

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**July 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 6:58 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson, Mr. Rojtas, Mrs. Steele and Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Terrick and Mrs. Yuhas

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: *Cynthia Pienkoski*, retired custodian and sister of Walt Baranowski, retired high school custodian; *Margaret T. Boccardi*, grandmother of Amy Lyons, Secretary in the Athletic Office; *Robert C. Kampe*, uncle of Sharon Kampe, high school music teacher; and *Gladys K. Macus*, grandmother of Renee Gelston, high school cafeteria worker.

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

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wehrer:

- Reported that Park School Teacher Maria Heddleston underwent surgery and all went well. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. We wish her and her family nothing but the best.

## **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report**

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the upcoming events in the Middle School:  
August 17 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Tour 4:00-6:00 pm Middle School  
and Teaming Activities  
August 17 Meet the Principal Night 6:00-8:00 pm Middle School  
Q&A, Tour of Building,  
iPad Demos and Showcase
- In order to plan for activities and snack, we ask that middle school parents and students RSVP by August 12, to 412.464.3600 ext. 3501 with the number of students and parents attending. The Middle School PTO has a gift for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, and student schedules will be distributed that evening.
- Middle School Principal Mr. Macuga will be available to lead tours of the Middle School for those students who cannot attend on August 17. Parents should call the office to schedule individual tours.
- Mrs. Borges stated that transition to a new school could cause concern for children. The school district has guidance counselors and mental health therapists in each of our buildings. You may call the building principal or Mrs. Borges in the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services for information on the services available.
- On August 23, a parent workshop entitled, "Navigating the Special Education Process," will be conducted in the Senior High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## **Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report**

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the technology network would have four different logins this year: faculty, students, guests and administration. Each will be different subnets and isolated from one another.
- We will be using different GradeBook system this year. Edline will no longer be used.

### **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

- Conversation surrounded the creation of kindergarten classes at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools. Individuals that commented on the item are: Rob Cocanhower, 217 West Oliver Road, Christy Ruston, Christine Schott, Audrey Paul, Megan Fitzgerald, Donna Dreshman, Michele Kasper, Christine Bakota, Sara Sullivan, Darla Urban
- Joy Tomasic - Recycling

### **Solicitor's Report**

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to authorize the school district to refund the amount of \$1,585.08 to Donald T. Mann for a refund on the 2013 realty taxes overpayment on realty designated as Block & Lot 180-C-287 in the Borough of Munhall.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Bulger moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes as follows:**

#### **June 6, 2016 special meeting**

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

#### **June 27, 2016 worksession meeting**

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

### **June 30, 2016 regular meeting**

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

### **1.0 Financial Management**

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

- 1.1 List of bills:
  - 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for 2015-2016 being paid in 2016-2017 in the amount of \$293,921.64
  - 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for June 2016 in the amount of \$118,860.25
  - 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for June 2016 in the amount of \$838,000.32
  - 1.1.04 General Fund Revenue Report for June 2016
  - 1.1.05 General Fund Expenditure for June 2016
  - 1.1.06 General Fund Balance Sheet for June 2016
  - 1.1.07 Food Service invoices for 2015-2016 being paid in the 2016-2017 in the amount of \$1,396.22
  - 1.1.08 Food Service Revenue Report for June 2016
  - 1.1.09 Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2016
  - 1.1.10 Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2016
  - 1.1.11 Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2016
  - 1.1.12 Capital Projects Statement of Income and expense for month ending June 30, 2016
  - 1.1.13 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
  - 1.1.14 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
  - 1.1.15 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
  - 1.1.16 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
- 1.2 Payments from the Capital Projects Fund to Kudravy Architects, LLC in the amounts of \$1,890.00 and \$1,250.00 and to Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$9,310.50
- 1.3 Payments from the Capital Projects Fund to John Haughey & Sons in the amount of \$18,090.00 and Peter Caruso and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$222,713.10

- 1.4 Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$18,983.37 to Program for Offenders, Inc., Lot & Block 130-N-130, as a result of a change in status to exempt
- 1.5 Adopt the Food Service Budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The Food Service revenues are projected at \$958,430 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$1,024,905. The deficit of \$66,475 will be absorbed by the Fund Balance.
- 1.6 The additional change orders for the 2016-2017 asphalt paving program in the amount of \$4,860.00

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

## **2. Operations**

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Award refuse hauling bid to the Borough of Munhall in the amount of \$1,376.66
- 2.3 Award the remedial masonry repairs at Park Elementary School to Arch Masonry in the amount of \$43,800.00
- 2.4 Approve Change Orders 2, 3 and 4 totaling \$30,349.00 to Peter J. Caruso and Sons

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

## **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Create middle school programs and supplemental positions of swimming with a stipend of \$1,798.87 and an art club with a stipend of \$1,151.26 for the 2016-2017 school year

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

#### **4.0 Special Assignments**

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

- 4.1 Hold first reading of revisions to Policy 221 Dress and Grooming
- 4.2 Hold first reading of new Policy 711 Use of Vehicles on School Business
- 4.3 Hold first reading of new Policy 717 Use of Mobile Communication and Storage Devices

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

Mr. Wehrer recognized Peter J. Caruso for his work on the asphalt project and his contribution to work with the district.

#### **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

- 5.1 Revisions to the 2016-2017 School Calendar
- 5.2 The 2016-2017 Middle School and High School Faculty Handbooks
- 5.3 The 2016-2017 Secondary Student Handbooks

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

#### **6.0 Communications**

No report

## **7.0 Technology**

No report

## **8.0 Personnel Management**

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

- 8.1 Family medical leave of absence for Brynn Ebbitt effective October 7, 2016, no to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- 8.2 Eliminate 4.5 professional teaching positions due to attrition and reconfiguration
- 8.3 Create two professional teaching positions
- 8.4 Deleted
- 8.5 Lauren Fawcett, Lily Deasy, Brandy Newell, Lauren Varacalli, Alanna Angott and Ashley Dreistadt as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014 and receipt of all clearances
- 8.6 Angela Novak as a contracted School Based Mental Health Therapist/Intervention Specialist at a rate of \$30 per hour up to 30 hours per week, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.7 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael Perlaky from the supplemental positions of Middle School Girls Volleyball coach and Boys Junior High Volleyball coach effective immediately
- 8.8 The fall supplemental positions as presented for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.9 The supplemental positions as presented for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.10 Rescind the hire of Robin Schessler effective immediately
- 8.11 Close the positions of Full-time Franklin Primary Center Secretary, part-time 10-month Middle School Secretary and the full-time High School/Technology Department Secretary effective immediately after the completion of the bidding requirements, and close the position of High School Night Custodian effective August 1, 2016
- 8.12 Approve and create the Full-time High School and Building and Grounds Secretary position and the Full-time Middle School and Technology Department Secretary position

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele and Youngblood. Abstain: Steele on Item 8.8. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

- As noted by Mr. Bulger, the name of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach, Mike Perlaky, needs to be removed.
- Mrs. Steele discussed a walking bus stops.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 9:01 a.m.