

**Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – September 4, 2018
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Board President, David Oberdick, called the Work Session/General Purpose Meeting to order at 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. Jeff Hadley, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary**

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments.

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

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

1. To approve the following mentors for the 2018-2019 School Year:
 - a) **Mr. Mike Lincoln** as a Mentor for Ms. Jill Shumaker, Half-Time Computer Teacher
 - b) **Ms. Jennifer Wickert** for Ms. Lucy Negron, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - c) **Ms. Melissa DeSimone** for Ms. JoAnne Bova, Speech/Language Teacher
 - d) **Ms. Lauren Zivic** for Ms. Lauren Pearce, Full Time Speech Therapist
 - e) **Ms. Irene Pendel** for Ms. Brittney Rene Mills, Half Time Speech Therapist

Mentors

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

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

1. To approve the bus schedules for the 2018-2019 School Year distributed by First Student, subject to change.

Bus Schedules

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

Motion: K. Thompson; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous voice vote to approve items 1-2:

1. To ratify the changes to the Avonworth School District Student Handbook & Discipline Code for the 2018-2019 School Year. *Student Handbook Changes*

2. To approve the eligible First Student bus operators and bus monitors who have qualified under the laws and regulations as required by PA State Regulations. *Bus Operators & Monitors*

The following items were discussed for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, September 10, 2018:

Approval of the Minutes of the August 6, 2018 Work Session/General Purpose Meeting and the August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting. (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1 Ratify payment of General Fund bills for August, 2018, beginning with Check # _____ and ending with Check # _____ in the total amount of \$ _____.
- 1.2 Ratify the August, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$912,052.72.
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report for July, 2018.
- 1.4 Approve Capital Project Fund payments in the amount of \$ _____.
- 1.5 Approve year-end Budget Transfers as attached.

2. To approve _____ and _____ to attend the League of Innovative Schools Fall 2018 Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT from October 9-12, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 each. A portion of the expense will be reimbursed by the League of Innovative Schools.

3. To approve _____ to attend the Superintendent’s Professional Development Program October 3-5, 2018 in Bedford Springs, PA, at no cost to the District.

4. To approve the Title I Non-Public Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for non-public services during the 2018-2019 School Year at a cost of \$2,982.00 (to be paid using allocated Title I funds). *(Annual contract for services of students who reside in our district but attend non-public schools.)*

5. To approve the Title IIA Non-Public Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for non-public services during the 2018-2019 School Year at a cost of \$2,035.00 (to be paid using allocated Title II funds). *(Annual contract for services of students who reside in our district but attend non-public schools.)*

6. To approve the Kennywood School Picnic Agreement for Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Finance, continued

7. To approve the following newspapers of record for the 2018-2019 School Year:
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| The Citizen | The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette |
| The Pittsburgh Tribune Review | The New Pittsburgh Courier |

With some newspapers eliminating paper copies and going digital, the question arose of the legality of advertising in on-line newspapers. Mr. Oberdick will look into this matter.

8. District petty cash funds for the 2018-2019 School Year as follows:
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| Business Office - \$200 | Athletic Dept. - \$1,000 (<i>ticket booth operation</i>) |
| Food Service Dept. - \$500 | Life Skills/Special Education - \$200 |
9. To approve the Student Teacher Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh for the years 2018-2019 through 2022-2023, retroactive to August 23, 2018.

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

1. To rescind the motion of August 13, 2018 granting Professional Employee status and the issuance of a Professional Employee contract for **Ms. Julia Udovich and Ms. Jana Stahl**. (*Tenure will be issued at a later date*)
2. To move to record in the Minutes of this meeting that _____ has attained Professional Employee status and will be issued a Professional Employee contract as per PA School Code #1108 and #1121
3. To accept the resignation of _____, Paraprofessional effective retroactive to August 16, 2018.
4. To accept the resignation of _____, Food Service worker retroactive to July 18, 2018.
5. To approve the request of _____, Food Service worker, for a leave of absence from August 27, 2018 through January 1, 2019.
6. To approve the following as Paraprofessionals commencing August 24, 2018, according to the current AESPA contract, pending requirements of the District.
 - a)
 - b)
7. To approve **Dr. Jay Micucci, DDS** continue as School Dentist for the 2018-2019 School Year at a rate of \$10.00 per student exam.

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

1. PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For President-elect: Mr. Eric Wolfgang, Central York SD (York Co.)

Motion to elect: _____ as President-elect of the PSBA Board
_____ **second**; Roll Call or Voice Vote

Declare _____ as the Avonworth School Board choice for
President –elect of PSBA Board.

For Vice President: Mr. Art Levinowitz, Upper Dublin SD (Montgomery Co.)

Motion to elect: _____ as Vice President of the PSBA Board
_____ **second**; Roll Call or Voice Vote

Declare _____ as the Avonworth School Board choice for Vice
President of PSBA Board.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS – ELECTION OF PSBA INSURANCE TRUSTEES.

There are currently three seats open and three candidates. A school entity may vote for up to three individuals. (Term ends Dec. 31, 2021)

- Mr. William S. LaCoff (Owen J. Roberts SD), PSBA Past President
- Dr. Richard Frerichs (Penn Manor SD), PSBA Past President
- Mr. Nathan Mains, PSBA CEO

Motion to elect _____, _____, and _____, as PSBA Insurance Trustees,
_____ **second**; Roll Call or Voice Vote

Declare : _____, _____, and _____, as the Avonworth School Board choices
for PSBA Insurance Trustees.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARIES FORUM STEERING COMMITTEE. Term
ends Dec. 21, 2019. Choose up to three incumbents for a one year term.

- Mr. Brian Feick (Leighton Area SD)
- Ms. Lorraine Rocco (Freedom Area SD)
- Ms. Bethanne Zeigler (Shikellamy SD)

Motion to elect _____, _____, and _____, as PSBA Secretaries Forum
Steering Committee, _____ **second**; Roll Call or Voice Vote

Declare: _____, _____, and _____, as the Avonworth School Board
choices for PSBA Secretaries Forum Steering Committee.

FORUM STEERING COMMITTEE. Term ends Dec. 31, 2020. Choose up to two candidates for a two year term.

- Mr. Peter Bard (Weatherly Area SD)
- Ms. Anita Kaseman (Quakertown Community SD)
- Ms. Denise LaPera (Lower Merion SD)

Motion to elect _____, and _____, as PSBA Forum Steering Committee, _____ **second**; Roll Call or Voice Vote

Declare : _____, and _____, as the Avonworth School Board choices for PSBA Insurance Trustees.

(The Board Secretary will cast the PSBA online vote on behalf of the Avonworth School Board vote at the Regular Meeting.)

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES – D. Oberdick/E. Templin, Co-Chairs

1. To approve two additional Lunch Monitor positions at the Elementary School for the 2018-2019 School Year, with a stipend per the AEA contract.
2. To approve an additional PM Dismissal-Parent Pick Up supplemental position at the Elementary School for the 2018-2019 School Year.
3. To approve the following as Lunch Duty Monitors at the Primary Center for the 2018-2019 School Year, with a stipend per the AEA contract, pending requirements of the District:
 - a) _____ as Kindergarten Lunch Duty Monitor
 - b) _____ and _____ as Shared Kindergarten Lunch Duty Monitors
 - c) _____ as a Substitute Lunch Duty Monitor
4. To approve the Supplemental Sponsors for the 2018-2019 School Year as attached.
5. To approve _____ as a Volunteer Middle School Football Coach for the 2018-2019 School Year. Clearances are on file in the District Office.
6. To approve _____, _____, and _____ as Club Bowling coaches for the 2018-2019 School Year, pending requirements of the District.

Old Business

Dr. Ralston noted the gates at the elementary campus are now in use. He also noted that Corp. Chris Simcoviak, is doing a great job on both campuses. We are working with the Ohio Township Police Department for coverage with their officers on our campuses. Dr. Ralston met with a potential candidate for a School Security Officer position and the candidate needs to acquire an Act 120 certification in order to carry a gun.

New Business

Dr. Ralston discussed holding a Board Meeting at the A. W. Beattie Career Center. Mr. Heasley would give Board members a tour of the facility. Mr. Stewart would like to take a look at buildings and grounds. Discussed scheduling a Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting before a Board Meeting. Ms. Bolain would like to know the number of sports teams that use our fields. Dr. Ralston discussed the possibility of doing another demographics study.

Adjournment

Motion: P. Stewart; **Second:** J. Carraway; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss contract and personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary