



August 2020 Board Brief

STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Memorial Books

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Mary B. Buchleitner**, mother of Dianne Furnival, Barrett teacher, and **Christopher W. Wuerthele**, cousin of Beth Catterall, Barrett teacher. It was moved by **Mr. Colasante** and seconded by **Mrs. Ligeros** to place appropriate books into the school libraries in their memory.

Presentation

Ms. Susan Cooper of BDA Engineering stated that the HVAC MS/HS Project is under budget and within the contingency fund of \$40,000.

Board President's Report

Mr. Bulger stated that it is an interesting time to be in the public school business. There are daily changes occurring, and he noted that the District's leadership team is working towards the goal that our students are educated safely and effectively. He announced that Tuesday, September 8, would be a transition day for students in Kindergarten, 5th and 9th grades, and remote-only students are invited to participate. On Wednesday, September 9, a deep cleaning of the buildings shall occur, and on Thursday, September 10, the hybrid rotation of the Maroon and Gold Teams will begin.

The District will follow the Allegheny County Health Department's guidelines. Students that exhibit symptoms will be sent home, and families will be given direction. Students will be asked to take their iPads home everyday.

An email inbox has been set up for questions about COVID-19. That email address is covid19@steelvalleysd.org.

Mr. Bulger encouraged everyone to attend Meet the Principal Nights; it would be a good time to ask questions as well.

Substitute Superintendent's Report

Mr. Macuga reported that the Meet the Principal Nights are scheduled via Zoom as follows:

Middle School	August 25
High School	August 26
Barrett and Park Schools	August 27

Over the summer, teachers participated in two professional development activities, which were led by District teachers. Mr. Macuga was pleased to report that each professional development was well attended. Additional trainings would be held at the start of the school year on the topics of diversity, online programs and Gradebook.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges is reviewing plans for the District to meet the needs of the special needs students. Student evaluations were halted last spring due to the COVID-19 shutdown, and appointments are now being scheduled for student evaluations.

The Department of Education has put out COVID-19 Compensatory Services (CCS). This is comparable to how we assess for Extended School Year (ESY). Parent trainings are available on Zoom. If parents are interested in a specific topic, please contact Mrs. Borges via email at dborges@steelvalleysd.org.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology's Report

Mr. Colebank announced that the school year would be starting one week later than originally planned. He reviewed the beginning dates for school.

Teachers First Day remote from home	August 28
Student Transition Day (K, 5 th , 9 th grades only)	September 8
Remote Learning Day for all students	September 9
Gold Group Hybrid in the buildings	September 10
Maroon Group Hybrid in the buildings	September 14

He also announced the start and dismissal times for students as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>
High School	7:30 AM	2:11 PM
Middle School	8:20 AM	2:53 PM
Barrett and Park Schools	8:00 AM	2:35 PM

Portal accounts for the Sapphire Student Management System will be on the website and Facebook pages to show how to get to the portal site and set up a login account key word. Letters will also be mailed as well as a phone blast with this information. Sapphire allows parents to update their student's record and make corrections as needed. It will eliminate paperwork.

This school year, teachers will be using seating charts to track students in case of a positive COVID-19 test.

The Technology Department replaced all iPads for generation 7 iPads, which are larger and faster. Parents and students will be asked to come to the school to swap out their children's iPads.

Mr. Colebank encouraged students in the Steel Valley Cyber program to consider switching to remote learning. There will be more interaction with the teachers, and they will be recording lessons and uploading them. Additional teacher training was held over the summer.

Director of Federal Programs/Secondary Campus Principal's Report

Mr. Macuga described the hybrid learning model as synchronous consistency, and the remote learning will be totally different than last school year. On Wednesday, teachers will post five (5) lessons on Google. Students shall logon at the time of the class for live lessons and follow their daily schedule. Recorded lessons may be worked on at anytime. There will be a remote learning period at the end of the day for teachers to answer emails from students.

Parents will be asked to complete attendance forms for their children. Specials will be part of the school day, such as, gym class would be individual learning. There will be three students at each lunch table in the middle school. The high school cafeteria tables will have plexiglass dividers, and the cafeteria tables will be sanitized between lunch periods.

The Food Service Department will provide students with three take-home meals on Tuesdays and Fridays. All persons entering and exiting the buildings must wear face coverings and social distance.

The Cyber School program is a set of applications off the shelf, and students work at their own pace. Interaction with a teacher would be to contact the Cyber Coordinator **David Emro**. Remote learning students will be learning the same lesson and communicating with the teacher, and it will be a more personalized, effective model.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for August 2020 in the amount of \$210,727.43
 - General Fund invoices for 2019-2020 paid in 2020-2021 in the amount of \$259,231.11
 - General Fund hand checks for July 2020 in the amount of \$777,878.62
 - General Fund hand checks for 2019-2020 paid in 2020-2021 in the amount of \$221,004.01
 - General Fund Revenue Report for July 2020
 - General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2020
 - General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2020
 - Food Service invoice in the amount of \$270.25
 - Food Service Revenue Report for June 2020
 - Food Service Revenue Report for July 2020
 - Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2020
 - Food Service Expenditure Report for July 2020
 - Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2020
 - Food Service Balance Sheet for July 2020
 - Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2020
 - High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
 - External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
 - Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
 - Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
 - Capital Reserve Balance Sheet and Revenue for July 2020
 - Payments to:

BDA Engineering, Inc.	Invoice #191101-7	\$ 4,932.40
P2 Contracting LLC	Invoice #AIA 2-REVISED	\$113,724.90
Kudravy Architects, LLC	Invoice #20028	\$2,393.00
A-1 Electric, Inc.	Pay Application #2	\$ 49,747.50
Lugaila Mechanical, Inc.	Pay Application #3	\$520,031.61
- The funds will be paid out of the 2019 Capital Project Fund.
- Refund to Asford Pittsburgh Waterfront LP, Lot & Block 89-M-309, in the amount of \$32,506.63 for year 2019

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Two Change Orders for \$33,547.80 and \$2,223.36 for the retro-fit DDC controls for AHU-12 and AHU-16 and for the removal/replacement/installation of additional ceiling areas as required for HVAC and Electric
- Facility rental request as presented
- P2 Contracting LLC Change Orders for \$2,419.20 to remove/replace/install additional ceiling areas as required for HVAC and Electric and also to remove/repair roofing at parapet wall for \$586.15

Special Assignments

Mrs. Ligeros reported that Steel Center approved a re-opening plan for August 27. There will be two options: remote or in-person learning.

Educational Leadership

Ms. Adams announced that there would be a Backpack Giveaway on August 29 at the Clark Memorial Baptist Church.

Communications

Mrs. Fitzgerald announced that the principals plan to post information on the Steel Valley website and on Facebook.

Personnel

The School Board approved the following items:

- Appointed **Jenna Conrad** as a districtwide special education teacher beginning at the start of the 2020-2021 school year at a salary of \$50,213 (Master's Step 4) according to Policy #328 plus benefits as outlined in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon passing all pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168
- Appointed **Samantha Vasy** as a districtwide special education teacher beginning at the start of the 2020-2021 school year at a salary of \$41,338 Master's non-tenured status according to Policy #328 plus benefits as outlined in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon passing all pre-employment screenings, receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) not to exceed two weeks paid at 100% of the employee's regular rate of pay followed by a Family Medical Leave of Absence not to exceed 60 days in duration for Employee No. 505 effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year
- Change of status from intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence to a full-time Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Edward Wehrer** effective immediately
- **Brent Furlong** and **Yasmin Shaheed** as contracted mental health providers to provide professional services at a rate of \$45 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year
- List of day-to-day substitute teachers and nurses as revised and presented for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days
- Every day substitute teachers as presented for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rate
- List of support staff substitute secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians and food service workers as presented for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rates, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days
- Created a position of Substitute Superintendent effective August 21, 2020, up to the end of the Superintendent's approved leave of absence
- Appointed **Bryan Macuga** to the position of Substitute Superintendent effective August 21, 2020, up to the end of the Superintendent's approved leave of absence at the rate of \$75 per day
- The Board of School Directors, having reviewed the evidence and the proposed Statement of Charges and determined that there is sufficient evidence to support discipline, hereby approves and adopts the Statement of Charges with regard to Employee No. 16 and directs the Board President and Board Secretary to provide written notice of the charges to the staff member and to advise the staff member of his/her right to a hearing on the Charges