

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – November 27, 2018
Avonworth School District – LGI Room
7:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Board President, Mr. David Oberdick, called the Work Session/General Purpose Meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jeff Carraway

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Mgmt.
Mr. Nick Mancini, Teacher
Ms. Sue Vandervort, Coach's Wife
Mr. Lucas Schriefer, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Tim Stewart, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Albert Valois, Student/Soccer Team
Ms. Samantha Gray, Parent
Mr. Kevin McGibbney, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Jonah Brandt, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Michael Mucha, Student/Soccer Team
Ms. Birgit Brandt, Parent
Ms. Dianne Ott, Parent
Mr. Connor Whalen, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Bob Whalen, Parent
Ms. Doreen Carraway, Parent
Mr. Tyler Le, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Jason Novosel, Student/Soccer Team
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*

Dr. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Tim Giel, Athletic Director
Mr. Doug Vandervort, Volleyball Coach
Mr. Owen North, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Andrew Ott, Student/Soccer Team
Ms. Diane Stewart, Parent
Ms. Kerry Dunseath, Parent
Mr. Brian Willis/Parent
Ms. Jill Adkins, Parent
Mr. Addison Dexter, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Sam Guzzo, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Johnathon Nicolaus, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Tom Angell, Soccer Coach
Mr. Darren Hunt, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Aymertic Verdier, Student/Soccer Player
Mr. Matthew Carraway, Student/Soccer Team
Mr. Tyler Bryan, Student/Soccer Team
Ms. Carrie Novosel, Parent
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments

Mr. Oberdick congratulated the High School Boys' Soccer Team and coaches for a wonderful season. Mr. Giel said he received compliments from superintendents and athletic directors from other schools on the team's good behavior and sportsmanship. They finished the season with a record of 23-1-1, going through the regular season and WPIAL's undefeated. Their accomplishments include:

- 2018 Lopes Cup Champions
- 2018 Section Champions
- 2018 WPIAL Class A Champions
- 2018 PIAA State runners-up

Coach Angell showed everyone the WPIAL Championship trophy, the PIAA Runners Up trophy, and the gold WPIAL and silver State medals. Dr. Ralston and Coach Angell presented each team member with a certificate.

Mr. Oberdick recognized Mr. Doug Vandervort who is retiring from coaching the High School Girls' Volleyball team. He thanked Mr. Vandervort for his 18 years of service. Mr. Giel presented Mr. Vandervort with a plaque commemorating his 250 wins, 18 playoff and WPIAL appearances. Mr. Vandervort thanked the Board for their support.

RECESS

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** J. Brandt; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to recess the Work Session/General Purpose Meeting to an Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss student matters.

RECONVENE

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:45 PM.

FOR VOTE AT THIS MEETING

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

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

1. To accept the resignation of **Mr. Angelo Volpe** as Lead Custodian, retroactive to November 23, 2018. *(Please note he will now hold the position of Building Custodian.)*

Lead Resignation

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

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

1. To approve the request of **Ms. Lynn Hartle** for her daughter, a 9th grade student, to compete as a non-school team competitor (independent) in gymnastics under the Avonworth name. **Ms. Hartle** is also requesting approval to act as her unpaid volunteer gymnastics coach during the 2018-2019 School Year, pending requirements of the District.

Vol. Gymnastics Coach

Athletics & Activities, continued

2. To approve **Ms. Dana Thomas** as a spotter/coach for a 9th grade student competing as a non-school team competitor (independent) in gymnastics under the Avonworth name for the 2018-2019 School Year, pending requirements of the District.

Vol. Gymnastics Coach

The following items are for discussion for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, December 3, 2018:

Approval of the Minutes of the November 5, 2018 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for November, 2018, beginning with Check # ____ and ending with Check # ____ in the total amount of \$ ____.
- 1.2 Ratify the November, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$1,201,205.49.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for October, 2018.
- 1.4 Approve Capital Project Fund payments in the amount of \$ ____.
- 1.5 Ratify payment of Athletic Fund checks for November, 2018, beginning with Check # ____ and ending with Check # ____ in the total amount of \$ ____.
- 1.6 Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for November, 2018, beginning with Check # ____ and ending with Check # ____ in the total amount of \$ ____.
2. To approve _____ to write a Studio A and Integrated CS Grable Foundation grant for up to \$62,000 retroactive to October 15, 2018.
3. Approval of the letter of agreement with Pressley Ridge regarding Service Coordination for individual students and possible placement in the programs they operate. There is no financial cost associated with this agreement; any costs pertain to the placement of individual students.

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

1. To approve a change in assignment for _____, High School Food Service Worker from 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (5 hours/day) to Lead at the Elementary School from 7:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. (6.25 hrs./day).
2. To extend child care leave for _____ from January 15, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

1. To declare several Elementary School library books as obsolete and to donate/dispose of accordingly.

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

1. Approval of the Comprehensive Plan for public view in December. Barring any changes, the Comprehensive Plan will be placed on the agenda for approval in January, 2019.

Dr. Ralston explained the State requirement for submission of a Comprehensive Plan every three years.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Mr. Oberdick shared thank you notes from the fifth graders for National Education Week.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Brandt; **Second:** K. Thompson; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary