amount of \$11,230.20. | <i>Capital Projects</i> |
| 1.5 | Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for November, 2018, beginning with Check #8596 and ending with Check #8654 in the total amount of \$6,435. | <i>Athletic Fund</i> |
| 1.6 | Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for November, 2018, beginning with Check #2583 and ending with Check #2590 in the total amount of \$23,908.90. | <i>Fd. Svc. Fund</i> |
| 2. | To approve Dr. Thomas Ralston to write a Studio A and Integrated CS Grable Foundation grant for up to \$62,000 retroactive to October 15, 2018. | <i>Grant</i> |
| 3. | Approval of the letter of agreement with Pressley Ridge regarding Service Coordination for individual students and possible placement in the programs they operate. There is no financial cost associated with this agreement; any costs pertain to the placement of individual students. | <i>Pressley Ridge</i> |

ADDENDUM ITEMS (2)

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| 4. | To increase the hourly rate of solicitor, Andrews & Price LLC from \$115/hour to \$125/hour, effective January 1, 2019. | <i>Solicitor Rate Incr.</i> |
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Finance, continued

5. To accept the award of \$62,000 from the Grable Foundation for the Studio A and Integrated CS grant. *Grant Award*

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

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

1. To approve a change in assignment for **Ms. Jamie Shaulis**, High School Food Service Worker from 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (5 hours/day) to Lead at the Elementary School from 7:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. (6.25 hrs./day). *Change in Assignmt.*
2. To extend child care leave for **Ms. Molly Long** from January 15, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year. *Child Care Leave*

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3. To accept the resignation of **Mr. James Rosenberger** retroactive to November 8, 2018 pursuant to the terms of the agreement attached hereto as presented. *Resignation*
4. To approve a change in status for **Ms. Shannon Zangas** from a Day-to-Day High School Social Studies Substitute, to a Long Term High School Social Studies Substitute retroactive to September 17, 2018, with benefits, at Category M, Step 1. Clearances are on file in the District Office. *Change in Status*

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

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

1. To declare several Elementary School library books as obsolete and to donate/dispose of accordingly. *Obsolete Lib. Books*

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

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

1. Approval of the Comprehensive Plan for public view in December. Barring any changes, the Comprehensive Plan will be placed on the agenda for approval in January, 2019. *Comprehensive Plan*

Old Business

Mr. Waters gave a status report on the demographics survey. Dr. Stewman needs to meet with the municipalities.

New Business

Ms. Dwulit reported the high school students had an enjoyable trip to New York.

Adjournment

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. to discuss a student matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary