

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
August 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:40 p.m.

Roll call as follows:

Mr. Blick, Mr. Colasante, Mrs. Ligeros, Mr. Olson, Mr. Rojtas,
Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Yuhas and Mr. Bulger

Absent: Ms. Youngblood

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Frank McClintock*, father-in-law of Amy Lyons, Athletic/Activities Office Secretary; *Jason Stokes*, son of Judi Stokes, retired elementary teacher; *Vincent P. Davis*, father of Lauren Baughman, former principal at Park Elementary School and Franklin Primary Center, *Jack Chalfa*, father-in-law of Kelly Chalfa, high school cafeteria staff; *Edwin P. Seddon*, grandfather of Nicole and John Strom, Park School Instructional Resource Teacher and Secondary Associate Principal; *Matthew Zeigler*, Steel Valley Graduate, Class of 2004; *Dorothy C. Miller*, retired high school cafeteria staff; and *Mary A. Baker*, aunt of Amber Thomas, secondary school nurse.

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Steele 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, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Donna Dreshman – charter school update, food services purchase, any individual hired that is a relative of a Board member? Mr. Zenone presented the charter school update.
- Jim Deutsch – changes to student handbook

Board President's Report

Mr. Bulger:

- Reported the school year started with a transition day for kindergarten, 5th grade and 9th grade students. These students were able to become familiar with the school without other students in the building. He added that the district is offering many advanced classes in the middle school and high school. These classes are afforded to students when other small school districts similar to Steel Valley do not offer these classes.
- Students are preparing for careers by attending Steel Center, which is one of the finest programs for career development. Our students succeed in these programs. We also offer special education courses, mental health counseling, and a robust alternative education program. Steel Valley School District offers educational opportunities for students who need help and who excel.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced that Barrett and Park School staff members participated in an active shooter drill, also known as A.L.I.C.E. training, as part of a safety exercise this week. The police, fire departments and EMS from all three boroughs, as well as MAPS, participated in this important training. It is unfortunate that this exercise must be practiced, but it is good to know that the first responders make our safety their priority.

- On October 8, another training will occur in the Middle School/High School complex with EMS, Homeland Security, County Sheriff's Department and local police, fire and EMS. This may be the largest drill that has occurred in the county.
- Reported that the raw data results of 22 testing assessments, which include grades 3, 6, 7, 8 and Keystones.
- Last year, Steel Valley was one of five school districts in Allegheny County that had shown significant growth. The final data is not available, but it is promising that students will show growth again this year.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the Alternative Education program would be located in the Franklin Education Center. The Board has added an Elementary Behavioral Support Center located in the Batch Center, and they have hired additional special education teachers.
- Noted that students are returning to Steel Valley to enroll.
- Announced that Friday is the first full day of school. Elementary Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 29. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from Barrett and Park Elementary Schools. Parents are invited to Open House as follows:

5:00 – 7:00 PM	Park Elementary School
5:30 – 7:30 PM	Barrett Elementary School

Director of Academics, Information and Technology

No report

Solicitor's Report

No report

Board Meeting Minutes

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

July 23, 2018 worksession meeting:

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

July 26, 2018 regular meeting:

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Ligeros, Steele and Bulger. Abstain: Olson, Rojtas, Yuhas. 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 2017-2018 paid in 2018-2019 in the amount of \$148,608.15
- 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for August 2018 in the amount of \$181,266.15
- 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for July 2018 in the amount of \$1,974,205.47
- 1.1.04 General Fund Revenue Report for July 2018
- 1.1.05 General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2018
- 1.1.06 General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2018
- 1.1.07 Food Service invoices in the amount of \$973.86
- 1.1.08 Food Service Revenue Report for June 2018
- 1.1.09 Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2018
- 1.1.10 Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2018
- 1.1.11 Food Service Revenue Report for July 2018
- 1.1.12 Food Service Expenditure Report for July 2018
- 1.1.13 Food Service Balance Sheet for July 2018
- 1.1.14 Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2018

- 1.1.15 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018.
- 1.1.16 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018
- 1.1.17 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018
- 1.1.18 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement July 2018
- 1.1.19 Capital Projects Activity for July 2018
- 1.1.20 Capital Projects Balance Sheet for July 2018
- 1.2 A refund due David and Thomas Simmons in the amount of \$12.53 as a result of an exoneration for year.
- 1.3 An Agreement of Understanding with the Borough of Munhall Police Department, that the district will compensate the Borough in the amount of \$175.00 per officer requested at each district event

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. 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, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 An increase of adult meal prices to \$3.75 for lunch and maintain the \$2.00 for breakfast

- 3.3 Food Service Budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The Budgetary Revenues are \$1,088,797, and the Budgetary Expenditures are \$1,088,797
- 3.4 The purchase of a food service oven in the amount of \$21,849.00 through the State's Costar Program. The vendor, TriMark SS Kemp, is requesting 50% of cost with the order of equipment, and to authorize administration to issue the 50% advance to TriMark SS Kemp. All costs will be paid out of the Food Service Fund.
- 3.5 The overnight field trip request for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. on May 9-11, 2019

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

4.0 Special Assignments

- Mr. Olson – Mon Valley School repair to building, repointing brick
- Steel Center to do work on the building at Mon Valley.

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 The Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and the High School Faculty Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year
- 5.2 The Transitional Program Handbook and the Online Program Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year
- 5.3 The Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services

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

Mr. Rojtas commended the secondary administrators and staff members for a great job getting ready for the start of school. Everyone seems ready and relaxed for the new school year.

6.0 Communications and Technology

Mrs. Ligeros reported that the Steel Valley website is in its final stages of completion.

7.0 Personnel Management

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

- 7.1 An intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Amber Thomas retroactive to August 20, 2018, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- 7.2 The contract between the Steel Valley School District and Jennifer Fandray, LLC, a Licensed Professional Counselor, to provide professional services at a rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$20,400, for the 2018-2019 school year
- 7.3 Day-to-day substitute teachers as presented for the 2018-2019 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with act 168 of 2014 and upon passing pre-employment screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- 7.4 Every day substitute teachers as presented for the 2018-2019 school year at the approved daily rate
- 7.5 Appoint Superintendent Edward Wehrer as the state required School Safety and Security Coordinator
- 7.6 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Janet Hvizdos, food service worker in the high school cafeteria, effective immediately
- 7.7 Daniel Boehme to the supplemental position of High School Cross County Coach and Rick Williams to the supplemental position of Middle School Soccer Coach for the 2018-2019 school year
- 7.8 Kerry Kleinhans to the supplemental positions of Elementary Music-Park School and Elementary Music-Barrett School for the 2018-2019 school year
- 7.9 Job description of General Worker in the cafeteria
- 7.10 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Nicole Mackey from the position of Health Services Aide, effective immediately

7.12 Rescind the appointment of Rachael Corfont to the position of full-time permanent teacher with a 2018-2019 assignment of Special Education teacher at the Middle School/Senior High School effective immediately

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

7.11 Job description for the newly created teaching position Elementary Teacher at the Elementary Behavioral Support Center

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Blick, Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, and Bulger. Negative: Steele and Yuhás. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Dreshman inquired regarding job description and pool condition.
- Mr. Deutsch asked a question regarding testing scores on the standardized test. Mr. Wehrer fielded the question. He stated the final analysis is still not complete.

Adjournment

Mr. Rojtas moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.