

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – October 7, 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, Ms. Kristin Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Hadley, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management
Ms. Keera Dwulit, High School Principal
Mr. Dean Zuppe, Teacher
Ms. Yu-Ling Cheng, Parent
Mr. Ryan Olszewski, Parent
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 7:33 P.M.

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments.

Dr. Hadley discussed the 2018-2019 Keystone and PSSA data. We are significantly above the State averages in many areas. At the next meeting he will provide the top three areas that show we are going in the right direction.

Mr. Blaser noted that the Athletic Committee met this evening at 6:30 P.M. to discuss athletic matters.

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

Mr. Oberdick brought forward the following motions for vote this evening:

Motion: D. Oberdick; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 2 and 4 from the October 14, 2019 Regular Agenda:

2. To accept the resignation of Head Varsity Baseball Coach, **Mr. Dan Pomposelli**, *Resignation*
retroactive to October 2, 2019.

Athletics & Activities, continued

- 4. To approve **Ms. Madison Start** as Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach for the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend according to the current AEA contract, pending requirements of the District. *Asst. Cheer Coach*

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

Mrs. Carlson brought forward the following motion for vote this evening:

Motion: V. Carlson; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve item 7 from the October 14, 2019 Regular Agenda:

- 7. To approve the adjudication of Students 101419-A, 101419-B, 101419-C, and 101419-D. *Adjudication*

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

Approval of the Minutes of the September 3, 2019 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for September, 2019, beginning with Check #47419 and ending with Check #47552 in the total amount of \$6,411,653.35. (Note: Includes \$6,000,000 for PSDLAF investment)
- 1.2 Ratify the September, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$1,192,394.38.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for August, 2019.
- 1.4 Ratify payment of Food Service Fund checks for September, 2019, beginning with Check #2672 and ending with Check #2681 in the total amount of \$22,775.83. *(See web folder)*
- 1.5 Ratify capital project payment in the amount of \$7,920.00. *(See web folder)*
- 2. To approve _____ to attend the Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching Conference October 28-29, 2019 in State College at a cost not to exceed \$300 plus mileage to be paid from Title IV Professional Development Funds. No substitute is needed.
- 3. To approve _____ and _____ to attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference in Cincinnati, OH November 14-16, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$2,428 which includes mileage, materials, transportation, and substitute costs.

Finance, continued

- 4. To approve _____ to attend the A.P. English Language and Literature Workshop on November 8, 2019 in Cleveland, OH at a cost not to exceed \$679.00 which includes mileage, materials, registration and substitute cost.
- 5. To approve _____, _____, _____, and _____ to attend a Classrooms Without Borders Educational Leadership seminar in Israel from March 15 to March 26, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.

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

- 1. To accept the resignation of _____, Food Service Lead, retroactive to September 23, 2019.
- 2. To approve _____ as a substitute custodian retroactive to September 16, 2019, at a rate of \$13.24/hour, with no benefits, pending requirements of the district.
- 3. To hire _____ as a Food Service worker retroactive to September 25, 2019, pending requirements of the District, as per the terms of the AESPA agreement.
- 4. To approve _____ as a Primary Center Paraprofessional retroactive to October 8, 2019, according to the current AESPA contract, pending requirements of the District.
- 5. To approve the following staff members as tutors for the 2019-2020 School Year with an hourly rate according to the current AEA contract:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
 - e) _____
 - f) _____
 - g) _____
 - h) _____
 - i) _____
 - j) _____
 - k) _____
 - l) _____
 - m) _____

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

- 1. To approve the Level One curriculum document written by _____ for Fourth Grade Science and payment of \$1,445.00 to _____ for writing the equivalent of a one-semester course according to the current AEA contract.

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

- 1. To accept the proposal from Dobil Laboratories for district-wide camera system and security upgrades. (Note: 70% of the funding is through a safety and security grant) *(See web folder)*

Mr. Waters said of the \$115,000 we received from the Safety and Security grant through the State we upgraded the Elementary and Middle School PA systems. We are applying for two grants, one is a meritorious grant that we could use for a school social worker and the other is a competitive grant.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – K. Monti/K. Thompson, Co-Chairs

1. The amount of \$800 to cover the cost of meals and transportation for the Senior Citizen dress rehearsal of the Fall play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

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

1. To approve the following winter sports coaches for the 2019-2020 School Year:
Boys' Varsity Basketball Head Coach – _____
Boys' Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach – _____
Boys' 8th grade Basketball Coach – _____
Boys' 7th grade Basketball Coach – _____
Boys' Varsity Wrestling Head Coach – _____
Boys' Middle School Wrestling Head Coach – _____
Boys' Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach – _____
Boys' Varsity Weightlifting Head Coach (Shared) – _____
Boys' Varsity Weightlifting Head Coach (Shared) – _____
Bocce (Shared) – _____
Bocce (Shared) – _____
- ~~2. To accept the resignation of Head Varsity Baseball Coach, _____, retroactive to October 2, 2019.~~
3. To approve _____ as a volunteer chaperone for the High School Volleyball team beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year, pending requirements of the District.
- ~~4. To approve _____ as Assistant Varsity Cheerleading 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 fifth grade teachers, nurse, and volunteers to accompany fifth grade students to Camp Kon-O-Kwee May 13-14, 2020 and permission for students attending to be absent two field trip days; and permission for high school counselors attending to be absent two field trip days. Field trip fees will be paid by the students. Costs to the District will be six substitute teachers for two full days and transportation. AEA members will be compensated per the AEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Policy, continued

2. To approve an overnight field trip for a maximum of 40 Grade 9-12 students to New York City with departure at 10:00 P.M. on Friday, November 22, 2019 and return approximately 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Cost is \$250 per student. The trip is organized by students and includes four to five chaperones including the High School Principal and Assistant Principal.
3. To approve an overnight field trip for the sixth grade to Washington D.C. May 6-7, 2020. The trip will be chaperoned by staff as well as a nurse and an administrator. Staff and students will miss two days of school. Transportation via Lenzner Coach Lines. Five substitutes will be needed for two days. AEA members will be compensated per the AEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
4. To rename the current Middle/High School Jazz Band to “Jazz Ensemble” effective with the 2019-2020 School Year.
5. To create a “Jazz Band” as an extracurricular activity beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year with _____ as the sponsor with a stipend according to the current AEA contract.
6. To approve the application for a YoungLife Club as a Provisional Club in the Middle/High School beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year. Sponsor for this club will be _____.
7. ~~To approve the adjudication of Students 101419-A, 101419-B, 101419-C, and 101419-D.~~

Old Business

Mr. Waters reported on the bond refinancing. Current Standard & Poor rating is AA-, the market is holding and we could go to market as early as Wednesday.

New Business

Mr. Waters reported on the 2018-2019 audit. Auditors have completed their audit and Mr. Vancheri will present the numbers in more detail at the January Board meeting.

Dr. Ralston introduced Ms. Yu-Ling Cheng, a candidate for School Board. He called attention to the HundrED Research Report at members’ places which features a story on JAM and #bethekindkid. Dr. Ralston also reported on the recent power outage at the secondary campus. Teachers and students were able to hold classes using their Chromebooks and other methods of teaching. Through a grant from the Grable Foundation, we are holding a Motherhood workshop in the LGI on October 25.

Adjournment

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** P. Stewart; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Work Session/General Purpose Meeting at 8:20 P.M. to an Executive Session to discuss contract and safety matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan, Board Secretary