



July 2020 Board Brief

STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Memorial Books

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Cheryl Chapman**, former substitute teacher and cousin of Dale Chapman, Boys Basketball coach; **Amy Eger**, Steel Valley Graduate, Class of 1994; **Edward Allen Colebank**, father of Edward Colebank, Director of Academics, Information and Technology; **Marie R. Coyne**, retired English teacher and department chair at Steel Valley High School; **Wanda Burwell**, cafeteria monitor at Barrett Elementary School; **Joseph Bugel**, Munhall High School Graduate, Class of 1958, former Redskins Assistant Coach, Hall of Famer and cousin of Jeff and Beth Catterall, Steel Valley teachers; **Colleen A. Montana**, aunt of Gale Emery, secretary to the Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary; **Robert Allen Neal**, uncle of Meghan Fitzgerald, School Board Director; **Irene R. Revak**, mother of Cindy DeLuca, retired school nurse and wife of former Steel Valley Board Member George Revak. It was moved by **Ms. Youngblood** and seconded by **Ms. Yuhas** to place appropriate books into the school libraries in their memory.

Board President's Report

Mr. Bulger announced the School Board would be approving the Safety and Health Plan for the purpose of returning to school. Professional development has been occurring over the summer, and 78 teachers took classes led by **Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic** and a second professional development is planned in August led by **Erin Noblet** and **Jillian Braszo**.

The District will start the school year with a hybrid learning model, which will provide two (2) days of in-person instruction and three (3) days of remote learning. Parents will have a choice between the hybrid model, all remote learning or Steel Valley Cyber School. A Parent Survey is being mailed to families asking for their choice. These choices give the District the best opportunity for social distancing.

Mr. Bulger attended the Teacher Leadership meeting on Saturday, and he was impressed by the collaboration and applauded the hard work District employees have exhibited in planning for the school year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer restated the importance of parent feedback on the survey. Their choice on the Parent Survey is not a commitment but a preference. More information will be on the website, such as, a Frequently Asked Questions document. Google Classroom will be the learning application used by the teachers, and students will receive their instruction and communicate with their teachers through it. The hybrid option is the best plan for learning and the safety of students.

A virtual literacy program was held this summer with 25 students who wanted to increase their reading skills.

Some of the P-EBT cards were delayed, but will be issued by the end of July.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges reassured families with IEPs that she is willing to talk with families on how to implement plans for learning as soon as possible.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology's Report

Mr. Colebank announced the Sapphire Student Management System replaces ProSoft, and the portals will be open August 14-17 for individual logins.

The District purchased 1,300 new iPads, and they will be delivered to students in grades 1, 4, 5 and 7. We are waiting on 500 more to be delivered.

Solicitor's Report

The Board authorized the following:

- School District to join with the **Borough of Munhall** and **Allegheny County** to sell jointly owned vacant realty identified as Block and Lot 182-A-009 for a purchase price of not less than the \$1,500.00 which is the appraised value as determined by the appraisal of Mr. Barron, a Pennsylvania Certified Real Estate appraiser
- Borough of Munhall to acquire offers to purchase said realty for not less than \$1,500.00, and to petition the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County for consent to sell the jointly owned vacant realty identified as Block and Lot 182-A-009 to the highest qualified bidder
- Proper officers of the School District to sign and deliver the deed upon receiving an Order from the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the sale of Block and Lot 182-A-009

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the June 24, 2020 worksession and regular meeting minutes.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for July 2020 in the amount of \$23,191.32
- General Fund invoices for 2019-2020 in 2020-2021 in the amount of \$265,535.33
- General Fund hand checks for June 2020 in the amount of \$1,552,507.80
- General Fund Revenue Report for June 2020
- General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2020
- General Fund Balance Sheet for June 2020
- Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2020
- Food Service Invoice in the amount of \$1,990.00
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- Capital Reserve Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenses for June 2020
- 2019 Capital Project Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenses for June 2020
- Payments to:

BDA Engineering, Inc.	\$ 6,230.40
P2 Contracting LLC	\$ 59,715.00
A-1 Electric, Inc.	\$ 39,624.75
Lugaila Mechanical, Inc.	\$379,411.74

The funds will be paid out of the 2019 Capital Project Fund.

- **Musuneggi Financial Group**, American Funds, as part of our 403 b (7) plan provider and to be included in our Deferred Compensation List of companies
- Resolution #2007020 to establish new cost structure and attorney fees for the collection of delinquent taxes

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Contract with the **Borough of Munhall** for one (1) or more officers whose primary assignment shall be the District's School Resource Officer (SRO) for the contract period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, with compensation outlined per contract
- Health and Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year
- Created a new project for running current standard cabling to lighting fixtures within the corridors
- Awarded the Lighting Circuits Project rewiring to **Canova Electrical Contracting, Inc.**, in the amount of \$19,240.00
- Two Change Orders for \$53,687.70 and \$3,167.82 for pipe insulation and check valve, respectively

Educational Leadership

The School Board approved the following items:

- Accepted the following donations for the Senior Class Picnic:

Access Information Protected (Michele Abaray)	\$50 Visa gift card
Ace Axe Throwing	Two \$20 gift certificates
Borough of West Homestead	\$100 donation
Brenner Contracting	\$200 donation
Carmine's Barber Shop	\$20 donation
Caspar's Appliances	\$100 donation
Erica's Hair Therapy	Free haircut (\$38 value)
First Commonwealth Bank	\$100 donation
Homestead District Lions Club	\$500 donation
Jay Costa for State Senate	\$200 donation
Mortimer Orthodontics	\$100 donation
Mr. Petruzzi	Announcement on Munhall Borough sign
Nancy B's Bakery	\$125 donation
One Hope	\$142.24 donation
Orange Theory (Labishak's)	\$200 donation
Pigott Real Estate (Mary Frances Miller)	\$75 donation
Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium	Day pass for each senior
PNC Bank	\$50 Visa gift card
Savolskis-Wasik-Glenn Funeral Home	\$100 donation
TT Nails	\$25 gift certificate
- Accepted donations from **Loews Home Improvement** of 2,000 N-95 facial masks, 8,000 disposable face masks, 50 one-gallon containers of hand sanitizers and disposable gloves by **Ms. Courtney Cain**, a former graduate and the daughter of one of our employees
- Elementary Parent and Student Handbook and the Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year
- Secondary Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year

Personnel

The School Board approved the following items:

- Granted tenure to **Rachel Dindak** and **Natalie Czerwinski** and authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contracts
- Appointed **Dr. Lori Kenavey**, **Susan Wilder**, **Emilee Bedillion**, **Christy Ruffing**, **Denise Barron**, **LuAnne Szczypinski**, **Shari Fetzko**, **Jennifer Ambrozic** and **Tamika Akins** as

teachers for the Virtual Summer Reading Program at a rate of \$32.00 per hour retroactive to June 29 through August 16, 2020

- Supplemental positions for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Appointed the Fall Athletic Supplemental positions for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- **Shelley Hiegel** and **Aysia Hunter** as contracted Behavioral Health Consultants at a rate of \$45.00 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000 for the 2020-2021 school year
- **Keith Kaufold, Shelley Hiegel, Aysia Hunter** and **Krystal Gibbs** as contracted mental health providers to provide professional services at a rate of \$45.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year
- Contracts between the School District and **Steel Valley Wellness Group, LLC**, to provide Licensed Professional Counselors at a rate of \$56.25 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000, and a Behavior Specialist for \$47,000 for the 2020-2021 school year
- **Cindy Delehanty, Melissa Dilla** and **Deborah Meisel-McGinnis** as certified school psychologists to provide school psychological services as needed
- Confidential secretaries to receive salary increases similar to the Steel Valley Secretary/Aide Education Support Professional Contract and longevity payments of \$500 for at least ten (10) years of service, \$1,500 for at least twenty (20) years of service and \$2,500 for at least twenty-five (25) years of service. The longevity will be included as part of the base salary the following years. Salary increases, exclusive of longevity payments, will be as such:

2020-2021	\$3,744
2021-2022	\$1,410
2022-2023	\$1,466
2023-2024	\$1,525
2024-2025	\$1,586
- Substitute hourly rates to \$10.00 per hour for custodial and secretarial substitutes and \$9.00 per hour for substitute cafeteria