

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – November 25, 2019
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Ms. Sandra Bolain, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Vicki Carlson, Ms. Kathryn Monti,
Mr. Patrick Stewart, Ms. Kristin Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jeff Carraway, Mr. David Oberdick

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director, Fiscal Management
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Mr. Doug Haskins, Teacher
Ms. Yu-Ling Cheng, Board Member Elect
Ms. Danielle White, Board Member Elect
Mr. Jared Quinn, Resident
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Call to Order

Board President, Mr. Beau Blaser, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Visitors' Comments

At this time the Board welcomes any citizen to make comments or raise questions concerning our schools. If your comments relate to a particular staff member, we ask that you discuss them with the President prior to our meeting. (This permits us to hear you in an Executive Session if appropriate.) We will respond to you to the extent possible tonight, if additional information is needed, or if time runs short, we may ask to meet with you later. At the invitation of the President, visitors may participate during any discussion throughout the meeting.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee met November 21, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Board Room to discuss building and grounds matters. The Athletic Committee met November 25, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss athletic matters. The Curriculum Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM in the Primary Center K-LGI Room to discuss curriculum matters.

The following items were discussed for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Tuesday, December 3, 2019:

Approval of the Minutes of the November 4, 2019 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for October, 2019, beginning with Check #47851 and ending with Check #____ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.2 Ratify the October, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,207,710.64.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for October, 2019.
- 1.4 Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for October, 2019, beginning with Check #2686 and ending with Check #__ in the total amount of \$_____.
- 1.5 Approve the capital project payment in the amount of \$27,105.00.

2. To approve the following EITC letters retroactive to November 18, 2019:
 - A. Fern Hollow
 - B. Phipps Conservatory
 - C. The Bradley Center
 - D. The Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation

3. RESOLUTION #120319: To continue membership in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s Joint Purchasing Program as attached.

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

1. To accept the resignation of custodian, _____, retroactive to November 19, 2019.
2. To approve a \$3,000 salary adjustment for _____ due to his duties as the School Safety Coordinator effective with the 2019-2020 School Year.

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

1. To approve the Level One curriculum document written by _____ and _____ for ELA World Cultures and payment of \$962.00 to each for writing the equivalent of a full year course according to the current AEA contract.

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

1. To approve _____ as sponsor of the Student Ambassador Club for the 2019-2020 School Year with a stipend as per the current AEA contract.
2. To approve _____ as a volunteer Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, pending requirements of the District.
3. To approve _____ as an Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, pending requirements of the District.

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

1. To approve _____ as a school bus monitor and as a driver once she receives her CDL and has qualified under the laws and regulations as required by PA State Regulations.

Old Business

Dr. Ralston reminded Board members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

New Business

Mr. Waters is working on the 2020/2021 budget and should have preliminary numbers at the next Board meeting. Because 2020 is a Presidential election year, Act 1 requires an earlier budget timeline. The Act 1 Not To Exceed Resolution must be approved at the first meeting in January.

Dr. Ralston discussed the 2020 Board meeting calendar as well as Athletic and Curriculum Committee meetings for 2020.

Mr. Brandt and Mr. Waters discussed the need for additional bleachers at Lenzner Field for the graduation of the Class of 2021.

Adjournment

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:50 P.M. to an Executive Session to discuss a contract matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION #120319 OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
OF THE AVONWORTH SCHOOL BOARD**

**AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN AND APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, savings in the cost of preparing specifications and advertising for bids for school materials, supplies, equipment and services, as well as bulk price advantages, may be obtained through joint purchasing arrangements entered into by a number of school entities in the same area; and an agreement entitled “Joint Purchasing Agreement,” in a form prepared by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and as presented at this meeting, would afford the Avonworth School District (hereinafter “District/School”) an opportunity, if a Participant therein, to enjoy these possible joint purchasing benefits, without being required to participate in any bidding thereunder.

THEREFORE, in order to obtain the potential advantages of joint purchasing of school materials, supplies, equipment and services,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of this District/School hereby approves said Joint Purchasing Agreement and authorizes its participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program; directs that a copy thereof be filed with the minutes of this meeting as part of this Resolution; directs its Secretary to certify to the Executive Director of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit the adoption of this Resolution and the appointment of primary and alternate representatives to the Joint Purchasing Program; and directs its proper officers to execute said Agreement on behalf of this District/School.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND OF APPOINTEES

I, the undersigned, Cindy S. F. Donovan, Secretary of District/School, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of resolution adopted by said Board at a duly advertised public meeting thereof duly held on December 3, 2019, that the vote thereon was ____ in favor and ____ members against said resolution, and that a record showing each member’s vote thereon is set forth in the minutes.

I further certify that said Board of School Directors designates the following representatives to the Joint Purchasing Program referred to in said Resolution (conditioned upon said Agreement becoming effective):

Primary Representative

Name: Bradley T. Waters

Title: Director of Fiscal Mgmt.

E-mail: bwaters@avonworth.k12.pa.us

Alternate Representative

Name: Tracey Eck

Title: Payroll Specialist

E-mail: teck@avonworth.k12.pa.us____

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said District/School this 3rd day of December, 2019.

Board Secretary