

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**May 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President at 7:06 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Colasante

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

Flag Salute

**Acknowledgements**

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the passing of the following members of the Steel Valley School District families: *Marie H. Hinkle*, mother-in-law of Audrey Hinkle, Park School teacher; *Robert “Wilky” Wilkinson*, former substitute custodian; *Thomas W. Wallace*, uncle of Kim Watkins, Superintendent’s Secretary; *Raymond “Bull” Bodnar*, Steel Valley graduate Class of 1990; and *Troy Ferron*, Steel Valley graduate Class of 1986.

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

### **Student Representatives' Report**

Miss Abby Ferson

Miss Abbey Caspar

- Math and Science Olympiad at Park School was a huge success. The students sounded wonderful at the All School Revue and the Band Concert. Third grade did a great job leading the Munhall Borough Council meeting on May 17, and all the Park Students loved the Borough Day Parade.
- Kindergarten and first grade students enjoyed the *Elephant and Piggy* theater performance, and second grade had a blast on their field trip to Triple B Farm. The third grade class learned a lot at the Carnegie Science Center, and first graders are eager to go to the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium on Friday. Fourth grade will be touring Heinz Field and taking a Just Ducky Tour next week.
- Park Elementary School will hold its Celebration in Education next Thursday, and fourth grade Step-Up Day will occur on Friday. The fourth grade Merit Day celebration was very nice, and everyone at Park School wishes the fourth graders the best of luck at the middle school next year.
- At Barrett Elementary School, Miss Ferson reported that the Doris Hyde Merit Day Red Carpet celebration was held on Tuesday with approximately 270 guests. The fourth grade students toured the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium yesterday. The All School Revue will be held tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- The Middle School Academic Awards ceremony was conducted on May 24, and 150 students in grades five through eight received awards for academic achievement. On June 1 and 2, the middle school will be hosting its final STREAM event for the year, entitled STREAM Olympics.
- The high school prom was awesome, and everyone had a great time. Miss Caspar thanked Mrs. McCallister and everyone who helped make that night memorable for the students. The last day for seniors will be Friday. The senior breakfast will be held on June 2, and graduation practices will be held

June 7 and 9. The tradition of graduates walking through the elementary buildings will continue on June 7 at both Barrett and Park Elementary Schools.

- The mock crash was held prior to the prom. Thanks to Attorney Mark Smith for his presentation on ending distracted driving.
- Senior finals were done a little differently this year, and there was close to 100% attendance for the senior final exams.
- Miss Abbey Caspar thanked the School Board for allowing her the opportunity to serve as a Student Representative. The experience has allowed her to stand up for what she believes and has given her confidence in public speaking.
- Introduced Miss Izzie Furrick as the new Junior Student Representative to the School Board for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **President's Report**

Ms. Youngblood:

- Recognized the Batch Family for the Red Carpet Day held at Barrett.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced that the Board would be accepting the retirement of Mrs. Cynthia DeLuca with 22 years as a school nurse. Mrs. DeLuca has always taken an active and caring interest in the health and safety of our students, and she will be greatly missed in the elementary schools. He wished her the best in retirement.
- Thanked Charlie and LaTosha Batch for supporting Barrett Elementary School and its students by sponsoring the Doris Hyde Merit Day Red Carpet celebration for the Barrett families held on May 23. He congratulated the Boys Varsity Baseball team and its coaches on the fourth section championship in the past five years. Senior Alex Pepke thanked the Board for recognizing the team tonight. Coach Vickers distributed Certificates of Recognition to the players.

- The Board would recognize the Girls Softball team next month.
- The 2017 Steel Valley Commencement will be held at the Campbell Athletic Field on Friday, June 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wehrer encouraged guests to use the shuttle buses to and from the high school parking lot and Campbell Field.
- The Middle School Drama Club is performing an original play on May 31 and June 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

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

- Announced school calendar events:
 

May 29	Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students
May 29	8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Parade on Main Street
June 3-5	History Club Trip
June 6	Kennywood Picnic – No School for Students
June 8	Teacher Clerical Day – No School for Students
June 9	Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students
June 17	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Sensory Friendly Performance 1:15 p.m. Pre-concert activities; 2:30 p.m. Concert

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

- Reported that student iPad collection has begun at the high school.
- The Board approved changing the time of the Board worksession meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. each month. Mr. Bulger thanked the members of the Board for changing the start time of the worksession meetings, which will allow him to attend both the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors' meetings and the School Board worksessions in a timely fashion.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Fetzko:

- Reported that the last 14 dispositions had no change in assessments.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Bulger moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the worksession meeting minutes of April 20, 2017.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhás and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mr. Rojtas moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2017:** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhás and Youngblood. Abstain: Bulger and Olson. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **Audience Concerns**

- Donna Dreshman inquired regarding the change to meeting dates. Mr. Bulger responded to the change of time.
- Ms. Dreshman also inquired about the budget and Items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3.

## **1.0 Financial Management**

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

### 1.1 List of bills:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for May 2017 in the amount of \$1,546,887.68
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for April 2017 in the amount of \$165,459.90
- 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for April 2017
- 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2017
- 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for April 2017
- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for April 2017 in the amount of \$38,874.50
- 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for April 2017
- 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for April 2017
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for April 2017

- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2017
- 1.1.11 Capital Projects Revenue Report for April 2017
- 1.1.12 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for April 2017
- 1.1.13 Capital Projects Balance Sheet Report for April 2017
- 1.1.14 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- 1.1.15 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- 1.1.16 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- 1.1.17 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- 1.2 Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2017-2018 with a millage rate of 22.761, an increase of 0.7484 mill. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$32,389,852 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$34,570,474. The deficit of \$2,180,622 will be absorbed by the General Fund's Fund Balance
- 1.3 Deleted
- 1.5 Award vendors the bid items as presented

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

- 1.4 Increasing the limit of the credit card to \$10,000.00

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood. Negative: Yuhas. Motion carried.

## **2.0 Operations**

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

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

### **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

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

### **4.0 Special Assignments**

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

4.1 Hold first reading of Policy 823 Naloxone

4.2 The Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Operating Budget, Administrative Budget and Workforce Development Budget and the Southeast Area Special School Administrative Budget for the 2017-2018 school year

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

### **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

5.1 Accept donations of gift cards from Mr. Carey Kann, General Manager, and Ms. Emily Wittmer, Director of Marketing at the Waterfront

5.2 Accept the following donations:

Campbell Foundation	Band Uniforms	\$5,000.00
Campbell Foundation	SADD Conference	\$5,000.00
Connor Johnson Foundation	SADD Conference	\$2,500.00

Colasante's Flowers in the Park Balloons and Decorations           \$112.50  
For Senior Honor Awards Banquet

- 5.3 A five-week summer school program for students in grades 6-12 during the summer of 2017 for core classes only and funded by the summer school enrollment and/or the general fund

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

Mr. Olson thanked the donors for their contributions.

## **6.0 Communications and 7.0 Technology**

Mr. Rojtas announced the launching of the website for the next school year.

## **8.0 Personnel Management**

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

- 8.1 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Cynthia DeLuca from the position of school nurse according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 24, 2017
- 8.2 Create one-half (1/2) of a permanent teaching position
- 8.3 Eliminate the Middle School Instructional Resource position and the High School Technology Education and/or Industrial Arts position
- 8.4 Appoint Austin Delp as a special education teacher at the prorated substitute rate of \$120 per day and appoint Cathy Matta, Amy Selick, Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins, Barb Ferson, and Rachel Dindak as special education teachers at a rate of \$32 per hour for the 2017 Extended School Year program. Appoint Mary Jo Craycraft, Melissa Ladik, Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Christine Furrick, Susan Titmus, Holli Bobick and Betty Lyons as special education paraeducators for the 2017 Extended School Year program at their hourly rates.



- 8.5 Approve the 2017 Summer Camp staff appointments and hours as presented beginning June 26 through July 20, 2017, to be paid from the Barrett Summer Camp program budget
- 8.6 Approve Joseph Holland and Austin Delp 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 upon passing physical and drug screening exams
- 8.7 Appoint Carolyn Whelwell and Lauren Evans to the supplemental positions of High School Cheerleading Co-Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year with Varsity Coach and Junior Varsity Coach stipends totaling \$5,324.62 to be split between the Co-Coaches and contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.8 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Renee Gelston, high school food service worker, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year
- 8.9 Hire Renee Gelston as a substitute in food service for the 2017-2018 school year to be paid at the rate of \$8.25 per hour and no benefits
- 8.10 Hire Angela Novak as a substitute secretary for the 2017-2018 school year to be paid at the rate of \$8.75 per hour, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- 8.11 Hire Tremeire Redden, Dewayne Murray III, and Ryan Harper as substitute custodians to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour for the period of June 12 through August 18, 2017, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- 8.12 Approve a volunteer for Park Elementary School as presented  
Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ballas discussed Girls Varsity Basketball Camp and registration for girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Megan Fitzgerald inquired about the disinfectant chemicals the District uses. Mr. Keesecker responded to question. Ms. Fitzgerald also inquired about

kindergarten class size.

- Christine Schott stated the District needs a full-time nurse at Park and Barrett; made a statement that EduStar is not as good as EDLINE; question regarding personnel
- Donna Dreshman inquired about Title IX

### **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 8:36 p.m.