

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
August 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Steele, Vice President, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Yuhás and Ms. Youngblood (via telephone)

Absent: Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:04 p.m.) Mr. Rojtas (arrived 7:23 p.m.)

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgement

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Jacqueline Ann Coyne*, cousin of Mike Coyne, district groundskeeper and *William C. Churilla, Sr.*, father-in-law of Traci Churilla, middle school teacher.

Mr. Bulger moved and Mrs. Ballas 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, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report

Mrs. Steele:

- Thanked Mr. Macuga, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Borges and everyone who coordinated the 5th grade orientation at the middle school. The event was well planned and went very well.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Reported that it is close to the beginning of the school year, and he is looking forward to good things happening in our schools.
- On August 29, there will be an early dismissal on the transition day for grades 1, 5, 6 and 9 only. All students will begin school on Tuesday, August 30, with a regular dismissal time, except kindergarten will dismiss early at 12:15 p.m.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the parent workshop entitled, "Navigating in Special Education Process," would be postponed until September 29 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the high school.
- Announced that beginning August 22, the teachers and paraprofessionals would begin the school year with professional development training, which includes Special Education/FERPA, Gradebook, Apple iPads and School Safety.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that Gradebook would replace Edline for the upcoming school year. Teachers will receive an overview of the features of Gradebook during professional development. Parents and students will receive a login for the new system.
- He announced that the district would initiate the Raptor system, which will be used to identify visitors entering the buildings. The driver's licenses of visitors will be scanned into the authorizing system and print an ID badge.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bulger moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 worksession meeting and the July 28, 2016 regular meeting.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on July 25, 2016 minutes: Ballas, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhás and Youngblood. Abstain: Bulger. Negative: None.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on July 28, 2016 minutes: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood. Abstain: Yuhás. Negative: None. Motion carried.

A new procedure was implemented that all residents speaking at the board meetings shall sign in by printing their name and the purpose for their dialogue.

1.0 Financial Management

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

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for 2015-2016 being paid in the 2016-2017 in the amount of \$54,570.53
- 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for August 2016 in the amount of \$113,635.28
- 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for 2015-2016 being paid in 2016-2017 in the amount of \$23,450.68
- 1.1.04 General Fund hand checks for July 2016 in the amount of \$652,445.92
- 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for July 2016
- 1.1.06 General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2016
- 1.1.07 General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2016
- 1.1.08 Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2016
- 1.1.09 Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2016
- 1.2 The tuition rate of \$3,134.00 for employee Emilee Garcia's daughter to be enrolled as a nonresident student in kindergarten and all terms of Policy No. 202
- 1.3 Payment from Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$265,086.00 to Peter J. Caruso
- 1.4 To allow the employees to purchase at their own cost Lump Sum Disability Insurance from OneAmerica

- 1.5 Ratify the administration's determination to terminate the contract with Dick Jones Communications as of August 31, 2016
- 1.6 PA Coach's list of bills totaling \$111,003.75
- 1.7 A 36-month lease in the amount of \$272,575.00 at a rate of 2.58 percent to PNC Equipment Finance
- 1.8 Payments from Capital Projects Fund to Swede Construction and John Haughey & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$12,226.50 and \$17,865.00 respectively.

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

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Change order for three speed bumps totaling \$5,100.00

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- 3.1 Fundraising request as presented
- 3.2 The 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC, on May 11-13, 2017, at no cost to the district
- 3.3 The menu of a la carte price for the 2016- 2017 school year as presented
- 3.4 Notification to West Penn Allegheny Health System that the District is exercising its right to ample notification that the District does not intend to extend current contract and provide notification that the contract will expire on June 30, 2017

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

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

4.0 Special Assignments

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

- 4.1 Hold second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy 221 Dress and Grooming
- 4.2 Hold second reading and adopt Policy 711 Use of Vehicles on School Business
- 4.3 Hold second reading and adopt Policy 717 Use of Mobile Communication and Storage Devices
- 4.4 Hold first reading of revisions to Policy 247 Hazing

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

Mrs. Ballas commented on dress code.

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 The 2016-2017 Elementary Parent Student Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook

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

6.0 Communications

No report

7.0 Technology

No report

8.0 Personnel Management

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

- 8.1 Appoint Mary Ellen Totin as a half-time, long-term substitute school nurse with prorated fringe benefits according to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement beginning with the 2016-2017 school year
 - 8.1.1 The change of employment status of Michael Sisley from half-time to full-time status beginning with the 2016-2017 school year
 - 8.1.2 Grant tenure to Michael Sisley and authorize the Board President and the Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contract
- 8.2 Deleted
- 8.3 Day-to-day substitute teachers and school nurses as presented for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- 8.4 Approve Laura Danastasio, Amie Olasz, Fasha Houston, Morgan Fedor, Krista Fischetti, Rachel Dindak and Reita Kline as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, teaching certificates and compliance with Act 168
- 8.5 Approve the certified school psychologists as presented to provide contracted school psychological services as needed, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168.
- 8.6 Appoint the KtO supplemental staff as presented for the 2016-2017 school year
- 8.7 Approve Corey Keyes as a football volunteer, Rick Williams as a middle school soccer volunteer and Morgan Churilla as a middle school girls volleyball volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- 8.8 Approve the following bidding and assignment results:
HS Secretary/Building & Grounds Secretary: Debbie Woolley (Bid)
Middle School Secretary/Technology Dept. Secretary: Jim Bartko (Bid)
Middle School Secretary: Sherri Titmus (Assigned)
- 8.9 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Shawn McCallister from the supplemental position of Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach and the resignation of Mary Jo Craycraft from the supplemental position of Intramural Supervisor at Park Elementary effective immediately
- 8.10 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Christina Borelli from the professional teaching position of Special Education teacher effective immediately

- 8.11 Eliminate one-half of a professional teaching position
- 8.12 Appoint supplemental position to Traci Churilla to the Girls 8th Grade Volleyball Coach at a stipend of \$1,439.10, Kasey Churilla to the Girls 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach at a stipend of \$1,439.10 and Tara Simm to the Middle School Art Club Supervisor at a stipend of \$1,151.26 effective for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168

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

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.