

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
April 19, 2018

Mr. Bulger, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Blick, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Rojtas, Mrs. Steele, Ms.
Youngblood, Mrs. Yuhas and Mr. Bulger

Absent: Mrs. Ligeros and Mr. Olson (entered 7:07 p.m.)

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Dora Lee Evans*, wife of former Board member William Evans 1971-1979; *John McCarthy*, uncle of Beth Cannon, former School Board President, and Lynan Cochrane, Middle School paraprofessional; *Charles Burke*, stepfather of Nick Seech; *James Ferguson*, uncle of Nick Seech, High School Social Studies teacher; *Nathan Jones*, 2007 Steel Valley graduate; *Robert E. Walsh*, brother of Kevin Walsh, Barrett Principal; *Daniel Ikach*, uncle of Clay Karadus, Middle School teacher; *David Allan*, uncle of Therese Safko, Middle School paraprofessional; *Barbara J. Stupar*, mother of Melinda Fedoris, behavior specialist for Steel Valley Wellness at Barrett Elementary School.

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

President's Report

Mr. Bulger:

- Announced that he attended the My Special Person and Me dance at Park School. He added that it is wonderful what the parent groups do for our students. Barrett Elementary School is having a similar dance. The middle school parents assist the students with fundraising for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. At the high school, seniors have been on several trips this year, and fundraising is available to help defray the cost of the prom tickets.
- The District is hosting the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner next week for the many parents and community members who volunteer in our schools. He thanked the volunteers for what they do to make this a great place for our students and by putting our students first. He added that he is proud to be part of this community.

Student Representative's Report

Ms. Isabella Furrick:

- Reported the 3rd and 4th grade students at Park Elementary School did their best and worked really hard on the PSSAs. Park School will be holding a kindergarten registration event on April 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The students are looking forward to a variety of fun events and activities in May.
- At Barrett Elementary School, the staff and students celebrated Autism Day on April 3 by wearing blue. The PSSA testing went very well for 3rd and 4th graders taking the ELA and Math assessments. Kindergarten registration began this month. The Special Person and Me dance will take place on April 20.
- Take Your Child To Work Day is on April 26. The Cash Bash held on March 10 was very successful, and everyone is looking forward to doing it again next year.
- Steel Valley SADD brought in comedian Craig Tornquist who treated the 5th and 6th graders to an assembly on Tuesday. His message was about finding

your talent and being confident in yourself. He also talked to students about the importance of being kind and encouraging each other.

- Twenty-one of the high school students attended the 15th Annual Fatal Awareness Conference in Ross Township today. The keynote speaker discussed the importance of making good life choices and looking in the mirror each day and being happy with whom you are. The students also heard from two teens that have overcome addictions and turned their lives in the right direction.
- PSSA (check this) exams for students in grades 9 through 11 are scheduled for May 22-24 and senior final exams for most core subjects will take place on those days. The prom is scheduled for May 18th.
- At the middle school, students in eighth grade will be completing the Science PSSA assessment on April 24-25. Parent alerts are sent home every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. to inform parents of weekly events.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner would be held on Wednesday, April 24, in the high school cafeteria. Over 200 people have been invited to be recognized for their assistance in the classrooms; chaperoning field trips, dances and class trips; raising money for the students and programs; tutoring, mentoring and coaching; participating in the after school programs; and working behind the scenes for the musical, senior breakfast, prom and semi-formal. We would not be a caring and complete school district without the efforts of our volunteers.
- This is a special time of year for ceremonies and recognitions. Another outstanding event is the Dr. Griffin Senior Honors Award Banquet next month. Dr. Stephen Vinay III, a Steel Valley valedictorian, will be the guest speaker. We will be awarding scholarships and recognizing the achievements of our academic students.
- The Transforming Twelfth project has been waiting for two properties to be demolished next to Barrett Elementary School. The Steel Rivers Council of Governments opened bids for the demolition, and Homestead Borough awarded the contract to DJ Demolition Company. Mr. Wehrer asked the Borough to target June 13 for the start of the demolition project.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the next Education Leadership Committee meeting would be held Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Creating Value Design Studio located in the high school.
- April 30 would be an inservice day for staff, and there would be no school for students.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Thanked the counselors and Mrs. McCallister for their outstanding efforts in coordinating the PSSA tests. Principals were asked to be sure students are not removing the protective cases from their iPads. A review of the new website is available the next three Wednesdays at 2:50 p.m. or you can make arrangements for a preview.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the Settlement and Release agreements between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Education Association and Former Employee No. 446 in regards to the pending appeal in Commonwealth Court on the Middle School Dean of Students' position, and authorize the proper officers of the School District to affix their signature to the Agreement on behalf of the School District. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Blick seconded the motion to approve payment of severance pay to Former Employee No. 446 in the amount of \$8,000.00 as set forth in the afore referenced Release Agreement. Upon roll

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

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Blick seconded the motion to authorize the Solicitor to join with PSEA to file a petition to discontinue the aforesaid appeal currently pending in commonwealth Court, docketed at No. 1042-CD 2017. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhás and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Colasante moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to approve the Settlement Agreement regarding Civil Action 2:17-cv-00577. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhás and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to approve the March 19, 2018 worksession minutes and the March 22, 2018 regular meeting (revised) minutes. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhás and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- 1.1 List of bills:
 - 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for April 2018 in the amount of \$412,351.97
 - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for March 2018 in the amount of \$1,416,220.57
 - 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for March 2018
 - 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for March 2018
 - 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for March 2018
 - 1.1.06 Food Service invoices in the amount of \$51,794.85
 - 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for March 2018

- 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for March 2018
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for March 2018
- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2018
- 1.1.11 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2018
- 1.1.12 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2018
- 1.1.13 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2018
- 1.1.14 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2018
- 1.1.15 Capital Projects Revenue Report for March 2018
- 1.1.16 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for March 2018
- 1.1.17 Capital Projects Balance Sheet for March 2018
- 1.2 Adopt the resolution to fill a vacancy in the Office of the Tax Collector for the Steel Valley School District for the Borough of Homestead
- 1.3 Exonerate the Munhall Real Estate Tax Collector for the 2017 real estate taxes

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

Mr. Bulger thanked Munhall Real Estate Tax Collector Donna Mercuri for her dedication and professionalism to the School District.

2.0 Operations

Ms. Youngblood 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: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhás and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

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

4.0 Special Assignments

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

4.1 Hold first reading of all policies in Section 900 of the Steel Valley Board Policy Manual

4.2 Hold first reading of revisions to Policy 251 Homeless Students

4.3 Hold first reading of Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

4.4 Hold first reading of revisions to Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics

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

Mr. Bulger spoke to the credentials of Judith F. Andzelik and his interactions with her on the AIU Board. He highly recommends her.

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to:

4.5 Vote for Judith F. Andzelik or Pamela Dobos to a School Board Trustee position for the Southeastern Region of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for a two-year period effective April 30, 2018

Upon roll call the following members voted for Andzelik: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhás and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mrs. Yuhás moved and Mr. Blick seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 5.1 Accept a \$10,920.00 grant from The Pittsburgh Foundation to support the creation of The Forge maker space in the Middle School
- 5.2 Accept 16 office desk chairs from Mr. Regis Caldwell
- 5.3 Accept the donations of an electric pencil sharpener, pencils, Sharpie marker sets, transfer paper, Crayola classic markers, and Crayola pencils from DonorsChoose.org for the “Drawing in the Makerspace” classroom project by Natalie Czerwinski, Middle School art teacher
- 5.4 Accept donations of tables, chairs, whiteboard, desks, bookshelf, and credenzas from PNC Bank for the Senior High School
- 5.5 Approve the Adelphoi Education Services Agreement
- 5.6 Approve the 2018-2019 Academic Handbook for the Middle School
- 5.7 Approve an Elementary Summer Program beginning the week of June 19 and ending the week for July 12, 2018

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

Mr. Bulger thanked the donors and staff member who worked on the application for the \$10,920.00 grant. Staff members are going above and beyond to bring The forge to fruition. It will be a nice addition to our district.

6.0 Communications and Technology

No update

7.0 Personnel Management

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

- 7.1 Darrell L. Burroughs as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014 and passing physical and drug screening tests
- 7.2 Leave of absence for Deborah Lyles retroactive to January 9, 2018, until the start of the 2018-2019 school year
- 7.3 Terminate Employee No. 980 due to noncompliance with contract guidelines that must be followed when on a leave of absence

- 7.4 Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Education Association for a retirement incentive dated April 19, 2018
- 7.5 A Memorandum of Understanding for a retirement incentive for the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Professionals dated April 19, 2018
- 7.6 A Memorandum of Understanding for a retirement incentive for the Steel Valley Custodial/Food Service Educational Support Personnel dated April 19, 2018
- 7.7 Job description for the position of Middle School Dean of Students
- Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Mr. Jim Deutsch inquired if the pool is leaking. Real estate taxes was also discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.