

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 11, 2019
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Ms. Sandra Bolain, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Kathryn Monti, Mr. David Oberdick, Mr. Patrick Stewart, Ms. Kristin Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Vicki Carlson, Mr. Jeff Carraway

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent
Dr. Bill Battistone, Elementary School Principal
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Kelly Kujawinski, Parent & President of the Avon Club
Ms. Breanna Maisner, Teacher
Mr. Cory Bonnet, Parent
Mr. William Andrews, Esq., Andrews & Price LLC
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Call to Order

Board President, Mr. Beau Blaser, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Mrs. Kelly Kujawinski, President of the Avon Club, shared upcoming events celebrating the Avon Club's 75th Anniversary. She invited everyone to their Open House on May 11 from 1:00-4:00 PM. The Board and Dr. Ralston thanked the Avon Club for their support since 1944.

Visitors' Comments

Mr. Cory Bonnet discussed the lesson recently taught to sixth graders by the elementary school counselor. Dr. Ralston will forward the Teaching Tolerance website to Mr. Bonnet. Dr. Battistone will provide information on the lesson. Mr. Bonnet feels if parents do not agree with materials being taught, they should be able to opt out. Ms. Taylor said the primary center and elementary counselors have a family advisory program that Mr. Bonnet is welcome to join.

Report of Student Representative – Ms. Isabella Salerno/Ms. Mara Bett - Absent

Report of Administration – Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent

Dr. Ralston told the Board that this is the third year the Rockledge Garden Club Seeds for Teachers program has donated a mixture of flower and vegetable seeds and soil-less potting mix to our District teachers, allowing them to incorporate gardening into the classroom.

Minutes – Regular Meeting March 11, 2019

Dr. Ralston reported on Rare Disease Week and fundraising efforts by the secondary campus which raised over \$7,000 and was donated to find a cure for rare diseases.

Dr. Ralston discussed the South X Southwest Educational Conference he and Dr. Hadley recently attended in Houston, TX. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the keynote speaker, has produced PBS documentaries with the most recent coming out in April.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Hadley

Dr. Hadley shared highlights from his experience at the SXSU conference. Dr. Hadley thanked the Board for his recent trip to the Mad River Local School District to observe and review the Wit & Wisdom ELA program which helped in understanding what the program has to offer.

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

No report at this time. Mr. Andrews will have the Quarterly Report at the next Board meeting.

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

There was no AWBCC meeting in February.

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** D. Oberdick; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** D. Oberdick; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve Items 1.1-1.6 and items 2-8:

- | | | |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1.1 | Ratify payment of General Fund bills for February, 2019, beginning with Check #46029 and ending with Check #46222 in the total amount of \$664,875.57. | <i>General Fund</i> |
| 1.2 | Ratify the February, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,158,581.45. | <i>Payroll</i> |
| 1.3 | Treasurer's Report for January, 2019. | <i>Treasurer's Rpt.</i> |
| 1.4 | Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for January, 2019, beginning with Check #8746 and ending with Check #8774 in the total amount of \$2,130. | <i>Athletic Fund</i> |
| 1.5 | Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for January, 2019, beginning with Check #2615 and ending with Check #2622 in the total amount of \$26,891.22. | <i>Fd. Svc. Fund</i> |
| 1.6 | Approval of Budget Transfers as attached. | <i>Budget Transfers</i> |
| 2. | To approve the EITC Letter of Support for The Children's Institute retroactive to February 22, 2019. | <i>EITC</i> |
| 3. | To approve the proposed 2019/2020 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$2,144,656. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,811,545. The Avonworth School District's contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$30,679 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM). | <i>AIU Program of Svcs.</i> |

Finance, continued

4. To approve the solicitation of bids (if necessary) for General Supplies, Arts, and Athletics for the 2019-2020 School Year. *Bids*
5. To retroactively approve **Mr. Mike Hall, Ms. Megan Sudsina, and Ms. Cate Potter** to attend the annual PAMLE State Conference February 24-26, 2019, in State College, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00 plus mileage. (They presented at the conference.) *PAMLE Conf.*
6. To approve **Ms. Stacy Hart and Ms. Melissa Reagle** to attend the Spring Methodology Conference at IUP on April 12, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$140 plus mileage. *Conference*
7. To approve **Dr. Jeff Hadley** to attend the ASU GSV 2019 Summit April 8-10, 2019 in San Diego, CA, at a cost not to exceed \$300. **Dr. Hadley** received a Leading Educator Scholarship through Digital Promise which covers lodging, airfare, and conference registration. *ASU GSV Summit*

ADDENDUM ITEM

8. To approve the continued agreement with Crossroads Speech & Hearing to provide speech/language services March 25, 2019 through May 31, 2019 at a cost of \$11,750. *Crossroads*

PERSONNEL – K. Thompson/B. Blaser, Co-Chairs

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve Items 1-7:

1. To approve **Ms. Norma Galioto** as a Substitute Food Service Worker for the 2018-2019 School Year, with no benefits, retroactive to February 25, 2019, pending requirements of the District. *Sub Fd. Svc. Worker*
2. To approve a change in assignment for **Ms. Cindy Dorsey**, Food Service Worker from 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (5 hours/day) to a Substitute Food Service Worker retroactive to March 1, 2019. *Change in Assignmt.*
3. To approve **Ms. Tara Wahl** as a mentor for the Long Term Substitute High School teacher retroactive to January 15, 2019. *Mentor*
4. To approve **Ms. Danielle Wilkinson** as a Day-to-Day substitute for Grade 4 Math/Science/Social Studies retroactive to February 4, 2019 through June 7, 2019, at \$140/day with no benefits, pending requirements of the District. *DTD Substitute*

Personnel, continued

ADDENDUM ITEMS (3)

5. To approve **Mr. John Tadler** as a Substitute Food Service General Worker for the 2018-2019 School Year, effective March 13, 2019, with no benefits, at a rate of \$9.25/hour, pending requirements of the District. *Sub Fd. Svc. Worker*
6. To approve **Mr. Jeremy Campbell** as a Middle/High School Research/Media Facilitator Day-to-Day Substitute from approximately March 25, 2019 through May 31, 2019, at \$140/day with no benefits. *DTD Sub*
7. To approve a change in assignment for **Mr. James Funderwhite**, Part-Time General Food Service Worker from the Elementary School 7:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. (5.5 hours/day) to the Middle/High School 8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (5.5 hours/day) effective March 11, 2019. *Change in Assignmt.*

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

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

1. To authorize the Administration to advertise for solicitation of bids for the sealing and re-striping of the Elementary and Primary Center parking lots. *APC/AES Parking Lot*
2. To approve entering into a contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (A subsidiary of Tremco, Inc.) in the amount of \$56,609.74 for the Avonworth Elementary School masonry and EIFS repair project. *AES Repairs*

ADDENDUM ITEM

CURRICULUM – J. BRANDT/V. CARLSON – Co-Chairs

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

1. To change the end date of the third nine weeks for Grades 3-12 from March 18 to March 22, 2019 due to the four inclement weather make-up days. *Chg. in 3rd 9 Wks.*

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES – D. Oberdick/J. Brandt, Co-Chairs

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion amended** to replace Mr. Troy Robinson with Ms. Jennifer Moore as a volunteer Track Coach by D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve Items 1 and 3 and Item 2 as amended:

1. To approve **Ms. Tiffany White** as the Lopes Lounge Coordinator retroactive to January 15, 2019. *Lopes Lounge Coord.*

Athletics & Activities, continued

2. To approve the following coaches for the 2018-2019 Spring sports, pending requirements of the District: *Spring Coaches*
- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Softball Varsity – Assistant | Mr. David Bibey |
| Softball Varsity – Assistant | Ms. Casey Scott |
| Track & Field – Assistant | Mr. Bill Silay |
| Track & Field – Assistant | Mr. Jeff Shirey |
| Track & Field – Volunteer | Mr. Troy Robinson |
| Middle School Baseball - Assistant | Mr. Zach Staszak |

ADDENDUM ITEM

3. To approve the following coaches for the 2018-2019 Spring sports, pending requirements of the District: *Add'l Spring Coaches*
- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Track & Field – Assistant | Mr. Bill White |
| Middle School Track – Volunteer Assistant | Ms. Jennifer Moore |

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

Motion: K. Monti; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve Items 1-4:

1. The adjudication of Student #031119-A
2. The adjudication of Student #031119-B
3. To approve **Mr. Timothy Haney** as a First Student bus operator, having qualified under the laws and regulations as required by PA State Regulations. *New Bus Operator*

ADDENDUM ITEM

4. To approve Mr. Will Guess to create a Middle School Summer Band which would be held for one week in June, 2019 from 9:00 am- Noon with a performance Friday evening of that week, and to waive the facility usage fee. The week is to be determined. The cost of the camp is \$75/participant and would be sponsored by the Band Boosters. This fee would include t-shirts, snacks, music, and payment for the instructors. *MS Summer Band*

Old Business

Dr. Ralston reminded the Board members that the April 1st Work Session was cancelled and a retreat would be held instead beginning at 6:30 PM. The April 1st Athletic Committee meeting is moved to April 8 and the April 8th Curriculum Committee meeting is cancelled. He reminded members of the March 19th Building & Grounds Committee meeting with architect, Mr. Matt Franz, attending. He also reminded the Board of the Diversity Committee meeting being held on March 19.

New Business

Mr. Brandt reminded Administrators that trips are to be Board approved before they are taken and not retroactively. Dr. Ralston said he received a proposal from Chief Hanny of the Ohio Township Police Department to move one of the two officers currently on detail with us to an SRO position. Dr. Ralston also shared that a contract is being drawn up for a school photographer.

Adjournment

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary