

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
July 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 7:05 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Olson, Mr. Rojtas, Mr. Terrick and Mrs. Yuhas

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the passing of *Joyce E. Forrest*, mother of Sandy Reiner, accounts payable secretary; *Colleen Flynn*, sister of Patty Semenko, substitute secretary; *Vernita Flynn*, mother of Patty Semenko, substitute secretary; *Beverly Carol Masek*, cousin of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services; *Helen P. Kline*, retired elementary teacher; and *Peggy Price*, former substitute secretary and member of the Veterans Day Committee.

Mrs. Steele 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, Steele and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced that the staff is gearing up for the new school year.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the Extended School year program ended today with a lively party. She introduced Katie Hruska and Melinda Fedoris of Steel Valley Wellness, a mental health practice in the Steel Valley area. They are hoping to be a catalyst for change in the three boroughs and for the people who live here.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the elementary summer camp and summer credit recovery programs also finished today.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

June 26, 2017 worksession meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Colasante, Steele and Youngblood. Abstain: Ballas and Bulger. Negative: None.

June 29, 2017 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Colasante, Steele and Youngblood. Abstain: Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Katie Hruska of Steel Valley Wellness – Presentation of Services, emotional and behavioral service
- Donna Dreshman – various comments

1.0 Financial Management

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

1.1. List of bills:

1.1.01 General Fund invoices for 2016-2017 being paid in 2017-2018 in the amount of \$253,469.17

1.1.02 General Fund invoices for June 2017 in the amount of \$162,415.98

1.1.03 Food Service invoices for July 2017 in the amount of \$472.00

1.1.04 General Fund hand checks for July 2017 in the amount of \$121,644.16

1.1.05 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2017

1.1.06 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2017

1.1.07 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2017

1.1.08 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 20, 2017

1.2 Exonerate the Homestead Borough real estate tax collector for the 2016 real estate taxes

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

2.0 Operations

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

2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

2.2 Entering into an agreement with Extreme Restoration to provide maintenance for a better airflow within the HVAC system at Barrett Elementary School in the amount of \$18,320.00. These funds will be transacted within the Capital Project Fund.

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Appoint Primetime Shots, Inc., as the student photographer for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years
- 3.3 An increase of adult meals to \$3.50 for lunch and \$2.00 for breakfast

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

4.0 Special Assignments

No report

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 Accept a \$150 donation of gardening equipment and supplies from Lowe's Home Improvement store to be used in the Steel Valley Grows Garden
- 5.2 The Elementary student and Parent Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year
- 5.3 The Secondary Student and Parent Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year
- 5.4 The Middle School Faculty Handbook and the High school Faculty Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year

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

6.0 Communications and 7.0 Technology

- Mr. Colebank – data inputted onto website

8.0 Personnel Management

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

- 8.1 Appoint Natalie Czerwinski to a full-time professional teaching position with a 2017-2018 assignment of Middle School Art teacher at a salary of Bachelor's Step 1 (\$44,483) plus benefits as per the SVEA collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon receipt for current FBI clearance, compliance with Act 168, health examination and the screening for controlled substances
- 8.2 The employment of substitute teachers and nurses as presented for the 2017-2018 school year at the approved daily rate
- 8.3 Appoint Dr. Rudolph Antoncic as the school doctor for the 2018-2018 school year
- 8.4 A contract between the school district and Steel City Therapy, LLC to provide occupational and physical therapy services as needed for school year 2017-2018
- 8.5 Shelly Hiegel as a contracted Behavioral Health Consultant for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$45 per hour
- 8.6 Supplemental positions as presented for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.7 Hire Deborah Lyles at the 4.5 hour position in food service at Barrett Elementary for 90 calendar days and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of current Act 34, 114, 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168, and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- 8.8 Hire Alexandra Wagner and Amy Konesky as substitute food service workers to be paid at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, contingent upon receipt of current Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- 8.9 Approve increasing the substitute rate for clerical and food service workers by \$.25 to rates of \$9.00 per hour for substitute clerical workers and \$8.50 per hour for substitute food service employees
- 8.10 The 2017-2018 salary increases and annual salaries for the two confidential secretaries as presented retroactive to July 1, 2017
- 8.11 The job description for Health Services Aide as presented

- 8.12 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Michael Mulligan from the position of custodian with all benefits of the collective bargaining agreement effective September 29, 2017
- 8.13 Accept, with regret the resignation of Jamie Dolton from the position of Head Varsity Swim Coach effective immediately
- 8.14 Joseph Sedlak as a Varsity Football volunteer for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearance
- 8.15 The contract between Steel Valley School District and Steel Valley Wellness, LLC, to provide behavioral and counseling services for identified students for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$56.25 per hour, not to exceed \$45,000
- Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Steele and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Colasante questioned why motion 2.2 was placed on the agenda late. Mr. Wehrer responded that the quotes were received today.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.