

**Avonworth School District  
258 Josephs Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Avonworth Board of School Directors  
Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 10, 2019  
Avonworth School District – Board Room  
7:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

*Board President, Mr. Beau Blaser, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Mr. Jeff Carraway, Ms. Sandra Bolain**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

<b>Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent</b>	<b>Ms. Marcy Marshall, Parent</b>
<b>Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management</b>	<b>Ms. Jenn Jimenez, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Nancy White, <i>The Citizen</i></b>	<b>Ms. Savannah Jimenez, Student</b>
<b>Mr. William Andrews, Esq., Andrews &amp; Price LLC</b>	<b>Mr. Jim Marshall, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Natalie Marshall, Student</b>	<b>Mr. Eric Stanley, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Leah Logan, Student</b>	<b>Mr. Mike Logan, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Sarah Helffrich, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Marcia Logan, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Riley Carroll</b>	<b>Mr. Keith Jimenez, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Keyaira Cameron, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Jeannette Davis, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Dominique Raught, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Erin Perry, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Abigail Stanley, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Joyce Raught, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Zoe Perry, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Shawn Fissore, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Madison Perry, Student</b>	<b>Mr. Tom Raught, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Catherine Barie, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Diane Barie, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Meghan Fissore, Student</b>	<b>Mr. Rich Barie, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Lois Bennett, Student</b>	<b>Ms. Heather DeMarco</b>
<b>Ms. Ciera Jimenez, Student</b>	<b>Mr. Ben Kozup, Parent</b>
<b>Ms. Jenna Muncie, Teacher/Coach</b>	<b>Ms. Emily Davis, Student</b>
<b>Mr. David Bibey, Asst. Coach</b>	<b>Ms. Maya Kozup, Student</b>
<b>Ms. Alexandra Kleer, Asst. Coach</b>	<b>Ms. Sadie Stetsen, Student</b>
<b>Mr. Rich Schmidt, Vol. Asst. Coach</b>	<b>Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary</b>

**Visitors' Comments**

*No visitor comments.*

*Members of the High School Softball team and their coaches were recognized as WPIAL Section Champions, WPIAL Champions, and PIAA Quarter Finalists. Their record was 23-3 which is the most wins ever for our softball team.*

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Report of Administration – Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent

Dr. Ralston said Friday evening's graduation was fantastic. We concluded a very good school year and will build upon this year.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Hadley

Dr. Hadley was absent from the meeting but provided his report to the Board.

Report of the Solicitor – Mr. William Andrews, Esq.

No report at this time.

Beattie Key Notes/AIU News – Mr. Jeff Carraway/Ms. Kate Monti

Ms. Monti reported that AWBCC held Senior Recognition Night on May 29. She also reported that AWBCC is at capacity in many sections.

**Motion:** D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2019 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

**Motion:** D. Oberdick; **Second:** V. Carlson; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve all items on the Agenda and Addendum with the exception of Finance items #2, 3, and 4:

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| <b>1.1</b> | Ratify payment of General Fund bills for May, 2019, beginning with Check #46579 and ending with Check #46785 in the total amount of \$573,808.70.      | <i>General Fund</i>     |
| <b>1.2</b> | Ratify the May, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,180,650.81.  | <i>Payroll</i>          |
| <b>1.3</b> | Treasurer's Report for April, 2019.  | <i>Treasurer's Rpt.</i> |
| <b>1.4</b> | Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for April, 2019, beginning with Check #8822 and ending with Check #8837 in the total amount of \$970.00.        | <i>Athletic Fund</i>    |
| <b>1.5</b> | Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for April, 2019, beginning with Check #2649 and ending with Check #2657 in the total amount of \$24,211.98. | <i>Fd. Svc. Fund</i>    |
| <b>1.6</b> | Ratify capital project payment in the amount of \$24,978.00. <i>(This was paid for using Grant A PCCD funds.)</i>                                      | <i>Capital Projects</i> |

**Motion:** P. Stewart; **Second:** V. Carlson; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve Finance items #2, 3, and 4:

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| <b>2.</b> | The final budget for the 2019-2020 School Year in the amount of \$34,339,313.00 as presented on State Form PDE-2028. | <i>Final Budget 2019-2020</i> |
| <b>3.</b> | The adoption of Resolution 061019-A to establish millage at 19.53 mills for the 2019-2020 School Year as attached.   | <i>Resolution - millage</i>   |
| <b>4.</b> | The adoption of Resolution 061019-B Homestead and Farmstead Resolution as attached.                                  | <i>Resolution - farmstead</i> |

5. The following depositories for school funds for the 2019-2020 School Year: **PNC Bank, Citizens Bank, PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF).** *Depositories*
6. The 2019-2020 Renewal Coverage for the District’s insurance coverage for “Package, Property, Automobile, Excess Liability, and Errors & Omissions” through Liberty Mutual at a total annual premium of \$82,380.00 and “cyber coverage” through PSBA at an annual premium of \$4,248.00. *Ins. Coverage*
7. District Worker’s Compensation program renewal through PSBA/CM Regent for the 2019-2020 School Year at an annual premium of \$116,357.00. *Worker’s Comp.*
8. To approve **Dr. Scott Miller** to attend the Early Childhood Education Summit October 21-23, 2019 at the Penn State Conference Center at a cost not to exceed \$500 plus mileage. **Dr. Miller** is presenting at the conference. *Summit*
9. To approve the following EITC Letters of Support to accompany their applications for inclusion for educational improvement organizations to the Dept. of Community and Economic Development.  
A. The YMCA retroactive to May 28, 2019  
B. Lifesteps retroactive to May 29, 2019 *EITC*
10. To approve the renewal of the Contract of Service by and between the Pennsylvania Educators’ Clearinghouse, PA-Educator.net and the Avonworth School District. The term of this agreement is one (1) year commencing July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with a user fee of \$1,500.00 as attached. *PA-Educator*
11. To approve the renewal of the Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-Clinical and Student Teaching between Robert Morris University and the Avonworth School District. The term of this agreement is five (5) years from the date of execution. *RMU Aff. Agreement*
12. To approve meal prices for the 2019-2020 School Year as follows. (This is a 10¢ price increase.)  
Primary Center/Elementary Lunch: \$2.70, Breakfast: \$1.60  
Middle/High School Lunch: \$2.80; Breakfast: \$1.60; Premium Lunch: \$3.45  
Adult Lunch: \$4.10 (district-wide) *Meal Price Increase*
13. To approve Avonworth School District administrators to travel to Gettysburg, PA for a professional learning workshop June 10-13, 2019 at no cost to the District. (Cost is covered by the 20/20 grant.) *Admin. Workshop*

**ADDENDUM ITEMS (2)**

14. To approve the letter of commitment for the Allegheny County STOP School Violence grant proposal retroactive to June 6, 2019. *Grant*

**Finance, continued**

15. To approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the 2018-2019 General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to be utilized for the middle/high school roof replacement. *Transfer from Gen. Fund*

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

1. To approve a change in assignment for the following AEA staff for the 2019-2020 School Year: *Chg. in Assignment*
- A. **Ms. Jaclyn Keane** from Kindergarten Teacher to Reading Specialist
  - B. **Ms. Jenifer Neiss** from Grade 1 Teacher to Grade 2 Teacher
  - C. **Ms. Julia Udovich** from Grade 3 Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher

2. To approve the following staff members as summer tutors with an hourly rate per the current AEA contract: *Summer Tutors*

<u>Primary Center</u>	<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>Middle/High School</u>
Ms. Adrienne Leveto	Ms. Jennifer Revesz	Mr. Brody Zangaro
Ms. Dorothy Duckworth	Ms. Erin Funwela	Ms. Katie Straley
Ms. Nicole DeLuca	Ms. Tricia Floyd-Scheller	Ms. Jennifer Wickert
Ms. Carrie Johnson		Ms. Jennifer Reilsono
Ms. Amanda Clark		Ms. Lucy Negron

3. Approval of the following Summer ESY Program Staff commencing July 2, 2019, at a rate per the current AEA and AESPA bargaining agreements: *ESY Staff*

Academic Program Teachers  
Ms. Christine Hartmann  
Ms. Erica Snyder  
Ms. Katie Straley  
Ms. Lucy Negron  
Ms. Becky Kolesar  
Mr. Mike Murray  
Ms. Denise Hauser (Reading Intervention)

YMCA Program Coordinator  
Ms. Pam Rawlings

ESY YMCA Paraprofessionals  
Ms. Pam Wingfield  
Mr. Arlon McGaha  
Ms. Kara Mihalik  
Ms. Ashley Hanzes

ESY ABA Paraprofessionals  
Ms. Ashley Hanzes  
Ms. Carrie Velisaris  
Ms. LeeAnne Ward Stahl

ESY ABA Teachers  
Ms. Pam Rawlings (shared)  
Ms. Laurie Winkworth (shared)

ESY Academic Paraprofessionals  
Ms. Jane Ross Tomko  
Ms. Trisha Floyd-Scheller  
Ms. LeeAnne Ward Stahl  
Ms. Carrie Velisaris  
Ms. Amy Kantenwein  
Ms. Debbie Hunt  
Ms. Lisa Simmons

ESY Speech Therapist  
Ms. JoAnne Bova

**Personnel, continued**

4. Approval of **Ms. Gail Love** as the Summer ESY Program Nurse commencing July 2, 2019, at a rate of \$15/hour. *ESY Nurse*
5. Approval of the following Summer ESY Program Staff commencing July 2, 2019, at a rate of \$17.79 /hour: *ESY Paras*  
**ESY YMCA Paraprofessionals – All Part-Time**  
**Mr. Jeremy Sabo**                      **Mr. Tyler Volz**  
**Ms. Holly Jones**                      **Ms. Josie Ramsay**

**ADDENDUM ITEMS (4)**

6. To hire **Ms. Carrie Williamson** for the position of twelve month Secretary at the Avonworth High School, beginning July 1, 2019, at a salary according to the current AESPA contract, pending requirements of the District. *HS Secretary Hire*
7. To approve **Ms. Alexis Taylor** as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a First Grade Teacher commencing August 14, 2019, at Category M, Step 1, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Temp. Prof. Employee*
8. To approve the request of **Ms. Lauren Pearce** for child care leave from August 16, 2019 through March 18, 2020, with no pay and no benefits. *Child Care Leave*
9. To accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from **Ms. Francine Tufts**, Elementary School Secretary, effective August 2, 2019. *Retirement*

**CURRICULUM – J. Brandt/V. Carlson – Co-Chairs**

1. To approve the Agreement between the Avonworth School District and Seneca Valley School District for the use of the Seneca Valley Cyber Services Program for the 2019-02020 School Year. *Cyber Services*
2. To approve the adoption of the Carnegie Learning Math Program for grades 6-8 at a one-time cost of \$65,000. *Math Program*

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

1. To declare the Reading Wonders textbooks received at no cost to the District as obsolete due to the approval of Wit & Wisdom, and to donate the textbooks to the North Hills School District. *Obsolete Reading textbooks*
2. To enter into a five (5) year Facility Services Rental Agreement with Cintas based upon their pricing proposal as shown on the attached sheet. *Cintas*

**Buildings & Grounds, continued**

**ADDENDUM ITEMS (2)**

3. To declare all student and teacher Glencoe Math materials and books as obsolete due to the adoption of the Carnegie Learning Math curriculum for Grades 6-8, and to dispose of or sell them as appropriate. *Obsolete Math textbooks*
4. To declare old football uniforms as obsolete and to be sold as a fundraiser in the fall of 2019. *Obsolete uniforms*

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

1. To approve the 2019-2020 Student Athletic Insurance underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company at an annual premium of \$6,950. *Insurance*
2. To approve **Ms. Lindsey Reichert** as Half-Time Assistant High School Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *HT Asst. Coach*
3. To approve the following Fall coaches for the 2019-2020 School Year at a stipend according to the current AEA contract: *Fall Coaches*
  - Varsity Head Football Coach – **Mr. Derek Johncour**
  - Varsity Football Assistant Coach – **Mr. Barry Johncour**
  - Football Assistant Coach (Shared) – **Mr. Vince Bevilacqua**
  - Football Assistant Coach – **Mr. Mike Mancuso**
  - Football Assistant Coach/JV – **Mr. Mike Murray**
  - Volunteer Football Coach – **Mr. Michael Hostetler**
  - Volunteer Football Coach – **Mr. Dan Kuban**
  - 7/8 Football Coach – **Mr. Dan Zangaro**
  - 7/8 Assistant Football Coach – **Mr. Eddie Kurtz**
  - Varsity Head Boys' Soccer Coach – **Mr. Tom Angell**
  - Varsity Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach – **Mr. Ahmed Affaneh**
  - Volunteer Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach – **Mr. Kevin Dexter**
  - Varsity Head Girls' Soccer Coach – **Mr. J. C. Mahan**
  - Varsity Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach – **Mr. Emil Erhart**
  - 7/8 Boys' Soccer Head Coach – **Mr. Bill White**
  - Assistant 7/8 Boys' Soccer Coach – **Mr. Jesse Wells**
  - 7/8 Girls' Soccer Head Coach – **Mr. Jim Pappas**
  - 7/8 Girls' Assistant Soccer – **Ms. Cate Potter**
  - Cross Country Head Coach – **Mr. Jason Smith**
  - Cross Country Assistant Coach – **Ms. Sherah Rothman**
  - Volleyball Head Coach – **Ms. Sarah Doherty**
  - Volleyball Varsity Assistant Coach – **Ms. Brianna Frakes**
  - 7/8 Girls' Basketball Head Coach – **Ms. Kelly Walbush**
  - 7/8 Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach – **Ms. Julie Tullar**

**Athletics & Activities, continued**

(Fall Coaches)

- Middle School Cross Country Coach – **Mr. Steve Tinker**
- Middle School Cross Country Assistant Coach – **Ms. Julie Raitano**
- High School Cheerleading Coach – **Ms. Brittney Livesay**
- High School Cheerleading Assistant Coach – **Ms. Ashley Kelley**
- JV Cheerleading Coach – **Ms. Megan Campedel**
- Middle School Cheerleading Coach – **Ms. Melissa Vaughan**

**ADDENDUM ITEMS (4)**

4. To accept the resignation of **Mr. Albert Lerini** as Percussion Instructor retroactive to June 3, 2019. *Resignation*
5. To accept the resignation of **Ms. Allison Long** as Woodwind Instructor retroactive to June 4, 2019. *Resignation*
6. To approve **Ms. Kali Adams** as a volunteer Assistant Middle School Cheerleading Coach with no benefits, beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, pending requirements of the District. *Vol. Coach*
7. To approve **Ms. Jana Phillips and Mr. Josh White** as shared Assistant Girls' High School Basketball Coaches, beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Shared Coaches*

**Old Business**

*Mr. Brandt suggested giving coaches and supplemental sponsors an example of a year-end report and goals at the beginning of the school year so they have an idea of what is expected.*

**New Business**

*Mr. Waters informed the Board that asphalt work would begin at the elementary school on June 11, weather permitting. He also said Mr. Bauer had met with Allegheny Restoration regarding EIFS work at the elementary school beginning in July. On June 26 the floor in the LGI will be redone.*

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** J. Brandt; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting to an Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss matters of personnel and real estate.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,  
Board Secretary