

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – May 6, 2019
Avonworth School District – LGI
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, Ms. Kristin Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent	Mr. Luke Wagner, Student
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Assistant Superintendent	Mr. Lukas Helsel, Student
Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management	Ms. Claire Chao, Student
Ms. Keera Dwulit, High School Principal	Ms. Lea Helsel, Student
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services	Ms. Beate Helsel, Parent
Mr. Tim Giel, Athletic Director	Mr. Jay Helsel, Parent
Mr. Will Guess, Teacher	Ms. Dawn Herzig, Parent
Ms. Julie Tullar, Teacher	Mr. George Siddoway, Parent
Mr. John Tomczak, Parent	Ms. Robin Siddoway, Parent
Ms. Tess Theobald, Student	Ms. Cynthia Tomczak, Parent
Mr. Graham Herzig, Student	Mr. Liam Tomczak, Student
Ms. Kaylee Madey, Student	Ms. Stacy Klatzkin, Parent
Mr. Luke Tomczak, Student	Ms. Christie Kohler, Parent
Ms. Chloe Cropper, Student	Ms. Tracey Madey, Parent
Ms. Karen Siddoway, Student	Mr. Tom Madey, Parent
Mr. Clark Bernauer, Student	Ms. Jen Wagner, Parent
Ms. Anna Neiss, Student	Mr. Henry Wagner, Student
Ms. Anna Kohler, Student	Mr. Gus Wager, Student
Ms. Brianna Klatzkin, Student	Mr. Matt Neiss, Parent
Ms. Nancy White, <i>The Citizen</i>	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.

Dr. Ralston and Mr. Guess recognized and presented certificates to the following students for their accomplishments:

- *Claire Chao - As a member of the Violin section in the PMEA All-State Orchestra*
- *Lea Helsel - As 2nd Chair Horn in the PMEA All-State Orchestra*
- *Lukas Helsel - As 1st Chair Trombone in the NAFME All-Eastern Orchestra*

Dr. Ralston and Mr. Giel recognized and presented certificates to the Avonworth members of the Avonworth/Northgate Swim Team:

- *Aiden Sommers (absent) - for winning the WPIAL 2017-2018 Gold Medal in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and 400 Yard Freestyle Relay*

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- *Nick Madey (absent) - for winning the WPIAL 2017-2018 Gold Medal in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and 400 Yard Freestyle Relay*
- *Cooper Groll - for winning the WPIAL 2017-2018 Gold Medal in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and 400 Yard Freestyle Relay*
- *Karen Siddoway - for winning the WPIAL 2017-2018 Gold Medal in the 100 Yard Freestyle and 200 Yard Freestyle, the WPIAL 2018-2019 Gold Medal in the 100 Yard Freestyle, the 200 Yard Freestyle, the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, and the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay, the PIAA 2018-2019 Gold Medal in the 100 Yard Freestyle and 200 Yard Freestyle*
- *Isabella Salerno - for winning the WPIAL 2018-2019 Gold Medal in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay*
- *Anna Neiss - for winning the WPIAL 2018-2019 Gold Medal in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay*
- *Angelina Patarini (absent) - for winning the WPIAL 2018-2019 Gold Medal in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay*
- *Kaylee Madey - for winning the WPIAL 2018-2019 Gold Medal in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay*

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments

RECESS

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to recess the Regular Meeting to an Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

RECONVENE

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:00 PM.

Dr. Hadley presented his recommendation for the Wit & Wisdom K-5 ELA curriculum.

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

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

1. To adopt the Avonworth School District 2019-2020 Proposed Final Budget with Revenue of \$33,446,955 and expenditures of \$34,287,232 as per attached document.

*Public Budget
Hearing*

INFORMATIONAL ITEM
AVONWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Take notice that the Board of School Directors of the Avonworth School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, has prepared a Proposed Final Budget in the amount of funds that will be required by the School District for the 2019-2020 School Year.

The Avonworth School Board will conduct a **Public Budget Hearing at 7:30 P.M.** prior to the advertised Work Session Meeting slated for June 3, 2019, in the District Administration Office Board Room, 258 Josephs Lane. The scheduled Work Session Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

Finance, continued

Take further notice that the Proposed Final Budget shall be made available for public inspection to all interested citizens in the Administration Office, 258 Josephs Lane, Pittsburgh PA 15237 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday through June 10, 2019.

Take further notice that the Board of School Directors, after making such revisions and changes in the Proposed Final Budget as appear advisable, shall adopt the budget and necessary appropriate measures required to put it into effect at the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 10, 2019.

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

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

DTD Sub

- 1. To approve **Ms. Nicole Steinbach** as a Grade 5 Inclusion Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher from May 1, 2019 through June 7, 2019, at \$140/day with no benefits.

The following items were discussed for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, May 13, 2019:

Approval of 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.)

Motion: _____ ; **Second:** _____ ; **Motion Carried:** _____ that the nominations for Treasurer for the ensuing year be opened.

Nominations for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Motion: _____ ; **Second:** _____ ; **Motion Carried:** _____ that the nominations for Treasurer be closed.

Motion to Elect _____ **Treasurer of the Avonworth School District for the ensuing year.**

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

- 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.
- 1.2 Ratify the April, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,132,829.72.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for March, 2019.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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

- 5. To approve Resolution #051319 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 #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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Finance, continued

6. To approve Resolution #051319-B Supporting Statewide Cyber Charter School Funding Reform By the Board of Directors of the Avonworth School District.
7. To approve the service Agreement with The Watson Institute for training and consultation services for the 2019-2020 School Year.

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

1. To accept the resignation of _____ as a substitute Food Service Worker retroactive to April 12, 2019.
2. To approve _____ 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.
3. To approve summer hours for the following:
 - A. _____, Elementary School Counselor – 10 days
 - B. _____, Elementary Media Center Specialist – 4 days
 - C. _____, Primary Center Media Center Specialist - 4 Days
 - D. _____, Primary Center Counselor - 4 Days
 - E. _____, APC/AES Literacy Coach- 10 Days
 - F. _____, Grades 7-9 Counselor - 15 Days
 - G. _____, Grades 10-12 Counselor - 15 Days
 - H. _____, College & Career Counselor - 10 Days
 - I. _____, High School Guidance Secretary - 70 Hours
4. To approve _____ as School Physician for the 2019-2020 School Year.
5. To contract with ESS to provide substitute teacher services beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year.
6. To approve a change in assignment for _____ from Half Time Computer Teacher to Full Time Computer Teacher beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year.
7. To approve _____ 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.
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.

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

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.
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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

1. To approve a change in status for _____ from Shared Assistant Varsity Softball Coach to Assistant Varsity Softball Coach beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year.
2. To accept the Letter of Resignation from _____, as Half-Time Assistant 7/8 Softball Coach, retroactive to April 23, 2019.
3. To accept the Letter of Resignation from _____, as Assistant High School Basketball Coach, retroactive to April 24, 2019.
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.
 - A. Stand Together – Co-Sponsors: _____
 - B. G.O.L.D. Club – Co-Sponsors: _____
 - C. Chinese Club – Sponsor: _____
 - D. B.A.S.S. Club – Volunteer Sponsor: _____
5. To approve _____ as a volunteer Girls' Softball Coach retroactive to April 23, 2019, with no benefits, pending requirements of the District.

Athletics & Activities, continued

6. To approve _____ 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.

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

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

Old Business

Dr. Ralston said he received word that we have been awarded the \$90,000 Safety grant Part B that we had applied for.

New Business

No New Business

Adjournment

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn to an Executive Session at 10:10 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary