

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**May 24, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:01 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Blick, Mr. Colasante, Mrs. Ligeros, Mr. Rojtas,  
Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Yuhás and Mr. Bulger

Absent: Mr. Olson (arrived 7:06 p.m.) and Ms. Youngblood

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: *Alice Tomredle*, volunteer at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools; *Donna L. Wallace*, aunt of Kim Watkins, secretary to the superintendent; *Chester A. Wrobel*, retired chief of police, West Homestead Borough; *Frank J. Catterall, Jr.*, brother-in-law of Karen Catterall, retired elementary teacher; *Laura Moutschler*, aunt of Betty Lyons, paraprofessional at Barrett; *Dominic Wyno*, father of Nicole Mackey, health services aide; *Randy Geyer*, uncle of Jodi Geyer; academic literacy coach; *Calvin Thompson*, father of Bradley Thompson, elementary music teacher.

**Mrs. Steele moved and Mrs. Yuhás 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, Ligeros, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhás and Bulger. Negative: None.  
Motion carried.

### **Board President's Report**

Mr. Bulger:

- Reported that Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated in all schools. He expressed his gratitude to the teachers and all those who touch the lives of our students.
- The ReMake Learning event at the middle school was spectacular. Students enjoyed unique hands-on learning in the new space called The Forge.
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) brought attention to distracted driving by writing positive messages on the street around the high school.
- Mr. Bulger and Mrs. Yuhás participated in the Girls on the Run 5K event on May 20. He thanked the sponsors and the coaches who worked with the students to complete the 5K race. Both elementary schools were well represented by students and staff members.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Ms. Isabella Furrick:

Ms. Abby Ferson:

- Reported that Barrett students were recognized at the Annual Merit Day celebration on May 23. The All School Review would be held on May 31 at 12:30 p.m.
- The third and fourth graders at Park School used team work to solve problems during the Math/Science Olympiad. The elementary students are excited for the All School Review, field trips and walks to the pond.
- The Remake Learning event was held at the Middle School in The Forge using hands on learning activities.
- The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on May 4, and new members were inducted into the NHS during a candle lighting ceremony. Congratulations to Mrs. Toni Besh for being named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year voted on by the National Honor Society members.
- The Middle School Drama Club was performing this week.

- Jump Start for Juniors was held May 9 for juniors and seniors to explore future options including planning for college applications, making connections for careers after graduation and information about immediate employment after graduation.
- Thanked the Board of School Directors for the opportunity to be Student Representatives.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wehrer:

- Reported that Barrett Elementary School was transformed into a beautiful reception hall for the Merit Day Event for Barrett students. He thanked the Best of the Batch Foundation for spearheading such a special celebration and recognition of our students.
- He thanked Abby Ferson and Izzy Furrick for their dedication to serving as the Student Representatives to the School Board. Abby has served two years as the Student Representative, and she has done an outstanding job. She will be attending Duquesne or Point Park for music and theater. Izzy Furrick served as the Junior Representative reporting on the happenings in the elementary schools.
- Mr. Wehrer reported that the Girls Softball team had an outstanding season beating Deer Lakes 9-6 in the WPIAL 3A playoff game but lost to Southmoreland in the last inning of the game. Coach Janov stated that it was a wonderful season, and the girls showed their strength as a team. Mr. Wehrer thanked Coach Janov for his leadership.
- The Boys Baseball team also qualified for the WPIAL 3A playoffs and won in the first round. They lost to Riverside 3-1 in the quarterfinal game. Coach Vickers stated that the players persevered through this year's injuries. Mr. Wehrer thanked the players and Coach Vickers for a strong program under his leadership.
- Mr. Wehrer invited the community to the 2018 Commencement exercises on Friday, June 8, beginning 7:00 p.m. at the William V. Campbell Athletic Field. Our distinguished alumnae this year is Dr. Elayne Arrington, the valedictorian of the Homestead Class of 1957. He hoped the community would come out to celebrate our seniors.
- In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the high school gymnasium. Shuttle buses will be available from the high school to Campbell

Field starting at 6:00 p.m. and returning to the high school at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the upcoming events:

May 29	9:00 a.m. Middle School Academic Ceremony
May 30	Celebration in Education – Park School
June 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Step Up Day – Middle School
June 4	1:00 p.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Merit Day – Park School
June 5	Kennywood Picnic – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 6	8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast – High School
June 8	Last Day of School
June 8	7:00 p.m. Commencement – William V. Campbell Athletic Field
June 11	Clerical Day for Staff
June 11	8:30 a.m. Retirement Breakfast Celebration – HS Cafeteria

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that next week he will be collecting electronic devices at the middle school. Prior to turning in iPads, students are to save their information onto the cloud.
- The third round of CDT tests will be administered to third and fourth grade students. The kindergarten, first and second graders will take the MAPS testing.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**April 16, 2018 worksession meeting:** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**April 19, 2018 regular meeting:** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Bulger. Abstain: Ligeros. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **1.0 Financial Management**

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

- 1.1 List of bills:
  - 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for May 2018 in the amount of \$477,265.80
  - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for April 2018 in the amount of \$217,504.13
  - 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for April 2018
  - 1.1.06 Food Service invoices in the amount of \$44,395.93
  - 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for April 2018
  - 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2018
  - 1.1.11 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.12 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.13 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.14 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.15 Capital Projects Revenue Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.16 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for April 2018
  - 1.1.17 Capital Projects Balance Sheet for April 2018
- 1.2 Exonerate the Homestead Real Estate Tax Collector for the 2017 real estate taxes
- 1.3 Transfer the Committed Fund Balance of \$2,000,000 to the Unassigned Fund Balance
- 1.4 The Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2018-2019 with a millage rate of 23.489, an increase of .7280 mill. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$34,218,190 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$36,885,813. The deficit of \$2,667,623 will be absorbed by the General Fund's Fund Balance.

- 1.5 Award the general supply and athletic bid list as presented to the selected vendors at a total amount of \$33,810.28
- 1.6 The resolution regarding the reimbursement to the General Fund from the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Notes
- 1.7 Clark Hill PLC as the Bond Counsel for the Emergency Debt at a rate of \$20,000 plus \$300.00 to \$385.00 per hour for preparation and attending Hearings. Janney Montgomery Scott is awarded the Investment Banker Advisor to be compensated at a discount rate of \$6.50 per \$1,000.00 bond. Bond Counsel and the Investment Bankers will explore the possibility of debt restructuring.

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

## **2.0 Operations**

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

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

## **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

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

## **4.0 Special Assignments**

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

- 4.1 Hold second reading and adopt all policies in Section 900 of the Steel Valley Board Policy Manual
- 4.2 Hold second reading and adopt revisions to Policy 251 Homeless Students
- 4.3 Hold second reading and adopt Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

- 4.4 Hold second reading and adopt revisions to Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- 4.5 The 2018-2019 Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Combined Budgets (Administrative, Operating, Perkins and Workforce Development) and approve the Southeastern Special Schools 2018-2019 Administrative Budget as presented
- 4.6 The Sixth Amendment to Jointure Agreement with Southeastern Area Special School as presented
- 4.7 The Seventh Amendment to Jointure Agreement with Steel Center for Career and Technical Education as presented

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

## **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

- 5.1 Accept the donation of potting soil and compost from Lowes at the Waterfront for the Franklin Grows Garden
- 5.2 Designate 133 white 17"iMac computers as unused equipment and approve disposal of the computers
- 5.3 The move of the internal placement program for secondary students from the Batch Center to the Franklin Administration Building for the 2018-2019 school year

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

## **6.0 Communications and Technology**

No update

## **7.0 Personnel Management**

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

- 7.1 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Mark Fallon from a professional teaching position as a Social Studies teacher according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 19, 2018

- 7.2 Nicole States as point person and Susan Wilder, Jonette Bost, Tony Verbanick, Jennifer Ambrozic, LuAnne Szczyzinski and Tameka Akins as staff for the 2018 Elementary Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$32.00 for 20 hours beginning June 19 through the week of July 12
- 7.3 Appoint Lori Oleksak, Traci Churilla, Lisa Lawson and Kristie Spotti as special education teachers for the 2018 Extended School Year Program at a rate of \$32.00 per hour, and appoint Melissa Ladik, Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Christine Furrick, Holli Bobick and Betty Lyons as special education paraeducators for the 2018 ESY Program at their hourly rates
- 7.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jamie Dolton from the supplemental position of Varsity Swim Coach effective immediately
- 7.5 Hire Daniel Urban as a substitute custodian at \$9.00 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing physical and drug screening exams and compliance with Act 168

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

### **Citizen Comments**

- Donna Dreshman – Bonds for tax collector
- Christine Schott – AlertNow/Dresscode
- Jim Deutsch – Agenda on website/New website

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Rojtas moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

After adjournment Mr. Zenone conducted a Community Budget Meeting for all that was in attendance.