

**Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Conference Room
October 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Ducar, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Terrick and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mrs. Fedor, Mr. Heddleston, Mrs. Kubancsek, Mr. Ed McCallister, Mr. Tim McCallister

Mr. Fetzko noted that a quorum is not needed for a discussion meeting.

Also Present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Fetzko, Ms. Sabo, Dr. Policastro

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

Minutes

Delete "Negative: None" on page 5 of the September 25 meeting minutes.

Financial Management

Mrs. Terrick asked for an update on the 2007-2008 budget and where we stand.

Mrs. Cannon asked for reasons for the Hruska Plumbing bills. Other concerns expressed about the amount spent on cleaning supplies this month. Dr. Kinavey will ask Mr. Keesecker to prepare a report on the reason for the expenses.

Mrs. Sloan reported that a bill from Sloan Lock & Key is on the bill list. The Sloans sold that business and do not want the business office to accept bills under that name.

Mrs. Cannon was contacted by letter from West Homestead Borough Council Member Rose Scolieri about property they are razing to place back on the market. They asked the District in 2004 to exonerate the taxes and are now asking again. Mr. Fetzko noted that whoever proceeds with a sheriff sale, they pay the cost. If no one bids on the property, they would be stuck with the property. It was agreed to place the letter in the Board Update for all board members to read and review for a later discussion.

Operations

No changes to agenda items.

Co-Curricular Leadership

No changes to agenda items.

Special Assignments

Mrs. Sloan reported on the Enterprise Zone meeting. The Homestead Grays bridge opening is Thursday. Christmas parade will be held on December 1. Groundbreaking on 7th Avenue for luxury lofts on Friday. Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 31, in all three boroughs. Munhall Main Street Business Association will be sponsoring a Halloween parade on Saturday, October 27 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Educational Leadership

No changes to the agenda item.

Ms. Sabo reported that the Classrooms of the Future grant has been the focus, and the Dual Enrollment meetings will begin in November.

Mrs. Cannon asked about the library at Franklin. Mrs. Cannon discussed the early dismissal on Thursday. Dr. Kinavey reported that an early dismissal is needed on Thursday because Friday is Mon Valley Learns Day, and all inservice days are planned for the remainder of the year. Dr. Kinavey added that GradeQuick would be explained to the elementary teachers. Secondary teachers were trained last year. Board members had no problems with the early dismissal.

There was discussion about the renewal of Propel Charter School and the addition of a Propel Charter school for grades 9-12. The limit on the percentage of Steel Valley students who could attend Propel High School was agreed to at 40% as well as having the same attendance, expulsion, extra curricular rules. The maximum number of high school students from Steel Valley who would be enrolled at Propel is 80 the first year, which would cost \$80,000 at the most. Their high school will be modeled after Bill Gates High School.

Mrs. Cannon asked about the requirements by school nurses at the private and parochial schools. Dr. Kinavey will inquire about the district meeting state requirements.

There was discussion about the length of the lines in the high school cafeteria. Mrs. Cannon has a concern about the possibility of raising prices and the cafeteria budget. Mr. Yaklich is working on the budget. It was suggested to take the full-time custodian out of the cafeteria budget and place in the general fund budget.

There was a question about the Point of Sale program and adding money to student accounts. Mr. Colebank is working on this issue.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

The worksession ended at 8:35 p.m.