

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
April 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 7:15 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Rojtas (via telephone connection), Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Yuhas, Mr. Terrick and Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Bulger (entered at 7:51 p.m.) and Mr. Olson

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Alice Ann (Cottone) Novosel*, retired art teacher; *Patti Karadus*, aunt of Mary Yuhas, Board member, and aunt of Clay Karadus, Cyber School Coordinator; *Gladys Rossey*, aunt of Donald Packer, high school custodian; *Ocie Anderson*, father-in-law of Leslie Hairston, Park paraprofessional; *Mafalda Zenone*, aunt of John Zenone, Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary; *William M. McCormley*, stepfather of Susan Large, middle school counselor, and Steve Large, iPad Implementation Specialist; *Wayne Overholt*, grandfather of Maria Heddleston, Title I Instructional Resource teacher and Brian Heddleston, former School Board member; *Barbara M. Broadwater*, sister of Wanda Burwell, Barrett cafeteria monitor; *Helen Seech*, grandmother of Nick Seech, high school Social Studies teacher; and Daniel M. Rooney, former U.S. Ambassador to

Ireland, member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Mrs. Steele moved and Mrs. Yuhas 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, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Ms. Youngblood: No report

Student Representatives to the School Board

Miss Abby Caspar/Miss Abby Ferson:

- Students at Barrett Elementary School are taking the PSSA Math exams this week. Barrett School is participating in Take Your Child to Work Day on Thursday, and students planted flowers for Earth Day. On April 26, a Volunteer Recognition Dinner would be held to recognize school volunteers. Representatives from the Red Cross taught safety to all students.
- In May fourth grade students at Barrett will take the PSSA Science tests. A parent meeting will be held on May 2 at 5:45 p.m. Kids of Steel group will participate in a race on May 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Pittsburgh. On May 10, Barrett will hold its annual Carnival from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 21. On May 23, Barrett will hold its Red Carpet Dinner and Awards Ceremony in the evening.
- Stated that middle school students are taking the PSSA Math exams; the eighth grade students will take the PSSA Science exams on May 3-4. The choral groups and stage bands will be performing during the Spring Arts Festival May 1-3. The middle school and high school choral concerts will be held May 1, and the band concerts will be held on May 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The high school Honor Awards Banquet will be held at St. John's Cathedral Center on May 4. AP exams will be conducted May 3-11.
- Remake Learning Night will be conducted on May 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. showcasing the high school's new robotics program, the planetarium and other ways technology is incorporated into learning.

- A Keystone boot camp will be held after school from May 15-18. Students taking or re-taking the Keystone exams in any area should sign up with their math, English or science teacher. There will be daily prize drawings and a grand prize drawing for anyone who attends all four days. Keystone testing is May 23-25, and senior finals are also being held the same days.
- The prom will be held on May 19 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial.
- Two months ago, members of SADD shared a public service message about the devastating effects of heroin. She was happy to report that Steel Valley tied for 3rd place in the Judges Choice category in the FBI Hope outreach contest. The students received a trophy and cash award for their service announcement video on the opioid epidemic. Combined viewers and sharers from all of the submitted videos noted Steel valley's video reached over 1,000 people.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Congratulated Maribeth Meals for her dedicated years of teaching at Barrett Elementary School. Mrs. Meals will be retiring after 19 years as a special education teacher. She began her career at Steel valley as an autistic teacher, and her latest assignment has been with the learning support class.
- Another retiree is Mary Ellen Totin who began as a substitute school nurse in the school district and then serviced as a Health Services Aide at Barrett Elementary School in 2000. She has served as a School Nurse at the elementary and middle schools since 2004 and has contributed to the well being and safety of our students. Mr. Wehrer wished both of them the best in their retirement.
- The District would be acknowledging its volunteers for the vital role they play in making a difference in our schools at a Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 26.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges:

- School calendar events: May 1-3 Spring Arts Festival, May 9 Last Early Dismissal for Students and Staff Professional Development, May 17 Parent Information Meeting

Director of Academics, Information and Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported scheduling has begun at the high school for next school year. An AlertNow message will be sent asking parents to return their children's course selection sheets. The scheduling process will begin soon in the middle school.
- The Technology Department will begin student iPad collection in the near future. The Geek Squad was invited to assist with end of the year responsibilities. Announced that Apple slashed the costs of iPads for education to \$299 each, which will be a cost savings to all school districts. Camera repair and new camera installation would take place at Park Elementary School entrance and other areas.
- Thanked Mrs. Beth McCallister for spearheading the testing initiatives; she has done a remarkable job. He also announced the possibility of holding summer school at the high school.

Solicitor's Report

None

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Abby Caspar - All students should stay on the safe schools route and not use Homestead Duquesne Road for walking to and from school.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 worksession and the March 30, 2017 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Colasante, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

- 1.1. List of Bills
 - 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for April 2017 in the amount of \$227,465.86
 - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for March 2017 in the amount of \$1,189,535.32
 - 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for March 2017
 - 1.1.06 Food Service Invoices for March 2017 in the amount of \$51,514.60
 - 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for March 2017
 - 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2017
 - 1.1.11 Capital Projects Revenue Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.12 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.13 Capital Projects Balance Sheet Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.14 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.15 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.16 External Groups balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2017
 - 1.1.17 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2017

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

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented plus an additional request from the Girl Scouts
- 2.2. Authorize district officials to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the school district and the police departments for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

2.3 Change of date for the facility permit for “Meet the Candidate” to May 9, 2017, from 6 p.m.to 9 p.m.

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

3.2 NovaCare as the Athletic Trainer services provider at the cost as presented, contingent that the district solicitor can come to an agreement on contract language and that the terms include a thirty day termination notice after the first year, if services are not acceptable

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

4.0 Special Assignments

No report

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

5.1 The Educational Services Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the school district for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

5.2 The Use of Funds Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the school district for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

5.3 The school district Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the school district for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

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

6.0 Communications and 7.0 Technology

- Mr. Colebank discussed the start date of the website development.

8.0 Personnel Management

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

- 8.1 Accept with regret, the resignation of Maribeth Meals from the position of special education teacher according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated March 30, 2017
- 8.2 An intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Patrick Loughran retroactive to April 4, 2017, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- 8.3 Appoint Virginia Carr to the supplemental position of Middle School Swim Coach for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.4 Family Medical Leave of Absence for Ellen Kelly from April 17, 2017, through April 28, 2017
- 8.5 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mary Ellen Totin according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated March 30, 2017
- 8.6 A Memorandum of Understanding for an early retirement incentive for the Steel Valley Education Association dated April 24, 2017

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

Citizen Comments

Kathleen Pitchford presented an issue she had with the delinquent real estate tax collector.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.