

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 2019 BOARD MEETINGS

Student Council Report: Gage Watson, Student Council Representative, provided a Student Council update. He mentioned an upcoming Penny Wars. Gage also mentioned the upcoming Arts Odyssey festival.

A Beattie Student report was provided, including the upcoming Open House on February 28. It was also mentioned that they are going to have several Fish Fry events, and the auto students participated in World of Wheels. It was also mentioned the cosmetology students will participate in a show.

Superintendent's Report: Cottrill, Arbutina provided a report of the District's 2017-18 local audit.

Dr. Johns mentioned the Arts Odyssey scheduled for March 1st. She announced that the Allegheny Intermediate Unit donated some books to our school library on behalf of Mr. Daniel O'Keefe who also serves on the AIU Board. She also mentioned an upcoming legislative meeting, as well as the annual AIU Convention.

The Board approved the following items at their February 19, 2019 Board meeting:

- Approved the following use of facility requests:
 - a) The request from the Steps to Independence to use two classrooms at the Middle/High School from July 1 to August 9, 2019, (excluding July 4) Monday through Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for their summer camp.
 - b) The request of eMotion Dance Academy to use the high school auditorium for two performances, one on Friday, May 17, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m., and one on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from noon to 4:00 p.m. tentatively. Also, to use the auditorium for a dress rehearsal the evening of May 15, 2019, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - c) The request of Smith Brothers Agency to use space at the high school (pool area, cafeteria, a classroom and 1st floor back hallway) one evening to set up, and on a Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. to film a video sometime in March.
- Approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Lease Agreements for two classrooms (Head Start and Pre-K) at Bellevue Elementary. Also, the Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Lease Agreement for a classroom at the Northgate Middle/High School for a DART classroom.

- Approved the proposal from PSI to perform test borings and provide a geotechnical report for use in the design of the new stadium light pole foundations at Bellevue Alumni Field.
- Approved a supplemental contract for Stephon Matthis as an Assistant Football Coach for the fall season of 2019-20.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report, Bill List and Tax Refunds.
- Approved budget transfers of \$500 from 221035 (BES Library Supplies) to 238603 (BES Principal Supplies) and \$1,400 from 225602 (BES Library Books) to 238603 (BES Principal Supplies).
- Approved the renewal of the District's contract with UGI Energy Services for the supply of natural gas at a Contract Price equal to the Commodity Price - \$0.390 per Dth basis. The contract start date will be September 1, 2019.
- Approved to retain Concord Public Financial Advisors, Inc. ("Concord") as its financial advisor and authorizes the Director of Finance & Operations to sign the engagement letter with Concord.
- Approved an amendment with ESS to increase the substitute custodial rate from \$9.50 an hour to \$11.00 an hour. Also, the Board approved an increase for substitute teacher assistants and substitute secretaries from \$9.50 an hour to \$11.00 an hour.
- Approved a Resolution urging the General Assembly to adequately invest in public schools and students.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Rose Kasunic as an elementary teacher at Avalon Elementary effective March 31, 2019.
- Nominated Mr. Daniel O'Keefe as a candidate for the AIU Board of School Directors for a three year position from July 2019 to June 2022.

The Board also approved the following items at their February 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Approved the following use of facility requests:
 - a) Approved the request of the Avalon 6th grade parents to use the Avalon Elementary gym on Friday, February 22, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a dance as a fundraiser for the 6th grade Washington, D.C. trip.
 - b) Approved the request of the Bellevue PTO to use the Bellevue auditorium for a Movie Night as a fundraiser on Friday, February 22, 2019, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Approved Donna Sherman as a part-time teacher assistant effective February 19, 2019.

- Approved meals and mileage for three days (not to exceed \$350) for Mrs. Gretchen Monahan to attend the Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo & Conference to be held in Hershey, PA in February. The cost for registration for the conference and lodging will be covered by SMART.