

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
October 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 7:04 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas (entered 7:09 p.m.), Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson,
Mrs. Steele, Mr. Terrick (via telephone connection) and Ms.
Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Rojtas and Mrs. Yuhas

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

Roll Call

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Marvin Womack*, former basketball coach, 1986 Steel Valley graduate and cousin of Loren Ford, custodian; *Thomas Kissel*, brother-in-law of Norm Kosko, Barrett custodian; *Charles Marvin Sampson*, uncle of Alyson Fisher, Barrett counselor; *Margaret E. Del Cimuto*, grandmother of Meagan O’Toole, high school teacher; *Beverly Nacey*, aunt of Melissa Ladik, middle school paraeducator; *Marilyn E. Braszo*, grandmother of Jillian Braszo, middle school teacher and mother of Ivan Braszo, retired teacher; *Charlotte K. Asmonga*, former cafeteria worker and aunt of Michelle Maddigan, high school teacher; *Harry “Butch” Percival*, uncle of Tom Olson, School Board member; *Wilma Jean Grant*, sister of Coyleen Steele, Vice President of the School Board; *Patricia*

J. Cain, sister-in-law of Dianne Cain, residency/attendance checker and aunt of Erin Noblet, middle school teacher; and *Dustin Dean*, great nephew of Leslie Hairston, paraeducator at Park School.

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

Student Representatives' Reports

Miss Abbey Caspar

Miss Abby Ferson

- Reported that over 200 people attended Dads and Donuts at Barrett Elementary School, and she was happy to report that family involvement is improving at Barrett.
- Barrett students have received iPads and learning is underway with the new devices. The students and staff are utilizing the Apple programs and taking learning to a new dimension. She thanked Mr. Campbell and the Campbell Foundation for the iPads.
- Barrett staff made and sold over 400 hoagies. The Barrett students attended a Spinosaurus Encounter Show at the Carnegie of Homestead, and they would like to thank the library for this opportunity.
- The Fall Festival Parade will take place on October 31 at 1:00 p.m. Weather permitting, the students will walk the outside parade route.
- In November, McTeacher Night will be held at the McDonald's on the Waterfront. The teachers will serve meals at McDonald's for the evening and the profits will benefit Barrett Elementary School.
- The afterschool programs are underway and have been very successful at Barrett School.
- The 3rd and 4th graders had a great time at the Fall Dance held on October 19 at Park Elementary School. The Family Fun Night was fun for the kindergarteners through 2nd graders on October 20. Everyone learned a lot from the Fire Safety assembly held at Park School by the local fire fighters.
- Everyone at Park School is looking forward to the Halloween parade on Friday, October 28, and for the Veterans Day Celebration on November 9.

- Senior Student Representative to the School Board Abbey Caspar reported that teachers from the Steel Valley Middle School toured the Elizabeth Forward Middle School to view instructional programs that utilize iPad devices and the eBackpack program.
- The Middle School basketball season will begin on November 7. All home games will be held in the Middle School gym beginning at 3:30 p.m.
- PSATs were given on October 19 to all 10th grade students.
- The bonfire is scheduled for the Thursday before the first playoff football game. It will be a pep assembly complete with cheerleaders, band, players and lots of excitement as our Ironmen battle in the WPIAL playoffs.
- The blood drive sponsored by the Student Government was a huge success and thanked Mrs. McCallister and the students for their assistance and also for their donations.
- Librarian Dr. Rojtas-Milliner is hosting a schoolwide Harry Potter Festival this week. Activities include room-decorating contest, costume contest, dramatic readings, wand decorating and mystical foods are part of the weeklong celebration of all things magical.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Congratulated the marching band for its 2nd place finish at the Penn Trafford band competition with a score of 80.25. The color guard came in 1st place. He wished the marching band the best at the Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey in two weeks.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced some of the upcoming events:

October 29 Sadie Hawkins Dance HS 7:00 p.m.

November 9 Veterans Day Program Park 9:00 a.m.

November 9 Veterans Day Program Barrett 1:30 p.m.

November 10 Veterans Day Program HS 8:45 a.m.

- The next parent workshop will be a breakfast meeting on November 22 at Barrett Elementary School starting at 8:00 a.m. on the topic of positive behavior and supports.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the end of the nine-week grading period is November 2 and report cards will be distributed November 9. The Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled the week of November 14.

Solicitor's Report

None

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – question on the agenda

Board Meeting Minutes

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

September 26, 2016

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

September 28, 2016

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Olson, Terrick, and Youngblood. Abstain: Colasante and Steele. 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 October 2016 in the amount of \$735,549.90
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for September 2016 in the amount of \$1,148,366.65
- 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for September 2016
- 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for September 2016
- 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for September 2016
- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for September 2016 in the amount of \$52,740.34
- 1.1.07 Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2016
- 1.1.08 Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending September 30, 2016
- 1.1.09 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- 1.1.10 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- 1.1.11 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement
- 1.1.12 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- 1.2 The following contractors and amounts to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund:

John Haughey & Sons Inc.	\$3,060.00
John Haughey & Sons Inc.	\$21,170.00
Golon Inc.	\$44,550.00
Swede Construction Corp.	\$40,662.00

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

Mr. Zenone went over Capital Projects amounts owed as of October 31st. A list of amounts owed was provided.

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Change order in the amount of \$2,310.00 to Swede Construction Corporation

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

3.1 Fundraising requests

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick 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 a second reading and adopt revisions to Policy 707 Facilities

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

Mr. Olson gave a report on special needs students and Steel Center.

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

5.1 Accept the following donations:

300 Backpacks	Pittsburgh Pirates	Middle School
Yoga Mats	Yoga Foster	Barrett School
Power Bands	Unicef Kid Power Grant	3 rd Grade Barrett School

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

6.0 Communications

No report

7.0 Technology

7.1 Mr. Bulger stated there was a meeting on October 19, 2016 for technology.

The following items were discussed:

- 1.) What can we do with the technology we have
- 2.) Future technology challenges
- 3.) Best practices in technology

8.0 Personnel Management

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

81. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Julie Doebereiner from the long-term substitute position of special education teacher retroactive to October 7, 2016
- 8.2 Appoint Rachel Dindak to a full-time long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of full-time, long-term substitute Districtwide Special Education teacher at Bachelor's Step 1 salary plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to October 13, 2016, contingent upon receipt of health examination and screening for controlled substances
- 8.3 Appoint Marissa Haddad to a full-time, long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of full-time, long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher at Bachelor's Step 1 salary plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to October 10, 2016
- 8.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation of James Bartko from the supplemental position of high school yearbook advisor effective immediately
- 8.5 Create two (2) supplemental positions of Pitt-Bridge Sponsor with a stipend of \$2,000 each for the 2016-2017 school year
- 8.6 Supplemental appointments as presented for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168

- 8.7 Steve Franklin as a varsity boys basketball volunteer, Virginia Carr as a swimming volunteer and Cole Eged as a bowling volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 8.8 Create a districtwide paraeducator position to support the Section 504 and/or IEPs of student with disabilities or medical needs
- 8.9 The Care Unlimited, Inc., agreement and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

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

Chairperson Youngblood stated that Mrs. Yuhas wanted it know that her son is a volunteer in Item 8.7.

Citizen Comment

- Ms. Donna Dreshman
- Marisa Hicks, Maya Adams - spoke about changing dress code policy
- Jamie Blick – a son in first grade spoke about the aides at Park Elementary, Park dismissal time is chaotic, wants five minutes of staggered dismissal, social media bad impression wants District to start social media relations with the community.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.