

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
June 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Natale, Vice President, at 7:08 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Kiefer, Mr. Olson (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Mr. Terrick, Ms. Youngblood, and Mr. Natale

Absent: Mr. Ducar and Mrs. Cannon

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Berk

Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Danielle N. Zagnacky*, Steel Valley Graduate, Class of 2001; *Jon Dilling*, brother of Terrie Hoffman, middle school language arts teacher; *Lawrence W. McKern*, father of Larry McKern, middle school special education teacher; and *Laurel Parenti*, grandmother of Jamie Dolton, Family Consumer Science Teacher.

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

No report

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- The administrators attended the Teacher Effectiveness Model training in Beaver County today, and the staff is working hard preparing for the start of the school year.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

No Report

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

No report

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman - who would pay for clearances and Mr. Wehrer said the person wanting to volunteer; Item 1.3 is not a normal reimbursement and Mr. Wehrer said a commitment was made via email; what revisions were made to facility and fundraising requests and asked what signage is not acceptable; Item 5.1 a donation – any grade limit; Item 6.0 is anyone related to Board or administration; Item 6.1 why Mr. Marnell did not accept, Item 6.2 how long an interim position; what was Item 1.4; who is new appointee for the tax collection committee – next meeting is July 10 at 3:00 p.m. in Greentree; Item 6.6 what is the percentage of raise if approved.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion to accept the bid by Anthony Barna to do an appraisal on behalf of the school district for the assessment appeal trial on Lowe's Home Improvement

Center realty located at 600 Waterfront Drive, Munhall, PA, and designated as Block & Lot No. 130-D-200, in the amount of \$3,500.00. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Fetzko reported on a change order for Damascus Bishop assessed at \$8,793,700 reduced to \$6,200,000. Mr. Barna is not sure if it's worth appealing. Deadline Friday.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 and the May 28, 2013 meetings. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for June 2013 in the amount of \$803,727.81
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for May 2013 in the amount of \$703,876.30
- 1.1.03 Food Service invoices for June 2013 in the amount of \$39,171.96
- 1.1.04 Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2013
- 1.1.05 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$22,491.40
- 1.1.06 Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,988.00
- 1.1.07 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$216.00
- 1.2 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2012, in the amount of \$24,329.46, as a result of a change in assessment to Waterfront Hotel Partners, LLC, Lot & Block 89-M-309
- 1.3 Reimburse Rick Owston for the cost of glass repair to his vehicle in the amount of \$319.78

- 1.4 Deleted
- 1.5 Renewal of the district's workers' compensation insurance through PSBA for the 2013-2014 school year at an estimated cost of \$221,674

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: Bajus on Hruska Plumbing invoices; Kiefer on Hruska Plumbing and Pittsburgh Plumbing & Heating invoices; Terrick on Hruska Plumbing. Motion carried, except payment of invoices to Hruska Plumbing failed.

Mrs. Kiefer made a statement on General Fund invoices and Mr. Terrick said do not use a vendor who owes back taxes. Mr. Fetzko discussed interim tax on new hotels, Holiday Inn and the Marriott Suites. Ms. Youngblood questioned applying payment to tax bill.

2.0 Operations

Mrs. Kiefer moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Award quote to DeMatteo Sealcoating, Inc., to patch and seal the high school parking lot in the amount of \$13,385.00 contingent upon receipt of appropriate liability insurance certificate and bonding.
- 2.3 Asphalt work in the high school parking lot by Coppola Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,900.00 contingent upon receipt of appropriate liability insurance certificate and bonding
- 2.4 Re-carpeting five (5) middle school classrooms under the Co-Stars Program

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion to change board policy that any vendor that owes taxes to the school district will not be used as a vendor. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Kiefer, Terrick, Youngblood. Negative: Ballas, Olson, Natale. Motion carried.

Mr. Fetzko stated to add this to bid specifications.

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion that vendors cannot owe taxes and be used by the district. Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Kiefer rescinded the motion. No vote.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented, including that the Gridiron Club request requires pre-approval of the advertisers on the signage
- 3.2 Dusten Piscarcik's Eagle Scout project for the outdoor classroom/pond area and authorize the district to provide up to \$500.00 in supplies

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale recognized Dusten Piscarcik for his willingness to undertake this project for the school district. Mrs. Ballas congratulated Varsity Baseball Coach Tim Vickers for being honored as *The Daily News* Coach of the Year.

4.0 Special Assignments

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 4.1 Vincent Natale as Interim Board Secretary
- 4.2 Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 916 School Volunteers

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Abstain: Natale on Item 4.1. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Olson noted that he was honored to attend the Mon Valley School's graduation for the special education students.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 5.1 Accept the donation of \$1,800 from Paul and Jane Lienhardt to be used for educational trips for students
- 5.2 Authorize the renewal of the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2013-2014 school year and authorize the proper officers to execute the agreement

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ballas is grateful to the Lienhardt family for their donations.

6.0 Personnel Management

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Rescind the appointment of James Marnell to the position of Business Manager/Board Secretary/Right to Know Officer
- 6.2 Appoint Sheldon Berk to the position of Interim Business Manager/Right to Know Officer at the rate of \$50 per hour retroactive to June 10, 2013
- 6.3 Appoint the KtO Summer Camp directors, teachers and substitute teachers as presented at a pay rate of \$30 per hour and appoint aides and substitute aides at a pay rate of \$15 per hour for the KtO Summer Camp retroactive to June 17, 2013
- 6.4 The supplemental positions as presented
- 6.5 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Wyona Rompala from the position as food service worker at Barrett Elementary and Franklin Primary Center effective June 30, 2013
- 6.6 The 2013-2014 salary increases and annual salaries for Colleen Andreyo and Kim Watkins as listed

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale welcomed Mr. Sheldon Berk and thanked him for helping us out.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – questions on sealing and paving and the difference; the Autism Society using the school and the swimming pool, status of librarian coming back. Mr. Wehrer stated the budget needs passed and any furloughed teachers brought back; Mr. Natale adding the most senior and certification; alternative ed school is one half day status; assistant principal position status; website updated for business manager's name; agencies pull students out of class; how many other items on the agenda for Friday's special meeting; what is the accounts payable secretary's salary, Mr. Wehrer said \$32,500; Mr. Wehrer said the millage is 21.31; looked at the budget – moved some fund balance to capital improvements, Mr. Wehrer said move \$2 million from general fund over to capital improvements – looking at completing roof replacement at the middle school/high school.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer.