

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
December 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President at 7:09 a.m.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson (via
phone, left meeting at 7:27 p.m.), Mr. Rojtas, Mrs.
Steele, Mr. Terrick, Mrs. Yuhás and Ms. Youngblood

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank, Mrs. Borges, Mr.
Keesecker

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *James Hancock*, uncle of Julie Angelilli, kindergarten teacher; *Harriette Smith*, aunt of Heather Clark, gifted support teacher; *Thomas Kramer*, cousin of Sandy Reiner, accounts payable secretary; *Gerald E. Kunkel*, uncle of Nick Seech, high school teacher; *Rita A Seaman*, mother of Bill Seaman, high school teacher; *Edward Swallow*, father of Ellen Kelly, high school secretary; and *Luther L. Huey*, cousin of Susan Salapa, middle school teacher, and father of Emily Huey, former marching band guard instructor.

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

Presentation

Mr. Anthony Pollino of Prudential Insurance made a presentation offering 75 educational seminars to students and community members. He also noted that the company offers a scholarship program for students doing volunteer work.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. Abby Ferson

Ms Abbey Caspar

- The last day for afterschool clubs during the first semester is December 8. On December 9, Barrett students would be making holiday cards for senior citizens. Title I Family Night at Barrett will be held December 14 starting at 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten classes will hold a winter activity day. The All School Holiday Revue will be held on December 22 at 1:00 p.m.
- At Park Elementary School, students brought in over 150 pairs of pajamas. The pajamas will be donated to a local homeless shelter, and Scholastic Books will give a book to everyone receiving pajamas.
- The students did an awesome job in the All School Holiday Revue on December 6. They definitely had everyone in the holiday spirit.
- Park PTO has planned an action packed evening for students including games, dancing, crafts and a visit by Santa at its Polar Express event scheduled for Friday night. Santa's Workshop is scheduled for next week.
- Teachers at the middle school would be visiting Elizabeth Forward Middle School to view instructional programs that utilize iPad devices and the eBackpack program.
- There are some exciting partnerships occurring in the high school. Studio AM owner, Baron Batch, has agreed to work with the high school mixed media arts class to create artwork, which will be displayed in the cafeteria. Mr. Batch will speak to the Entrepreneurship and Marketing students on his other business ventures. Our students will visit a compression testing lab to see how the product they have been working with is tested and presented.
- The High School Fine Arts Department will be celebrating the holiday season at the following community events: December 12 Performing for residents of Parkview Tower; December 13 Holiday Concert by Band and Choir in High School Auditorium; December 15 Performing at Allegheny County Courthouse.

- A book fair event is being held at Barnes and Noble bookstore and online to benefit the high school library. Student Council is hosting a blood drive on December 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m, in the high school gym. The high school semi-formal is scheduled for January 7th at Westwood Golf Club. Tickets are on sale.
- The student representatives shared the public service announcement Youth Traffic Safety Committee submitted to the FBI entitled, “Hope Over Heroin.” They made this video to raise awareness about the effects of heroin on families. If selected, the student Youth Traffic Safety Committee members would serve as an FBI Agent for a day and SADD would receive \$500.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Recognized Mrs. Susan Ballas for 20 years of School Board service. He stated that he is grateful that she has given so much of her time and energy to the students, staff and administration.
- Congratulations to the Ironmen Football Team for making it to the PIAA 2A championship in Hershey, PA. In order to help people and families that want to travel to Hershey to see the game, we will have an early dismissal on Friday, December 9.
- Another adult fan bus has been added to travel to Hershey; they are looking for people to fill it. Contact Reggie Kenney for tickets which are \$4 for students and \$8 for adults. They will be on sale Friday until 10:00 a.m. All tickets purchased at the gate are \$8.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

Announced some of the upcoming events:

December 9	Honors Choir Pittsburgh Int’l Airport	10:00 a.m.
December 13	MS/HS Band and Chorus Concert	6:15 p.m.
December 15	HS Concert and Honors Choir	2:30 p.m.
	Allegheny County Courthouse Lobby	
December 23	Districtwide Early Dismissal	12:30 p.m.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Rojtas moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to authorize payment of \$587.35 to Pittsburgh Reporting Service for attending and transcribing the record of an expulsion hearing. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Bulger moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adopt a resolution to expelling a minor age student. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the district will be increasing to 500 Mbps of Internet service in the new year.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Rojtas seconded the motion to approve the October 24, 2016 minutes and the October 27, 2016 minutes.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on October 24, 2016 minutes with updated roll call: Bulger, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Abstain: Ballas. Negative: None.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on October 27, 2016 minutes: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood. Abstain: Rojtas and Yuhas. Negative: None.

Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

- 1.01 General Fund invoices for November 2016 in the amount of \$1,088,927.66
- 1.02 General Fund hand checks for October 2016 in the amount of \$1,720,645.99
- 1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for October 2016
- 1.04 General Fund Expenditure Sheet for October 2016
- 1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for October 2016
- 1.06 Food Service invoices for October 2016 in the amount of \$53,553.04
- 1.07 Payroll Funding Transfers for October 2016
- 1.08 Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending November 30, 2016
- 1.09 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- 1.1.10 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- 1.1.11 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- 1.1.12 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- 1.1.13 Pennsylvania Coach Lines invoices totaling \$11,877.62
- 1.2 Payment from the Capital Projects Fund in the amounts of \$4,950.00 to Golon, Inc., \$39,420.00 to Arch Masonry, Inc., \$4,380.00 to Arch Masonry, Inc., \$6,911.00 to Swede Construction, and Honeywell \$15,042.00
- 1.3 Accept the Financial Statement of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for the year ending June 30, 2016
- 1.4 Tax refunds to Robert and Megan Cunningham in the amount of \$651.40 and Kenneth and Michelle Ackerman in the amount of \$878.02

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

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Grant the Superintendent the authority to interview architectural firms for the process of performing a District Feasibility Study

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Create an Ultimate Frisbee Club for high school students for the 2016-2017 school year with Erik Jabs as volunteer sponsor
- 3.3 Authorize payment of \$500.00 for the disc jockey services at the winter semi-formal dance to be held on January 7, 2017
- 3.4 Approve an overnight field trip for the football team and coaches to attend the PIAA AA Championship in Hershey, PA on December 10, 2016

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

4.0 Special Assignments

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

- 4.1 Hold first reading of revisions to Policy 221 Dress and Grooming
- Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 Accept a \$1000 grant from First Energy to implement circuit scribes into the gifted curriculum
- 5.2 Approve the attached list of Board meeting dates and the advertisement of dates for year 2017

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

6.0 Communications

Mr. Rojtas:

- Reported that the school district has created social media platforms on Facebook under Steel Valley High School, Steel Valley Middle School, Barrett Elementary and Park Elementary School. This is a great tool to keep current on school and district information. The school district will continue to use its YouTube page.

7.0 Technology

Mr. Bulger:

- Announced that the next meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee would be January 18, 2017

Executive Session

The Board entered into an executive session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

8.0 Personnel Management

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

- 8.1 An intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Meagan O'Toole retroactive to November 3 2016, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- 8.2 Family Medical Leave of Absence for Vonnie Smid retroactive to December 1, 2016, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- 8.3 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Nicole Cantwell from the half-time Speech and Language Support teacher retroactive to November 21, 2016
- 8.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Tara Simm from the position of part-time Art teacher retroactive to November 29, 2016
- 8.5 Appoint Ashley Giannangeli to a part-time, long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of part-time, long-term substitute Art teacher at a prorated Master's Step 1 salary plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to November 29, 2016
- 8.6 Elizabeth Hanson, Aaron Wentroble and Rebecca Voskamp as day-to-day substitute teachers and Deanna Drozd as a day-to-day substitute nurse for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate and in compliance with Act 168 of 2014 and upon passing a physical exam and a screening for controlled substances
- 8.8 Create a Districtwide Paraeducator position to support the Section 504 and/or IEPs of students with autism, cognitive, physical and/or behavioral needs in the classroom
- 8.9 The creation of a Technology Specialist position and the job description
- 8.10 Appoint Wendy Ollis as a Districtwide Paraeducator at a rate of \$10.00 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status, contingent upon passing the District's mandated screening for controlled substances and receipt of updated clearances, which must be completed within 30 days and employment effective on a mutually agreed upon date
- 8.11 Advertise for a Technology Specialist
- 8.12 Sandra Levin at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to substitute for an individual that is on extended leave in the business office

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

8.7 Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Rojtas seconded the motion to table the updated paraprofessional job description. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhus and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman
- Ms. Christine Schott commented on website and building substitute.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:26 p.m.