

**Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 13, 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, Ms. Sandra Bolain, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Vicki Carlson, Ms. Kathryn Monti, Mr. David Oberdick, Mr. Patrick Stewart, Ms. Kristin Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jeff Carraway

OTHERS PRESENT

**Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Brittney Livesay, Teacher
Mr. Dean Zuppe, Teacher
Mr. Michael Warren, Teacher
Mr. Tom Shipley, Community Member
Mr. Stephen Helm, Community Member
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Mr. William Andrews, Esq., Andrews & Price LLC
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary**

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments

Report of Student Representative – Ms. Isabella Salerno

Ms. Salerno reported on the high school “Wear Your Future” Day where seniors will wear shirts or pins representing the school they will attend or the business where they will be employed. They continue to discuss future fundraising ideas.

Report of Administration – Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent

Dr. Ralston reported that Ms. Taylor had finished the Special Education audit. He introduced Mr. Michael Warren, Middle/High Chorus teacher. Mr. Warren brought trophies to show the Board that his students had won this past Saturday at the Music in the Park competition in Hershey. His 25 choral students won first place in two Division A categories: Mixed Chorus, Jazz Choir and one for best overall Middle/Junior High School Chorus.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Hadley

Dr. Hadley thanked the Board for approving his attendance at the ASU GSV Conference and reported on the various professional development sessions he participated in at the conference. The High Quality Curriculum portion re-enforced the curriculum changes we are making in our district.

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 on the Skills USA State and National competition. For her project, one student designed a calming space for her school’s In-School Suspension Room. Ms. Thea Holzworth is the new Assistant Principal at AWBCC. AWBCC’s annual picnic is May 23 at 5:15 PM and Senior Recognition is May 29 in North Hills Jr. High auditorium. The Job Fair was held May 7 with over 75 businesses and the armed forces participating. A “Signing Day” was held for all CTC students for jobs they have been offered.

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

(Sec. 404 of the School Code... In each school district of the second, third, and fourth class, shall annually during the month of May, elect a Treasurer for a 1 year term.) Elect Treasurer

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** that the nominations for Treasurer for the ensuing year be opened.

Nominations for Treasurer for the ensuing year: D. Oberdick nominated Mr. Jeff Carraway.

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** that the nominations for Treasurer be closed.

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** to Elect Mr. Jeff Carraway as Treasurer of the Avonworth School District for the ensuing year.

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

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** D. Oberdick; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1.1-1.5 and items 2-8:

1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for April, 2019, beginning with Check #46406 and ending with Check #46578 in the total amount of \$829,559.47. General Fund

1.2 Ratify the April, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,132,829.72. Payroll

Finance, continued

- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for March, 2019. *Treasurer’s Rpt.*
- 1.4 Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for March, 2019, beginning with Check #8783 and ending with Check #8821 in the total amount of \$2,882.50. *Athletic Fund*
- 1.5 Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for March, 2019, beginning with Check #2642 and ending with Check #2648 in the total amount of \$22,709.89. *Food Svc. Fund*

- 2. To approve the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2019-2020 Services Agreement, IDEA Use of Funds Agreement, and Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds, retroactive to April 25, 2019. *AIU Svc. Agreement*

- 3. To approve the EITC Letter of Support for The Woodlands Foundation retroactive to April 15, 2019, to accompany their application for inclusion for educational improvement organizations to the Dept. of Community and Economic Development. *EITC*

- 4. To approve the revised ASSET STEM Education Materials Agreement dated April 16, 2019. *ASSET STEM*

- 5. To approve Resolution #051319-A to approve the A. W. Beattie Career Center Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year as set forth in the proposed budget totaling \$9,885,290: *Resolution*

RESOLUTION #051319-A
 District Name: Avonworth School District
 2019-2020
 A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the proposed A. W. Beattie Career Center Budget (rev 042319), as approved by the A. W. Beattie Career Center Joint Operating Committee on 04-25-19, totaling \$9,885.290, is approved by the School District named herein.

Total Votes:

Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

Board Secretary Signature _____

Board Secretary Name Cindy S. F. Donovan

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- 6. To approve Resolution #051319-B Supporting Statewide Cyber Charter School Funding Reform By the Board of Directors of the Avonworth School District. *Resolution*

- 7. To approve the service Agreement with The Watson Institute for training and consultation services for the 2019-2020 School Year. *Watson Institute*

Finance, continued

ADDENDUM ITEM

8. To approve the EITC Letter of Support for the Audubon Society to accompany their application for inclusion for educational improvement organizations to the Dept. of Community and Economic Development. *EITC*

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

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** D. Oberdick; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-9:

1. To accept the resignation of **Ms. Norma Galioto** as a substitute Food Service Worker retroactive to April 12, 2019. *Resignation*
2. To approve **Ms. Bonita Schwenck** as a Substitute Food Service Worker for the 2018-2019 School Year, with no benefits, retroactive to April 23, 2019, pending requirements of the District. *Sub Fd. Svc. Worker*
3. To approve summer hours for the following: *Summer Hours*
- A. **Ms. Alaina Schrader**, Elementary School Counselor – 10 days
 - B. **Ms. Sara Osborn**, Elementary Media Center Specialist – 4 days
 - C. **Ms. Jennifer Gould**, Primary Center Media Center Specialist - 4 Days
 - D. **Ms. Barb Bauer**, Primary Center Counselor - 4 Days
 - E. **Ms. Katy Tarasi**, APC/AES Literacy Coach- 10 Days
 - F. **Mr. Aaron Pellicano**, Grades 7-9 Counselor - 15 Days
 - G. **Mr. Dave Como**, Grades 10-12 Counselor - 15 Days
 - H. **Ms. Nicole Levis**, College & Career Counselor - 10 Days
 - I. **Ms. Patty Clark**, High School Guidance Secretary - 70 Hours
4. To approve **Dr. Marco Antonio Alcala, Jr.** as School Physician for the 2019-2020 School Year. *School Physician*
5. To contract with ESS to provide substitute teacher services beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year. *ESS Sub Svc.*
6. To approve a change in assignment for **Ms. Jill Shumaker** from Half Time Computer Teacher to Full Time Computer Teacher beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year. *Chg. in Assignment*
7. To approve **Ms. Brittney Livesay** as a Temporary Professional Employee with an assignment as a High School Science/Chemistry Teacher commencing August 14, 2019, at Category M, Step 2, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Temp. Prof. Emp.*

Personnel, continued

8. To approve contracting a second School Resource Officer with the Ohio Township Police Department beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year at an initial cost of \$296 per day. *SRO*

ADDENDUM ITEM

9. To approve 10 summer days for **Dr. Sandra Swen.** *Summer Hours*

Dr. Ralston introduced Ms. Brittney Livesay, newly hired High School Science/Chemistry Teacher.

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

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

1. To approve the adoption of Wit & Wisdom by Great Minds for K-5 English Language Arts beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, at a cost not to exceed \$149,500. *Adopt ELA Program*
2. To approve the purchase of literacy intervention materials and professional development from 95% Group, Inc., for the 2019-2020 School Year at a cost of \$14,898.40. *Purch. Lit. Intervention Materials*

TECHNOLOGY – B. Blaser/J. Brandt – Co-Chairs

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

1. To approve the renewal of the agreement with Questeq to provide technology services for a period of five years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 at a cost as shown on the attached proposal. *Questeq Renewal*

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

Motion: S. Bolain; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-2:

1. To award the bid for the Elementary campus parking lot project to the lowest responsible bidder, CriLon Corporation (DBA Highland Sealcoat), in the amount of \$32,538. *AES Parking Lot*

Roll Call Vote

ADDENDUM ITEM

2. To approve The Fred Rodgers Center for Early Learning’s request to have Avonworth Primary Center as a host site for the Simple Interactions learning project during the 2019-2020 school year. *F. Rogers host site*

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

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-8:

1. To approve a change in status for **Mr. David Bibey** from Shared Assistant Varsity Softball Coach to Assistant Varsity Softball Coach beginning with the 2018-2019 School Year. *Chg. in Status*
2. To accept the Letter of Resignation from **Ms. Stefanie Wiegand**, as Half-Time Assistant 7/8 Softball Coach, retroactive to April 23, 2019. *Resignation*
3. To accept the Letter of Resignation from **Ms. Julie Tullar**, as Assistant High School Basketball Coach, retroactive to April 24, 2019. *Resignation*
4. To remove the provisional status of the following clubs and approve them as Avonworth Co-curricular clubs commencing with the 2019-2020 School Year. The sponsors for these clubs are shown below with stipends according to the AEA contract. *Remove Prov. Status*
 - A. Stand Together – Co-Sponsors: **Ms. Marnie Arnold and Mr. Nick Mancini**
 - B. G.O.L.D. Club – Co-Sponsors: **Ms. Emily Hickman and Ms. Melissa DeSimone**
 - C. Chinese Club – Sponsor: **Ms. Jia Li**
 - D. B.A.S.S. Club – Volunteer Sponsor: **Mr. Phil Coffin**
5. To approve **Mr. Richard Schmidt** as a volunteer Girls' Softball Coach retroactive to April 23, 2019, with no benefits, pending requirements of the District. *Vol. Softball Coach*
6. To approve **Ms. Brianna Frakes** as an Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Asst. Volleyball Coach*

ADDENDUM ITEMS (2)

7. To approve **Mr. Jeff Dzubinski** as ASSET Coordinator – Primary Center for the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract. *APC ASSET Coord.*
8. To accept the resignation of **Ms. Carolyn Binning** as Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach effective May 11, 2019. *Resignation*

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

Motion: V. Carlson; **Second:** D. Oberdick; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-5:

1. To approve the application for an Avonworth Eats Club as a Provisional Club for Grades 7, 8, and 9 beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend according to Policy 122.4. Sponsor for this club will be **Ms. Michelle George**. *Avonw. Eats Club*

Policy, continued

2. To approve EFB Photography as the District classroom photographer for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 School Years.

EFF Photography

Old Business

The Board discussed the upcoming PSBA Delegate Assembly and opted not to appoint voting delegates.

New Business

No New Business.

Adjournment

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary