

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
April 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson, Mr. Rojtas, Mrs. Steele,
Mrs. Yuhas and Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mrs. Ballas and Mr. Terrick

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Zenone, Mr. Fetzko and Mrs. Borges

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Daniel Sacco Jr.*, grandfather of Lisa Lawson, high school teacher; *Raymond F. Cush*, brother of Joy Kardos, retired food service director; *Edward J. Slava*, cousin of Clay Karadus, cyber school coordinator, and Mary Yuhas, Board member; *Andrew M. Vautier*, father of Drew Vautier, retired teacher; *Mary Napolitano*, retired cafeteria worker; and *William V. Campbell Jr.*, Friend of Steel Valley, 1958 Homestead graduate and 1987 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and commencement speaker.

Mrs. Steele moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a selection of books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President Comments

Ms. Youngblood:

- Reported that she visited the schools during the PSSA testing weeks, and she found a calming atmosphere in the buildings.

Student Representatives to the School Board

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Reported that Bill Campbell's family would be participating in the West Field Dedication and Memorial Service on May 19.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the Educational Leadership Meeting of the School Board would be held on April 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Barrett Elementary School.
- The National Honor Society Induction ceremony will occur on May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- During the week of May 9, exciting celebrations for STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) will take place.
- On May 9, the Spring Arts Festival will begin at 5:00 p.m. featuring student art displays, community mosaic and art demonstrations. Musical performances by middle and high school vocal ensembles, band and percussion ensembles and a senior vocal showcase will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Remaking Steel Valley: Title I Ironmen Innovation Night will be held on May 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school with hands on activities for the whole family.
- Barrett Elementary School's Annual Title Family Night Carnival and Creativity Fair sponsored by Remake Learning will be held on May 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- There will be an early dismissal for all students on May 10 to conduct professional development for the staff. The early dismissal times are as follows:
 - 11:50 a.m. Senior High School
 - 12:00 p.m. Franklin Primary Center
 - 12:15 p.m. Barrett Elementary School
 - 12:15 p.m. Park Elementary School
 - 12:23 p.m. Middle School
- Also on May 10, Kindergarten registration will be held at Franklin Primary Center between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students must be five (5) years old by September 1, 2016, to be eligible for the full day program. Staff will conduct a readiness screening of upcoming kindergarten students. Free kindergarten readiness books and materials will be distributed to help prepare students over the summer.
- The Dr. Griffin Senior Honor Awards Banquet will be conducted on May 12 at St. John's Cathedral Center.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016 worksession and the March 30, 2016 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

1.1 List of bills:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for March 2016 in the amount of \$1,074,850.44
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for March 2016 in the amount of \$1,242,401.56
- 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for March 2016
- 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for March 2016
- 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for March 2016
- 1.1.06 Food Service Revenue Report for March 2016

- 1.1.07 Food Service Expenditure Report for March 2016
- 1.1.08 Food Service invoices for March 2016
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for March 2016
- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2016
- 1.1.11 Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2016
- 1.1.12 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- 1.1.13 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and disbursement Report for March 2016
- 1.1.14 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- 1.1.15 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- 1.2 Payments from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$1,575.56 to Tower Engineering, \$10,519.00 to Kudravy Architects, LLC, \$8,469.00 to Delrey Windows, and \$10,417.28 to DES for a total of \$30,980.84
- 1.3 Exonerate the Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead tax collectors for the year 2015 for the uncollected amounts of \$263,020.98, \$645,429.79 and \$145,326.17 respectively.
- 1.4 The Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2016-2017 with a millage rate of 22.013. The General Fund Revenue are projected at \$32,253,460 and the Expenditures are projects to be \$35,343,981. The deficit of \$3,090,521 will be absorbed by the General Fund Balance.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Peter Caruso Company for a base bid amount of \$494,690.00 and soft area square foot amount of \$2.40 for the Bituminous Paving Project for 2016
- 2.3 General Contractor Swede Construction \$66,800.00
 - Plumbing John Haughey and Sons \$66,800.00
 - HVAC John Haughey and Sons \$14,400.00
 - Electric Golon, Inc. \$49,500.00

For a total amount of \$197,500.00 covering the ADA Restroom alterations for the 2016-2017 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mrs. Yuhás moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the following:

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

4.0 Special Assignments

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

4.1 Hold second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy 217 Graduation

4.2 Hold second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy 240 Awards

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

5.1 The Special Education Plan report for July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019

5.2 The Comprehensive School Counseling Chapter 339 Plan

5.3 Discuss bringing a dog into Park Elementary School on a daily basis beginning in June 2016, contingent upon the dog passing the Canine Good Citizenship Test before working with students and continuing with advanced training

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante,

Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

6.0 Communications

Mr. Rojtas moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Send the Superintendent to California to represent the school district at Bill Campbell's funeral
- 6.2 Plan and host a memorial tribute to Bill Campbell on May 19 in coordination with the dedication of the West Field Project and in conjunction with community leaders

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

7.0 Personnel Management

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

- 7.1 An intermittent family medical leave of absence for Lisa Runco effective May 2016, contingent upon receipt of doctor's note placed in file
- 7.2 The creation of a part-time 10-month secretarial position at the middle school and approve the attached job description
- 7.3 An unpaid leave of absence for Virginia Franklin, cafeteria worker, as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement
- 7.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Michelle Blasko, from the supplemental positions of After School Program Director at Park School, Brittany Youngblood from the positions of Middle School Girls Basketball Coach and Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- 7.5 Accept, with regret, the resignations of Lori Cannon from the position of Educational Computer Lab/tutor at Barrett retroactive to March 23, 2016, and Lynan Cochrane from the position of District Assessment Support on a mutually agreed upon date
- 7.6 Appoint Jennifer Merichko and Rikki Dunmire-Nesky to the Districtwide KtO Support positions for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and no benefits for 27.5 hours per week, contingent

- upon receipt of current clearances, passing a health examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- 7.7 Approve Barb Hurley to be paid a stipend of \$15.00 per hour to be taken from AthLife Foundation Inc. Grant, and compensation may not exceed \$4,282.84
 - 7.8 Approve Amy Lewkowicz, Jim Bartko and Wendy Ollis as substitute staff for the KtO program for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing a health examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
 - 7.9 Approve Pat Swindell as the Junior High and Varsity Boys Volleyball athletic volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.