

**Worksession Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Conference Room**  
**July 17, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Natale. Vice President, at 7:01p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Ducar, Mrs. Kiefer, Mr. Olson, Mr. Natale and Mrs. Cannon (via telephone)

Absent: Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:48 p.m.)

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Colebank, Mr. Fetzko and Mrs. Borges

Items on the agenda were discussed. No action was taken.

**Financial Management**

- Mr. Natale requested a Capital Funds column be added to the report.
- Mrs. Kiefer - questions on what was done on invoice nos. 207278, 67925689 for Simplex Grinell and 14696 for PSBA.
- Mrs. Ballas questioned Granite Communications and do we need this.

**Operations**

- Mr. Natale asked if outside organizations using our facilities and questioning if we request insurance forms.
- Mr. Bajus asked if the field behind the high school was cut and dragged for football.

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

No comments

## **Special Assignments**

No comments

- Mr. Natale - if the Waterfront is sold before December 31, the school district does not get tax transfer. The new owner wants everyone to sign a new lease for a lower cost and for longer year contracts. Discussion about Bottom Dollar and if and when it would be ready.

## **Educational Leadership**

- Mrs. Ballas - response to the copy of the handbooks given to the union and Ed Colebank will resend another email asking if there are any suggestions.
- Mr. Ducar – Mr. Campbell purchased 25 iPads that are preloaded with six apps on it. Mr. Olson has ATT giving the district a 40% discount on any Otterbox to protect the iPads.
- Mr. Joe Gajdos of Public Security spoke that his company has 33 years experience. Mr. Olsen asked if he has enough to cover events without time and a half wages. He responded he does.  
Mrs. Kiefer asked how many on staff? Mr. Gajdos said 32.  
Mr. Natale asked if he is willing to interview current staff to bring on staff.  
Mrs. Kiefer asked how many districts under contract? Mr. Gajdos said four.  
Mr. Gajdos stated that he checks daily on his staff and with the head guard.  
All guards are CPI certified.  
Mr. Wehrer asked how often will he evaluate his staff.

## **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – Keystone Plumbing building – are they going to pay any tax (nonprofit tax exempt 8.5 to 10 million project and approved by West Homestead Borough. Did midget football put in a request to use fields. Using field for 30 plus years. Do they supply insurance and would the public not be allowed to use walking track, fields, etc.) Should not be smoking on campus or have any type when you come in the building.)

Sheriff sale on previous property – Mr. Fetzko said they claimed bankruptcy protection. Will solid waste and security be added for the voting meeting. Questions about contracts – Mrs. Ballas said they are under negotiations. Will the retired teachers be paid on time this year. The budget was passed June 26, 2012, and the tax bills went out June 29, 2012, were they pre-printed?

- Ms. Kathy Bish – Will there be an open house and if so, when. The art room at Park School – hopes it is not above the gym and can it be moved. The position of Park School Principal/Pupil Services, should be separated. The building is too hot. The Halloween program – the kids were scared to go in the rooms and were out in the rain. Some got sick. Schedules got changed. Mr. Thompson yelling did not know what to do. People are frustrated with communications and the time it takes Park compared to the rest of the district. Regarding her daughter and submitting an application for the gifted program on April 19 and not having an evaluation until June 21. She had received papers with other people's information on it.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Olsen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m. with the Board members adjourned into an executive session for the discussion of personnel and legal matters.