

**Avonworth School District  
258 Josephs Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Avonworth Board of School Directors  
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – August 6, 2018  
Avonworth School District – Board Room  
7:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

*Board President, David Oberdick, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 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** (*arrived 7:50 PM*), **Ms. Kristin Thompson**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Ms. Sandra Bolain**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**Dr. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent  
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management  
Ms. Keera Dwulit, High School Principal  
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Russell Patterson, Intern with Dr. Ralston  
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*  
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary**

**Visitors' Comments**

*No Visitor Comments.*

**FOR VOTE AT THIS MEETING**

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

**Motion:** K. Thompson; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-2:

- 1.** To approve **Ms. Jennifer Gould** as a Mentor for **Ms. Sara Knable**, Half-Time Art Teacher, for the 2018-2019 School Year. *Mentor Gr. 1*
  
- 2.** To approve **Ms. Melissa Costantino** as a Mentor for **Ms. Hannah Fassler**, Grade 6 Math Teacher, for the 2018-2019 School Year. *Mentor Gr 6 Math*

*The Athletic Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM to discuss athletic matters.*

**The following items were discussed for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, August 13, 2018:**

*Approval of the Minutes of the July 9 Regular Meeting and the July 26, 2018 General Purpose Meeting. (Voice Vote)*

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for July, 2018, beginning with Check #44599 and ending with Check #44745 in the total amount of \$1,035,594.83.
- 1.2 Ratify the July, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$842,611.78.
- 1.3 Treasurer's Report for June, 2018.
- 1.4 Approve Capital Project Fund payments in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. To approve \_\_\_\_\_ to write a #bethekindkid Grable Foundation grant for \$20,000, retroactive to June 30, 2018 and to approve payment to \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$100 for writing the grant and \$100 for monitoring the grant. This grant will support a program for school-age children that promotes kindness and positive behavior.
  
3. To accept the grant from The Grable Foundation for the #bethekindkid grant in the amount of \$20,000 and payment to \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$1,000 for receipt of the grant funds.
  
4. 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with a user fee of \$1,500.00 as attached. *(No increase from last year)*
  
5. To amend the motion of May 14, 2018 approving Mr. Michael Warren to attend the Joy of Singing Music conference in King of Prussia, PA for professional development July 23-24, 2018 at a cost not to exceed **\$1,011**. *(Note: The original request for \$700 did not include mileage reimbursement.)*

*Mrs. Dwulit gave an update on scheduling and will determine what parts are working and what needs to be adjusted:*

- *Counselors met with 230+ students to talk through their schedules.*
- *Ms. Dwulit sent an update letter to parents and schedules will be released to students the week of August 13.*
- *Counselors are working with a small group of students to fit AP English – this class will fit in Mod H.*
- *Ms. Dwulit emailed teachers their schedules.*
- *Ms. Dwulit plans to email a video on August 15 that explains leadtime and answers student/parent questions.*
- *Schedules will include personal learning time which is unassigned time. The goal is for upper classmen to be in one of three places: the Lopes Lounge, the Collaboration Center, or the Cafeteria.*

*Ms. Dwulit said 10<sup>th</sup> graders will come in on August 15 to exchange their Chrome books. This information is on the school website but will be moved to the top of the listing.*

*The Board discussed how the District would handle students with “juuls.” Mr. Oberdick asked Board members and Ms. Dwulit to think about this and give recommendations at Monday’s Regular Meeting.*

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

1. To move to record in the Minutes of this meeting the following employees have attained Professional Employee status and will be issued a Professional Employee contract as per PA School Code #1108 and #1121:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.
  - g.
  - h.
2. To approve a salary increase for the Part-Time Administrative Assistant from \$17.50/hour to \$18.00/hour (2.85%) retroactive to July 1, 2018.
3. To approve \_\_\_\_\_ as the District Coordinator of Safety and Security as per Act 44, effective August 14, 2018.
4. To create a full-time permanent Paraprofessional position commencing with the 2018-2019 School Year.
5. To accept the resignation of \_\_\_\_\_, as a Learning Support Teacher. *(Employee may be held for 60 days subject to the hire of a suitable candidate.)*
6. To accept the resignation of \_\_\_\_\_, Avonworth Elementary School Cafeteria Lead effective August 27, 2018.

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

1. To approve the following handbooks for the 2018-2019 School Year:
  - a. Avonworth School District Faculty Handbook
  - b. Avonworth School District Student Handbook & Discipline Code
  - c. Avonworth Middle School Guidebook
  - d. Avonworth School District Booster Organization Procedures
  - e. Handbook for Parents of Student Athletes
  - f. Avonworth High School Personal Pathways Program Handbook
2. A minimum of four (4) Ohio Township Canine visits throughout all areas of District facilities, including parking lots and one visit to the elementary school and primary center during the 2018-2019 School Year.

**Old Business**

*Mr. Waters reported:*

- *The work on the parking lots have been completed*
- *Workers are going through the punch list for the LGI room*
- *He met with contractors last Friday and a few things may take a little more time to complete*
- *Mr. Waters plans to take Board members to see the LGI and Elementary bathroom project next Monday.*
- *Room 109 was changed from a science room into a classroom*
- *A wall was opened between two middle school rooms. The door is framed in and the doors need to be hung.*
- *Plumbing prep work is done in the Elementary bathroom. Completion is targeted for August 24.*

**New Business**

*Mr. Oberdick said the PIAA overturned WPIAL's decision and approved the Co-Op Agreement with OLSH for a high school volleyball team this winter.*

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** P. Stewart; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. to discuss contract and litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,  
Board Secretary