

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – January 7, 2019
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Board President, Beau Blaser, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Vicki Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Dir. of Fiscal Mgmt.
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Dir. of Student Services
Ms. Melissa Reagle, Teacher
Ms. Sara Osborn, Teacher
Ms. Elizabeth Eberhardt, Parent
Ms. Jennifer Wagner, Parent
Mr. Luke Wagner, Student/Eagle Scout
Mr. Rick Wagner, Parent
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Junior, Luke Wagner, discussed his Eagle Scout project idea to transform the Elementary Resource Center into more of a Maker Space for Science, Technology, Reading, English, Arts, and Math (STREAM). This includes building a Lego wall and constructing a pegboard for using golf tees. He plans to hold an Open House for the community once the project has been completed. Luke also plans to hold a drive for the Elementary/High Schools for Lego donations and he will apply for an Avon Club grant. He has met with Ms. Osborn, Media Center Specialist and with Mr. Battistone. Dr. Ralston suggest he also meet with Mr. Bill Bauer, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and Mr. Brant Colamarino, Maintenance Supervisor. Ms. Bolain suggested he contact the Lego Company for donations.

Mr. Justin Vancheri of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood, LLC, gave a summary of the 2017-2018 Audited Financial statements. The audit revealed no issues during the year.

Mr. Brad Waters discussed the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget and the Act I Resolution. He recommended passing the Resolution to live within the index. The proposed final budget will be ready in May and up for vote at the June meeting. Ms. Bolain asked about the roof replacement. Mr. Waters said he had a company check the roof again during the recent rain storms and they found that drains needed tightened down. This helped but did not eliminate the need to replace the roof. Roof replacement is planned for the summer of 2020.

FOR VOTE AT THIS MEETING

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

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

1. To amend the motion of December 3, 2018 to include the start date of December 3, 2018 for the change in assignment for **Ms. Jamie Shaulis**, High School Food Service Worker to Lead at the Elementary School. *Amended
Motion*

2. To approve **Mr. Zach Staszak** as a Long Term Substitute Grade 8 Civics Teacher from January 14, 2019 through June 7, 2019, at Category B, Step 1, with benefits, according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *LTS*

The following items are for discussion for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, January 14, 2019:

Approval of the Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the December 3, 2018 Reorganization and Regular Meetings. (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for December, 2018, beginning with Check #___ and ending with Check #___ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.2 Ratify the December, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$1,138,521.76.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for November, 2018.
- 1.4 Approve Capital Project Fund payments in the amount of \$_____.
- 1.5 Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for December, 2018, beginning with Check #___ and ending with Check #___ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.6 Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for December, 2018, beginning with Check #___ and ending with Check #___ in the total amount of \$_____.

2. **RESOLUTION #011419A:** To continue membership in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s Joint Purchasing Program as attached.

3. To approve Official Avonworth School District **Resolution #011419B** Limiting Authority to Increase the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2019-2020 by More Than the Index of 2.3% as attached.

Finance, continued

4. To approve the 2017-2018 Audited Financial statements as presented by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood, LLC.
5. To approve the proposed settlement for the 2018-2019 Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal of _____ for Block and Lot: _____ as recommended by the District Solicitor as attached.
6. To approve _____ and _____ to attend the South By Southwest Education Conference March 3-7, 2019 in Austin, TX at no cost to the district. Expenses are covered by the 20/20 grant written by Dr. Ralston and Dr. Brian White of Butler Area School District.
7. To approve _____ and _____ to attend the League of Innovative Schools Spring Conference March 25-27, 2019 in Seattle, WA. A portion of the expenses will be reimbursed by the League of Innovative Schools.

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

1. To accept the Letter of Intent to Retire for _____, Food Service worker, retroactive to December 21, 2018.
2. To approve a change in assignment for _____, Middle/High School Food Service Worker from 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (4 hours/day) to Middle/High School Food Service Worker 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (5 hours/day), retroactive to December 6, 2018.
3. To change the status of _____ from Substitute Custodian to Building Custodian retroactive to December 17, 2018, according to the AESPA contract, pending requirements of the District. Clearances are on file in the District Office.
4. To approve _____ as Lead Custodian according to the AESPA contract, retroactive to December 17, 2018.
5. To approve the request of _____ for an extended leave of absence from January 2, 2019 through January 11, 2019.
6. A salary increase for _____, of 1% retroactive to July 1, 2018.
7. To approve the changes to the Elementary Counselor job description.

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

1. To approve the Kindergarten Program Guide for the 2019-2020 School Year as attached. (*Informational: No major educational content changes were made this year, only annual dates, times, etc. were updated.*)

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

1. To approve _____ as the Paraprofessional supporting the Unified Sports/Bocce program, retroactive to December 6, 2018.

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

1. To approve the District’s 2019-2022 Comprehensive Plan, previously on display for 30 days, and submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (*See web folder*)
2. To re-adopt PSBA’s Principles for Effective Governance and Leadership *as attached*.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

No New Business

Adjournment

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. to discuss a legal matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary