

**Avonworth School District  
Regular Meeting – October 11, 2021**

**BOARD NOTES**

- The following items were approved at the October 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting:
- Ratify payment of General Fund bills for September, 2021, beginning with Check #52037 and ending with Check #52206 in the amount of \$1,101,524.12.
- Ratify the September, 2021, payroll in the amount of \$1,259,187.40.
- Treasurer's Report for August 2021.
- To approve Capital Project Fund payments in the amount of \$208,013.25.
- Ratify payment of Athletic Fund bills for September, 2021, beginning with Check #9374 and ending with Check #9403 in the amount of \$3,070.
- Ratify payment of Food Service Fund bills for September, 2021, beginning with Check #3149 and ending with Check #3156 in the amount of \$18,736.61.
- To approve **Resolution #2021-10-11** for formal action constituting a Debt Ordinance under the Local Government Unit Debt Act authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal, amount not to exceed twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000).
- To approve the web-based program, **BoardDocs**, as the District's governance document management system at an annual cost of \$2,700. The initial term of this agreement will be for one year and automatically renew and remain in effect for consecutive one-year periods.
- To approve **Dr. Jeffrey Hadley** to attend the League of Innovative Schools Professional Development Conference October 19-22, 2021, in Washington D.C. at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00. Digital Promise will reimburse the district \$600.00 of the travel cost.
- To approve **Ms. Katy Tarasi** to attend the Fall *Wit & Wisdom* Team Meeting in Nashville, TN, November 4-7, 2022, at no cost to the District. (All travel expenses are covered by Great Minds as part of Ms. Tarasi's existing Fellowship Agreement. No substitute is needed.
- To approve **Jillian Bichsel**, as the Assistant Superintendent for the Avonworth School District. Start date will be December 1, 2021.
- To approve the two-year extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated September 10, 2018, between the Avonworth School District and the Avonworth Education Association (AEA) for the years July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.
- To approve **Janet Labella** as a Lunch Room Monitor at the Primary Center retroactive to September 16, 2021, at a rate of \$37.50 per day with no benefits. Clearances are on file in the District Office.
- To hire **Sally Scherling** as a Substitute School Board/Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent effective September 23, 2021, at a rate of \$25.00/hour with no benefits. Clearances are on file in the District Office.
- To approve **Mr. Ronnie Ziccardi** and **Mrs. Monica Swartz** to share the vacant Student Council supplemental position at AES to begin on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.
- To approve the position of Communications and Partnerships Leader and the Job Description.
- To rescind the motion of September 13, 2021, to hire **Mr. Nathaniel Pennybaker** as a Paraprofessional.
- To rescind the motion of August 16, 2021, for FMLA for **Jana Stahl**.

- To accept the resignation of **Ms. Sharon Weingartner**, Food Service Worker, with the intent to retire effective October 8, 2021.
- To accept the resignation of **Penny Hallstead**, Custodian, effective September 29, 2021.
- To change the Elementary Special Teams Leader to a shared supplemental between **Sara Osborn** and **Jennifer Gould** for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Administration recommends approval of the following staff members as tutors with the hourly rate per AEA contract:

**Barb Bauer**  
**Pam Rawlings**  
**Kathy Reichart**  
**Lauren Zivic**  
**Dave Bartolac**  
**Julie Raitano**  
**Dean Zuppe**  
**Hannah Fassler**  
**Tira McCall**

**Mallory Accamando**  
**Tricia Scheller**  
**Cheryl Noethiger**  
**Anastasia Simpson**  
**Ryan Ott**  
**Jennifer Wickert**  
**Roxanne Grider**

- The Administration recommends approval of the following staff members as Reading Club tutors with the hourly rate per AEA contract:

- **Nicole DeLuca**
- **Christine Harmann**
- **Pam Rawlings**
- **Lauren Zivic**

**Suzanne DiSanzo**  
**Kari Johnson**  
**Kathy Reichart**

- The Administration recommends approval of **Mr. Brendan Ingram** as a Primary Paraprofessional commencing on October 12, 2021, at a rate according to the current AESPA contract. Clearances on file in the District Office.
- To approve a service agreement with the Watson Institute to continue a placement agreement for a student attending WISCA (Sewickley, PA).
- To approve a service agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide a functional travel assessment and service to a student.
- To approve a service agreement with the Western PA School for the Deaf (WPSD) in order to assess a student that requires a specialized evaluation due to a hearing impairment.
- The Administration recommends approval of the supplemental sponsors for the 2021-2022 School Year. In the event that the activity for the supplemental sponsor is shortened or cancelled in its entirety, payment for the affected supplemental positions(s) shall be reduced on a pro rata basis. This appointment does not guarantee any of the persons listed below that his/her position will be needed and in place or that it will continue uninterrupted during the 2021-2022 School Year.
- **Ms. Nicole Levis** – National Honor Society
- **Ms. Lucy Negron** – Fragments Literary Magazine
- **Ms. Molly Chester** – GSA (Gender & Sexual Alliance) Co-Chair
- **S. Kerri Villani** – GSA (Gender & Sexual Alliance) Co-Chair
- The Administration recommends approval of **Marisa Laughlin** as a volunteer cheer coach for the 2021-2022 school year effective September 27, 2021.
- To accept the resignation of **Mr. David Thomas** as the varsity boys' basketball assistant coach and junior varsity head boys' basketball coach effective October 4, 2021
- To accept the resignation of **Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Affaneh** as the Boys Middle School basketball coach effective October 5, 2021.
- To accept the resignation of **Mr. Dan Ayebo** as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach effective October 7, 2021.

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- To approve **Mr. William Guess, Mr. Ronnie Ziccardi, Mr. Joe Bandi, Ms. Alexandra Martin, and Ms. Katie Libbon** to accompany up to 95 High School and Middle School Marching Band students to Williamsburg, VA for an overnight trip from March 4-6, 2022. Transportation and lodging will be paid by the Avonworth Band Boosters Association. There is no cost to the District as no school days will be missed.