

**Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Avonworth Board of School Directors
Minutes – Work Session/General Purpose Meeting – September 5, 2017
Avonworth School District – Board Room
7:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Beau Blaser, Mr. John Brandt, Ms. Vicki Carlson, Ms. Kathryn Monti (arrived 7:45 PM), Mr. David Oberdick, Ms. Kristin Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jeff Carraway, Patrick Stewart, Mr. Eric Templin

OTHERS PRESENT

**Dr. Thomas Ralston, Superintendent
Dr. Ken Lockette, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Brad Waters, Director of Fiscal Management
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Renae Daniels-Simmons, Parent
Ms. Erika Langford, Parent
Nancy White, *The Citizen*
Ms. Cindy Donovan, Board Secretary**

Call to Order

Board President, David Oberdick, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments.

Mr. Oberdick read the following: The Athletic Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM in the Board Room to discuss athletic matters.

The following items are for discussion for placement on the agenda of the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, August 14, 2017:

Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of August 7, 2017 and the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017 (Voice Vote)

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

- 1.1** Ratify payment of General Fund bills for August, 2017, beginning with Check #42283 and ending with Check #42477 in the total amount of \$1,331,802.44.
- 1.2** Ratify the August, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$811,076.58.
- 1.3** Treasurer's Report for July, 2017.
- 1.4** Ratify Construction Fund payment of \$15,775.00.

9. Approval of _____ as a substitute Paraprofessional at the daily rate established by the District (\$11.43/hour), commencing September 12, 2017, pending requirements of the District.
10. To approve the request of _____ for an educational sabbatical commencing January 9, 2018 through June 4, 2018.
11. To approve the request of _____ for a sabbatical commencing August 16, 2017 through January 8, 2018.
12. To approve _____ as an extended Day-to-Day Primary Center 2nd Grade Substitute, retroactive to August 21, 2017, at \$140/day, with no benefits.
13. To approve _____ as a mentor for _____, for the 2017-2018 School Year
14. To approve _____ as School Dentist for the 2017-2018 School Year at a rate of \$10.00 per student exam.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – P. Stewart/K. Thompson, Co-Chairs

1. To approve the bus schedules for the 2017-2018 School Year distributed by First Student, subject to change.

Dr. Ralston noted there were a few concerns with students switching buses but First Student has said students should ride the bus they were assigned. Buses have a GPS that tracks how long students are on the bus. The Activity Bus began today and will run Monday through Thursday. It departs the Middle School entrance at 4PM.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES

**For President-elect: David Hutchinson, State College Area SD (Centre Co.)
Mr. Otto W. Voit III, Muhlenberg SD (Berks 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. Eric Wolfgang, Central York SC (York Co.)
Mr. Gary Michael Smedley, Carbondale Area SD (Lackawanna 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.

For Treasurer: Mr. Mike Gossert, Cumberland Valley SC (Cumberland Co.)

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

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

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES

For Western At Large (three year term):

- Mr. Daniel O’Keefe, Northgate School District

For PSBA Insurance Trustees: (Term ends Dec. 31, 2020)

- Mr. Michael Faccinetto (Bethlehem Area SD), PSBA President
- Ms. Marianne L. Neel (West Jefferson Hills SD), PSBA Past President

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.

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

CURRICULUM – J. BRANDT/V. CARLSON, Co-Chairs

1. Approval of curriculum for the following courses:
 - a. Biology
 - b. Earth & Space Science
 - c. Humanities Chemistry
 - d. Humanities Physics
 - e. STEM Chemistry
 - f. STEM Physics

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

1. To approve _____ as a volunteer High School Football Coach for the 2017-2018 School Year, with no benefits, retroactive to August 14, 2017, pending requirements of the District.
2. To approve _____ as a volunteer Middle School Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2017-2018 School Year, with no benefits, retroactive to August 28, 2017, pending requirements of the District.
3. To accept the resignation of _____ as Assistant Baseball Coach retroactive to August 29, 2017.
4. Approval of the Supplemental Sponsors for the 2017-2018 School Year as attached.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – E. Templin/B. Blaser, Co-Chairs

1. To award the contract for the Avonworth LGI/STEM Room Project for general construction to _____ in the amount of \$_____.
2. To award the contract for the Avonworth LGI/STEM Room Project for HVAC construction to _____ in the amount of \$_____.
3. To award the contract for the Avonworth LGI/STEM Room Project for plumbing construction to _____ in the amount of \$_____.
4. To award the contract for the Avonworth LGI/STEM Room Project for electrical construction to _____ in the amount of \$_____.
5. To declare the following as obsolete and unusable and that they be disposed of:
 - a. One teacher desk
 - b. Three wooden tables
 - c. Three metal tables
 - d. One fish tank base
 - e. One bookcase
 - f. One keyboard: Triton Korg X2 Music Workstation with case
 - g. One keyboard: Triton Korg Extreme Workstation with case
 - h. Three keyboard amps

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

1. To approve the Avonworth School District Faculty Handbook for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

Ms. Taylor discussed Safe Schools which is a company that provides on-line training series for coaches and other staff members for \$9/person. She and Mr. Giel are gathering information from other schools who use this system.

In response to Mr. Brandt’s inquiries, Dr. Ralston discussed orientation for new students, the 1:1 rollout, and lunch detention. He also discussed definition of the term “inappropriate” emails and referred to the District’s Acceptable Use Policy. Dr. Ralston also advised that Mr. Brandon Gary, IT Manager, is researching ways to keep our computer system running while investigations are being conducted. Dr. Ralston and Dr. Lockette discussed how Ms. Dwulit, High School Principal, had notified families of changes to the Drug and Alcohol policy. She had also spoken to students in each classroom about the policy.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Brandt; **Second:** B. Blaser; **Motion Carried:** Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the Work Session at 8:20 P.M. to an Executive Session to discuss personnel and contract matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. F. Donovan,
Board Secretary