

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 7:03 p.m.

An executive session began at 7:03 p.m. to discussion legal/personnel issues and ended at 7:16 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Zenone, 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: *Hetti E. Pido*, sister of Holli Bobick, Park paraprofessional; *Wayne R. Matukonis*, uncle of Melissa Ladik, high school paraprofessional; *George Barnhart*, grandfather of Ed Colebank, *Michael Skocz*, uncle of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information and Technology.

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

President's Comments

Ms. Youngblood

- Stated that she is looking forward to a great year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced that Steel Valley moved up in the rankings of the best school districts in the Pittsburgh area. Niche.com compared school districts in the Pittsburgh area and across the state. We are ranked 38 out of 79 school districts in the Pittsburgh area and 234 out of 497 school districts in Pennsylvania. Steel Valley was given a B overall. We scored a B+ in teacher quality, resources and facilities, and food, and an A in student diversity. Further results can be found at
- www.niche.com/k12/search/best-school-districts/m/pittsburgh-metro-area.
- Commented on the student schedules.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the distribution of iPads would be completed during the first week of school. Parent signatures will be needed for the 5th grade students and all new students to receive their iPads.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Donna Dreshman asked if any Board members are related to new hire. Board/Administration responded with “no”.
- Dan Rojtas spoke regarding the positive aspects behind scheduling.
- Joy Tomasic questioned growth or testing, what is more important in student's educational development. Mr. Wehrer responded to question.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

August 24, 2017 meeting minutes. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Abstain: Olson and Rojtas. Negative: None.

August 24, 2017 meeting minutes. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood. Abstain: Olson, Rojtas and Yuhas. Negative: None. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for 2016-2017 paid in 2017-2018 in the amount of \$84,375.94
- 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for August 2017 in the amount of \$230,070.83
- 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for 2016-2017 paid in July 2017 in the amount of \$3,935.97
- 1.1.04 General Fund hand checks for July 2017 in the amount of \$1,264,753.24
- 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for June 2017
- 1.1.06 General Fund Revenue Report for July 2017
- 1.1.07 General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2017
- 1.1.08 General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2017
- 1.1.09 General Fund Balance Sheet for June 2017
- 1.1.10 General Fund Balance Sheet for June 2017
- 1.1.11 Food Service invoices for 2016-2017 paid in 2017-2018 in the amount of \$625.00
- 1.1.12 Food Service Revenue Report for June 2017
- 1.1.13 Food Service Revenue Report for July 2017
- 1.1.14 Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2017
- 1.1.15 Food Service Expenditure Report for July 2016
- 1.1.16 Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2017
- 1.1.17 Food Service Balance Sheet for July 2017
- 1.1.18 Payroll Funding Transfers for June and July 2017
- 1.1.19 Capital Projects Revenue Report for June 2017
- 1.1.20 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for June 2017

- 1.1.21 Capital Projects Balance Sheet for June 2017
- 1.1.22 Capital Projects Revenue Report for July 2017
- 1.1.23 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for July 2017
- 1.1.24 Capital Projects Balance Sheet Report for July 2017
- 1.1.25 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2017
- 1.1.26 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2017
- 1.1.27 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2017
- 1.1.28 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2017
- 1.2 Adopt a resolution authorizing the Business Manager and proper officers of the School Board to pay certain invoices timely when the goods, services or contract had been previously approved and included in the budget and where the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States of America require payments in a required time period that would occur prior to a Board meeting

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

2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

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. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Request for the 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C., on May 10-12, 2018, at no cost to the district
- 3.3 Adopt a Food Service Budget for the 2017-2018 school year with revenues projected at \$1,106,280 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$1,135,165. The deficit of \$28,885 will be absorbed by the Fund Balance
- 3.4 Adopt a resolution recognizing and supporting the Steel Valley Soccer Club, known as an association that conducts its activities as a service organization supporting the educational endeavors of the District.

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: No report

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 Designate book titles listed as surplus books and authorize the administration to dispose of the titles listed

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 and 7.0 Technology

Mr. Rojtas and Mr. Bulger will be available tomorrow, August 25th, to discuss Technology and Communication with staff.

8.0 Personnel Management

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

- 8.1 Appoint Christie Barron to a full time professional school nurse position with a 2017-2018 assignment of full time elementary school nurse at Bachelor's Step 2 salary (\$45,432) plus benefits as per the SVEA collective bargaining agreement effective August 25, 2017, and contingent upon receipt of current clearances, health examination, screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168
- 8.2 Dr. Richard L. Kapusta, certified school psychologist and PA licensed psychologist, as a contracted provider to perform school psychological services as needed
- 8.3 Tracey McPherson and Carl Sarber as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014, and upon passing physical exam and drug screening test
- 8.4 Aaron Conner to the supplemental position of high school cross country coach for the 2017-2018 school year
- 8.5 Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Mary Jo Sklencar effective August 23, 2017, not to exceed 60 days
- 8.6 Accept the resignation of Jules DeFelices from the position of paraprofessional, effective with the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year
- 8.7 Every day substitute teachers as presented for the 2017-2018 school year at the approved daily rate
- 8.8 Hire Joley Stegena as a substitute custodian to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 and passing physical and drug screening exams
- 8.9 List of volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.10 Open the position of Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- 8.11 Appoint Terri Vargo as a Districtwide Paraeducator at a rate of \$10.10 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status, contingent upon passing a physical exam and the mandated screening for controlled substances and receipt of current clearances

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhus and Youngblood.

Abstain: Rojtas on Item 8.7

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Donna Dreshman – questions:
 1. How will administration handle students affected by schedule?
 2. Update on pool
 3. Real estate tax collectionAdministration responded to questions.
- Kathy Ligeros – asked for comments from Board regarding scheduling. Mr. Bulger stated that the district needs to address communication better in the future so that the community will be better informed. Mr. Rojtas stated he likes the data driven decision making capabilities of scheduling process and also noted that communication needs to get better.
- Joy Tomasic – Various, inquired to what is better test scores or classroom performance?
- Erin Noblet – Nursing services
- Robin Fichter – Various
- Latasha Jones – School testing and how it's affecting daughter's classes
- Steve Vinay – Keystones testing scheduling

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:37 p.m.