

Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
May 15, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar at 8:22 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Fedor, Mr. Edward McCallister, Mr. Tim McCallister,
Mr. O'Toole, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Terrick, Mrs. Cannon and
Mr. Ducar

Absent: Mrs. Kubancsek

Also attending:

Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges and Mr. Bichko

Mr. Fetzko announced that the Board had met in executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters since 7:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Paula Borsch asked if the Board always met in executive session before the scheduled starting time of the meeting. Mrs. Borsch asked if the matters discussed in executive session are also discussed in public.
- Mr. Fetzko replied that the Board often meets in executive sessions at the end of the scheduled meetings.
- Mrs. Borsch asked the Board to consider having all executive sessions at the end of the scheduled meetings rather than make the public wait.
- The Board will consider this request and make every effort to accommodate the public's time.

Minutes

- Mrs. Fedor asked if the minutes from the April 25, 2006 Regular Meeting will be available soon. Mr. Bichko replied that they are currently being reviewed and will be presented for the Board's consideration at the May 23, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Financial

- Mr. O'Toole reviewed the financial agenda and commented that Item 1.5, the 2005 Capital Projects Fund Transfer will be corrected to reflect the amount due to the General Fund.

Operations

- Mrs. Terrick questioned why the recommendation on Item 2.6, the Barrett handicapped ramp, was not for the low bid submitted. Mr. Bichko explained that the low bidder did not submit the district's required bid bond. Mr. Bichko stated that the district's general specifications, which are provided to all bidders, state that a bid bond is required; and that the procedure has been consistent. Mr. Bichko asked the solicitor to review the district's current general specifications and policy and advise as to the legal appropriateness for these documents and recommend any necessary changes in the policy.
- Mrs. Fedor asked if there were plans to hire summer workers. Mr. Bichko advised that the students who had worked in 2005 were being contacted to assess their interest. It may not be feasible to hire all of them due to the construction at the High School and the use of the buildings for various summer programs. Mr. Bichko stated that a recommendation would be placed on the agenda for May 23, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Co-Curricular Leadership

- Mrs. Cannon publicly thanked Dr. Kinavey for leading the team effort which developed the 2006-07 school calendar proposed for adoption and noted that the committee had representatives from the School Board, Administration, faculty, secretaries/aides and PTO.
- The marching band field trip was clarified to indicate that it was a field trip and not a competition. Dr. Kinavey advised that this was a trip the district's band had taken every two years.

Special Assignments

- Mrs. Sloan reported that Perkins Grant Funds had been denied to the Vo-tech. The Vo-tech graduation is scheduled for May 25, 2006.

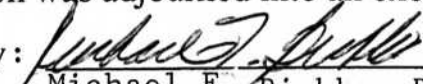
Educational Leadership

- In regard to the Mathematics textbook adoption, Mr. Terrick asked for the number of students registered for the course. Dr. Kinavey replied that 15 students had registered to date but we were asking to purchase 25 textbooks in the event other students register at a later date.

Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Terri Redpath addressed the School Board at length on the issue of safety and security in our schools with focus on the recent report of a weapon being found in a student's possession in the Middle School; her contention that a faculty member did not follow a school district policy, and, the presence of high school students in Middle School gym classes during the instructional day.

The worksession was adjourned into an executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by: 
Michael F. Bichko, Board Secretary