

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – March 4, 2019
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Ms. Sandra Bolain, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Vicki Carlson, Mr. Jeff Carraway, Ms. Kathryn Monti, Mr. David Oberdick, Mr. Patrick Stewart (*via telephone, voice verified*), **Ms. Kristin Thompson**

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management
Ms. Breanna Maisner, Teacher
Mr. Michael Warren, Teacher
Mr. Cory Bonnet, Parent
Ms. Hannah Hardy, Allegheny County Health Dept.
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Call to Order

Board President, Mr. Beau Blaser, called the Work Session/General Purpose Meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Ms. Hannah Hardy, Program Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention Program of the Allegheny County Health Department congratulated Avonworth on becoming the 16th school district as a Live Well Allegheny School and presented the Board with a Live Well Allegheny poster.

Visitors' Comments

Mr. Cory Bonnet discussed parent concerns about a lesson on privilege and oppression taught at the sixth grade level last week. The Board agreed there was a good dialogue but opted to discuss further when Dr. Ralston could be present at the meeting. The Board encouraged Mr. Bonnet and any other interested parents to attend a Board meeting or a Diversity Committee meeting.

FOR VOTE THIS EVENING

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

Motion: J. Brandt; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve item 1:

- 1.** To approve the attached five-year agreement with DQE Communications to provide Ethernet service between the high school campus and the elementary schools at a cost not to exceed \$675/month. (Note: This is an E-rate eligible service for which the District has been approved for the 2019-2020 funding year which will provide a 40% discount off of the monthly DQE cost.)

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The following items were discussed for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, March 11, 2019:

Approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the February 14, 2019 Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for February, 2019, beginning with Check #____ and ending with Check #____ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.2 Ratify the February, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,158,581.45.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for January, 2019.
- 1.4 Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for January, 2019, beginning with Check #____ and ending with Check #____ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.5 Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for January, 2019, beginning with Check #____ and ending with Check #____ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.6 Approval of Budget Transfers as attached.

2. To approve the EITC Letter of Support for The Children’s Institute retroactive to February 22, 2019.

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).

4. To approve the solicitation of bids (if necessary) for General Supplies, Arts, and Athletics for the 2019-2020 School Year.

5. To retroactively approve _____, _____, and _____ 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.)

6. To approve _____ and _____ to attend the Spring Methodology Conference at IUP on April 12, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$140 plus mileage.

7. To approve _____ to attend the ASU GSV 2019 Summit April 8-10, 2019 in San Diego, CA, at a cost not to exceed \$300. _____ received a Leading Educator Scholarship through Digital Promise which covers lodging, airfare, and conference registration.

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

1. To approve _____ 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.
2. To approve a change in assignment for _____ 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.
3. To approve _____ as a mentor for the Long Term Substitute High School teacher retroactive to _____, 2019.
4. To approve _____ 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.

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

1. To authorize the Administration to advertise for solicitation of bids for the sealing and re-stripping of the Elementary and Primary Center parking lots.
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.

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

1. To approve _____ as the Lopes Lounge Coordinator retroactive to _____, 2019.
2. To approve the following coaches for the 2018-2019 Spring sports, pending requirements of the District:

- Softball Varsity – Assistant** _____
- Softball Varsity – Assistant** _____
- Track & Field – Assistant** _____
- Track & Field – Assistant** _____
- Track & Field – Volunteer** _____
- Middle School Baseball - Assistant** _____

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

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

Old Business

Mr. Waters reminded the Board of the Building & Grounds Committee meeting on March 19. Mr. Oberdick discussed the need for an Ohio Township Police Officer to reinforce no parking in the fire lanes during events. The District will absorb the cost for school events and the cost will be passed along to outside organizations who rent the facility.

New Business

The Board discussed the school calendar and snow make-up days. They decided to leave the calendar and make up days as is.

Adjournment

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. to discuss student matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary