

BOARD MINUTES
October 13, 2011
7:30 P.M.
Avon Grove Intermediate School

• **CALL TO ORDER**

In President Weidenmuller's absence, Vice President L'Heureux called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session after this evening's meeting.

• **ROLL CALL**

Board members present at roll call included: John Bartley, Herman Engel, Brian Gaerity, Dennis Gerber, Debra L'Heureux, Bill Pew, and Bonnie Wolff.

In addition, approximately 10 members of the public were present.

– **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

– **COMMITTEES**

– Facilities – Dennis Gerber reported on Tuesday evening's meeting. The next meeting will be November 8, 2011 following the Finance Committee meeting.

– Curriculum – Debra L'Heureux reported that

- The October 7th professional development day was a busy day for our teachers in the district. Teachers participated in a variety of workshops that focused on a range of topics aligned with the districts professional development plan. Teacher leaders within the district facilitated the workshops and teachers were able to choose the sessions to attend that would best meet their goals for the year.
- The alternate professional development plan began this week with over 150 teachers taking part in afterschool training modules focused on best instructional practices. These are the training modules that are in lieu of the May 25th professional development day. Winter and spring modules are planned as well.
- The district has been provided with the i-Safe program materials which focus on internet safety education for students, teachers and parents. A team of teachers including our instructional technology coaches and librarians, are in the process of reviewing the materials and mapping out an implementation plan to begin to infuse these materials into our school programs. More information will be presented to the CAC about the i-Safe program later this fall.

– CCIU – Brenda Grandazio updated the Board Members on a number of current and future events at the Intermediate Unit.

- Personnel – Bonnie Wolff reported that the committee met this evening. The committee will meet again on November 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance/Budget – Bill Pew reported that the committee met last Tuesday. They reviewed reporting requirements. The budget process has begun. It is going to be another challenging budget year.
- PA Legislative Committee and Policy Updates - Jack Bartley reported on a number of updates from the recent Legislative Council meeting.

- AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Strategic Facilities Committee – Bob Weidenmuller was not present.
- Community Outreach Committee – Brian Gaerity reported that a first meeting of the committee is being planned for next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is invited to attend and serve on this committee.

• STUDENT COMMENTS

Tom Rudisill and Kellie Forbes updated the board on recent events and also announced some upcoming events.

• PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments must be addressed to agenda items only. Comments by individual members of the public will be limited to two (2) minutes during each comment period in accordance with the Board's rules. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer rather than to individuals.

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Dennis Gerber made the **Motion**, seconded by Jack Bartley, to approve the business office items listed below. A roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 7 -0.

- I. **Motion** to acknowledge the receipt of a donation, in the amount of \$500.00, from the Avon Grove Lions Foundation, Inc., to the Avon Grove Intermediate School Robotics Club.
- II. **Motion** to acknowledge the receipt for the donation of a telescopes, valued at \$700.00, from Marilyn Michalski and Robert Midiri to Avon Grove Intermediate School.
- III. **Motion** to acknowledge the receipt of a donation, in the amount of \$500.00 from the West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club to the Avon Grove Intermediate School Robotics Team.

- IV. **Motion** to acknowledge the receipt of a donation, in the amount of \$1,000.00, from Frederick Means to the Avon Grove Sports Boosters Funds for the Avon Grove High School Golf Team.
- V. **Motion** to approve a contract with **G. A. Clanton, Inc.**, to provide snow removal services for the 2011-2012 school year at a base rate of \$82.94 per hour.
- VI. **Motion** to authorize participation in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust Certificate of Deposit Placement Program for the purchase of certificates of deposit, fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).
- VII. **Motion** to authorize participation in the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund Certificate of Deposit Purchase Plan for the purchase of certificates of deposit, fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

VIII. **Motion** to approve the following financial reports for the month of **September 2011**
Financial Reports:

General Fund	Food Service Fund
Capital Projects Fund	Student Activity Fund

IX. **Motion** to approve Bills for payment: **September 15, 2011 to October 5, 2011**

General Fund	Wire Transfers	\$1,389,988.21	
	#61462 - #66111	<u>\$1,665,967.08</u>	\$3,055,955.29
Capital Projects Fund	#66112 - #66113		\$7,140.04
Cafeteria Fund	#3597- #3621		\$81,883.20
Student Activity Fund	#0604- #0627		\$13,096.20
Total			<u>\$3,158,074.73</u>

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (Routine, Personnel, Staff and Students)

- Bill Pew made the **Motion**, seconded by Bonnie Wolff, to approve the consent agenda consisting of Routine, Personnel, Staff and Student. A roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 7-0.

I. **Routine**

- A. Approve the School Board Minutes of September 22, 2011.

II. **Personnel**

A. **Resignations/Releases/Retirements/Leaves:**

Instructional

- 1. Family and Medical Leave of Absence / Childrearing Leave of **Megan Beatson**, Teacher at Penn London Elementary School, from January 2, 2012 through March 23, 2012.

2. Family and Medical Leave of Absence / Childrearing Leave of **Andrea Sarkissian**, Teacher at Fred S. Engle Middle School, from December 5, 2011 through March 30, 2012.

Non-Instructional

1. Retirement of **Ann Conner**, Custodian (Full Time) at Avon Grove High School, effective December 30, 2011.
2. Resignation of **Denise Durant**, Non-Instructional Aide (Clerical) at Avon Grove High School, effective October 6, 2011.
3. Resignation of **Anne Puoci**, Non-Instructional Aide (Clerical) at Avon Grove High School effective October 4, 2011.

B. Appointments

Instructional

1. Appointment of **Erin Leone** as a Long Term Substitute Employee at Avon Grove Intermediate School beginning on October 17, 2011 and concluding at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, Step 4, Bachelors+15. Ms. Leone is a graduate of York College (B.S.– Business) and received her Elementary Education certification at West Chester University. Reason for opening: Childrearing Leave of Elizabeth Blackburn.

Non-Instructional

1. Recall to employment of **Amy Bohon**, as an Instructional Aide (504 Student) at Avon Grove High School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 3, 2011. Reason for opening: Resignation of Judith England.
2. Recall to employment of **Diane Mascitelli**, as a Non-Instructional Aide (Materials and Production Clerk) in Special Education (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 3, 2011. Reason for opening: Resignation of Catherine Westley.
3. Recall to employment of **Anne Puoci**, as a Non-Instructional Aide (Clerical) at Avon Grove High School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 11, 2011. Reason for opening: Resignation of Denise Durant.
4. Recall to employment of **Judith Reschka**, as a Non-Instructional Aide (Clerical) in Food Services (5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 3, 2011. Reason for opening: Resignation of Marisol Zamudio Rodriguez.
5. Change of status of **Anthony Yodice** from Substitute Cafeteria Worker to General Food Service Worker (C3) at Avon Grove High School, 90 days/year, 5 hours/day, at an hourly wage of \$11.20 effective October 3, 2011. Reason for opening: Transfer of Dawn Chalmers.

III. Staff and Students

- A. **Motion** to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avon Grove School District and the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) for CCIU to provide remedial reading instructional services in accordance with the Title I Reading Program at Assumption B.V. M. School at a cost of \$1,216.
- B. **Motion** to approve the Student Assistance Support Group Program Services and Referral Agreement between Human Services, Inc., and the Avon Grove School District. The Student Assistance Support Group Program Services will be provided at no cost to the Avon Grove School District for the 2011-2012 school year.
- C. **Motion** to approve the Avon Grove High School Varsity Cheerleaders to host the 2011-2012 Ches-Mont Cheerleading Championships at Avon Grove High School on Sunday, January 29, 2012.
- D. **Motion** to approve the Enrollment Contractual Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year between Valley Forge Educational Services [through The Vanguard School Division], a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation with its address at 1777 North Valley Road, Post Office Box 730, Paoli, PA and the Avon Grove School District for specialized educational and related services for one student at an annual tuition rate of \$45,185.00.
- E. **Motion** to approve additional District Substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

Instructional

Last Name	First Name
Collins	Kathleen
Harmer	Lorraine
Hartman	Rebecca
McBride	Ashley
Rech	Greta
Sedlak	Cynthia
Slesinski	Alyse

- F. **Motion** to approve the following student teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Student Teacher	College/University	Dates	Cooperating Teacher	School
Renee Davidson	U of D	10/24/11-12/16/11	Donna Elmore	PLE
Kasie Hepfinger	U of D	10/24/11-12/16/11	Melissa Jackson	MS

G. **Motion** to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2011 – 2012 school year upon the execution of a signed contract:

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Supplemental	Employee
Tennis, Girls	Debbie Ward
Tennis, Asst. Girls	Elizabeth Wilkinson
SADD Advisor	Margie DiPasqua (50%)
SADD Advisor	Kristie Testa (50%)

H. Conference Request:

- **Avon Grove High School Marching Band** to practice on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at Avon Grove High School Stadium followed by attending the Band Championship at Hershey Park Stadium, Hershey, PA. Funding Source: Avon Grove High School Band Account.
- **Avon Grove High School Marching Band** to practice on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at Avon Grove High School Stadium followed by attending the Band Chapter Championship at Springford High School, Royersford, PA. Funding Source: Avon Grove High School Band Account.
- **Dr. Wendi Lee Foltz** to attend the Executive Board Meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators in Bedford, PA on December 1-2, 2011. Funding Source: All costs are paid by the Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators. No cost to the District.

● **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Pew noted that a few school board meetings may need to be shifted due to the voting schedule for the budget. Mr. Gerber suggested that these dates be adjusted on the board meeting schedule to be considered at the board's Organizational meeting in December.

● **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Prior to this evening's meeting, Dr. Massaro visited The Garage in West Grove. This will be an excellent resource for the students in our district. They have done an excellent job creating their facility. He believes that the Board would be very impressed.

● **PUBLIC COMMENT**

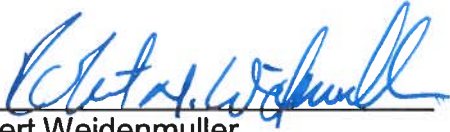
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Leslie Erb Wallace

Announced the Middle School 5 K race on October 29, 2011.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Bonnie Wolff made the **Motion**, seconded by Dennis Gerber, to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken, with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 7 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Robert Weidenmuller
President



Wendi Lee Foltz, Ed.D.
Secretary

