

Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Conference Room
November 28, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar at 7: 32 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Fedor, Mr. Heddleston, Mr. Edward McCallister,
Mr. Tim McCallister, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Terrick,
Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Ducar

Absent: Mrs. Kubancsek

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Bichko, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges,
Ms. Fenyus, Ms. Sabo, Mr. Shawn McCallister,
Mr. Colebank and Ms. Kardos

Financial Management

- On Item 1.1.03, Mrs. Terrick asked for clarification on the check written to the Country Buffet for meals which totaled \$715.65. Mrs. Fedor responded that the meals were for a band trip.
 - On Item 1.1.02, Mr. Tim McCallister requested additional information on the payments made to Kees Waterproofing Services and Hruska Plumbing. Mr. Bichko replied that he would include this information in his Secretary's Report at the December 5, 2006, public meeting.
 - Mrs. Fedor questioned the progress on providing the Board more detailed financial reports. Mr. Bichko replied that he would provide copies of the reports currently available in the new ProSoft System and the Board could then evaluate the content.
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Operations

- Mrs. Cannon questioned the invoices being presented for payment on the renovation projects for the Middle School Science Classrooms and the High School Auditorium. The payments being requested were explained in detail by Mr. Bichko.

Co-Curricular Leadership

- Mrs. Cannon asked for an explanation of the proposed creation of a new student activity. Dr. Kinavey explained that the Rube Goldberg Machine Design Team was a student activity proposed by Physics Teacher Ben Landers, who is currently volunteering his services. The Senior High School students would complete in an annual machine design contest using physics and science skills. There may be some cost to the school district for materials and supplies and for travel to the competition. The activity would not conduct any fundraising. The High School Principal and the Activities/Athletics Director support the new activity.

Special Assignments

Mrs. Sloan: No report

Educational Leadership

- Mrs. Terrick gave a brief overview of the district's strategic plan which is being presented for the Board's approval. Following approval by the Board of School Directors, the plan must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.


Citizen's Comments

- District resident Paula Borsch commended Mr. Landers for volunteering his time to organizing the new student activity, asked when the Board Minutes would be placed on the district's website, requested copies of the district's strategic plan, thanked the Financial Management Committee for advertising and conducting a meeting in public, and asked if other committees would advertise and conduct their meeting in public.
- District resident Donna Dreshman commented on the job description for the Director of Facilities, questioned, in general, the required supervisory and management skills, and suggested that the district consider rewriting job descriptions on a district-wide basis.
- A discussion was held in regard to a request from Board Member Tim McCallister to change the December 5, 2006, meeting date. Mr. Tim McCallister indicated that his employer was requiring him to be out-of-town on that date. Mrs. Terrick also stated that she had a potential work conflict and may not be able to attend on December 5, 2006. A poll of the Board Members indicated that a quorum was to be expected on December 5, 2006, and, therefore, there was no further discussion on rescheduling the meeting.

Adjournment

The worksession ended at 8:05 p.m. with the Board Members adjourning into an executive session for the discussion of personnel matters

Submitted by:


Michael F. Bichko
Board Secretary