

**Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
December 3, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President at 7:39 p.m.

Roll call as follows:

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

Absent: Mrs. Ligeros

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank, Mrs. Borges, Mr.
Keeseker

Items on the agenda were discussed. No action was taken.

1.0 Financial Management

Mr. Bulger – was the Veterans Day check in this month's meeting list? Does not think they were included.

2.0 Operations

Mr. Keeseker – cleaning and disinfecting the schools, working to get past the cold and flu season.

Mrs. Steele – inquired about the delay in the snow removal on Campbell Field on the previous Monday. Denny replied that he was unaware of the request and didn't think about someone may need it for a day when school was off.

Discussion about Item 2.3 (list of bus drivers), the use of the van and requirements to drive it.

Mr. Rojas asked if they should have a CDL 1, 2, or 3 to use it. Mr. Wehrer said they should and he will check. Mr. Rojas asked do they need drivers training? Mr. Wehrer said he did not know. Mrs. Borges stated they come in for safety practice. We would need to check with PA Coach regarding training.

3.0 Co-Curricular

Mrs. Steele talked about football/athletics/activities - Why was there not a pep rally? Why did we not have a fan bus? Reply from Athletic Director - We had two chaperones but only four students signed up to go. Inquired about any participant being congratulated after the game. Continued discussion between Athletic Director and Mrs. Steele on various topics.

Continued discussion about football related items.

4.0 Special Assignments

Mr. Bulger - This Policy a part of PSBA? Mr. Wehrer said this was from our SAP team and we had similar before and the team modified part to bring it back to the Board for approval.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mr. Bulger - Meeting dates fall inline of Act 1 (Budget). Mr. Wehrer said the proposed budget does align with what we would need to have the budget approved according to regulations.

6.0 Communications & Technology

Mr. Rojas said the website looks good but there are still some sections with no information and how are things going? Mr. Colebank said the girls are doing a fine job on putting up the information on the web. They are coordinating with Carol about information and making sure there is a standard look. They continue to request information from the buildings and departments to add additional data to the Schools page. That is still the weak point just like in the past and the girls continue to remind them regularly to get information to them. I have not heard any bad

comments at all. One comment was to change the front cover photo more regularly. I am trying to schedule a meeting with the team next Wednesday to review related topics.

Mr. Bulger - Meeting date was outdated. Mr. Colebank stated he told Carol about that one already plus if approved the current meeting date information would replace everything.

Mr. Colebank said we are in the process of doing an upgrade of the phone system in the whole district. We would schedule work to minimize (if any) any down time for any building. We are aiming for Christmas break and shortly after.

Citizen Comments

- Erin Noblet - Handed out information about students with allergies. Asked to have alternative selections on food, access to injectors and need a script from doctors for EpiPens.
- Colebank - We have inquired to the State about having them in school. Their first response was to store EpiPens in the school for a child. We need an individual script for each student and a separate Pen for each. I will talk to Mylan and get the district registered if the State says it is ok to have them in the school with a doctor's prescription. I know some schools have them in the cafeteria and I receive pictures, but those are Pens labeled for specific students for their use. Not generic for anyone. I will inquire and register if we are permitted.
- Erin Noblet - Only one administrator is certified. We have three nurses in the three buildings currently and will be re-evaluated when Christy comes back. Mr. Colebank stated the service changes at that time when she is back and will be re-evaluated and then discussed with the organization on how to move forward to have three people assigned. Ms. Noblet said they must complete a training program for the Admin/ Staff on the allergy & EpiPens.
- Mr. Rojtas - We should have and I would be assured that we do have other people in the district already trained. I was been trained before but up until 2 years ago I could not give the Pen to a child. I think we should look into having inhouse certified staff to do the certifications instead of doing it from outside. Nurse Barron is trained to certify people on the EpiPens. Mr.

Colebank said we do have something scheduled for the Wellness Day. On these topics... Ms. Noblet - I would like to see this happen before waiting till the end of the year.

- McCallister on Item 2.3 - Does van driver need CDL? Mr. Rojtas said it should not be needed for what we have.
McCallister on Item 4.1 - Copy of the Policy to see.
Mr. Wehrer - just the addition to a rubric, it was there in the past but was taken out and the team would like to have it back in.
McCallister for the solicitor - Is that appropriate for a Board member to yell in a meeting ok by law... Comments replied by Ms. Steele, the conversation continued about the ability of someone talking back and forth during the meeting of related heated topics and personnel issues. Fetzko - She is a high elected official and they have amenity on.
- Jim Deutsch - We have a deficit of 2 million for the year, and has it been like this for the past 5 years? Mr. Wehrer - that is not true information.
Jim Deutsch - I read an article that we could not get a new elementary building built due to our 2 million dollar loss each year.
Mr. Wehrer – We do have a 2 million loss forecasted for this year, is a factor why we cannot build a new elementary building. Jim Deutsch how would we pay for it taxes? Mr. Wehrer - There are various ways that it could be divided up to fund a project like that such as taxes, offset expense, State reimbursement.
- Mrs. Yuhas - I remember we talked about bussing but I understand we have to provide that to all students even the ones who go to other schools outside of Steel Valley. Mr. Wehrer - It would be nice to have that shuttle type of service in the winter but that is a sensitive item between shuttle service and full bussing service. John made a presentation and concerned about how high the millage is already and we are going to raise it again. Mr. Wehrer - If you look at all the data in the area, we are well in the average of all the other districts on millage. Mr. Rojtas - looking at the data and my thinking we are ripped cause of the assessed value is so much lower here than in other areas so it does not give a true picture of the benefit to the district on the correct value a property that should be calculated into the taxes. There is nothing we

can do until those properties are adjusted correctly to adjust the millage like we should.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.