

Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
March 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:33 p.m.

Roll call as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Rojtas and Mrs. Steele

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank, Mrs. Borges and
Mr. Keesecker and Mr. Zenone

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

1.0 Financial Management

No comments

2.0 Operations

Mr. Keesecker stated the students at Park Elementary have been peeling away the covers on the pipes that run along the wall at the cafeteria. They have become an eyesore. He has installed a three-foot high wall in order to cover these pipes. His report also covered the replacement of the hoop at Barrett Elementary. Proudly stating he chose a solution that saved the district \$3,500.00 by buying a curved pole and having that pole installed instead of a complete basketball pole. In order to avoid any questions regarding the pool at the high school, he stated that the pool is not leaking due to the fact he has maintained the water level below the scuppers (the area where the pool leaks). The district only raises the water level during competition meets only.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bulger wanted to review the fee structure for the facilities request. He stated that if the group is a nonprofit organization that the requirements would be to rent the facilities would be a certificate of insurance and a refundable deposit. Mr. Zenone confirmed his understanding of the board policy.

Mrs. Ligeros inquired regarding the hiring practice for PA Coach. Mr. Wehrer responded to her request stating the district does not hire for PA Coach.

4.0 Special Assignments

Mr. Bulger made a comment regarding the AIU Convention on April 4, 2019. He explained the process for representation at the AIU. Various departments from the AIU will be making a presentation regarding their services. Prospective board candidates will be campaigning for the vacancies on the AIU Board at the Convention. He welcomed the Steel Valley Board to register to participate at the Convention.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mr. Colebank has stated that the changes to the Academic Student Handbook are in red. Mr. Bulger inquired about a specific class and Mr. Colebank stated that the student that completed the class received credit for that class

Mr. Bulger inquired about the student calendar. Mr. Wehrer stated there is some contract language that may affect the calendar and since it is personnel contract, he will cover the issue in Executive Session.

Mr. Bulger and Nicole States applied for the run grant received from the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon. Believing most students can run and a grant for that type activity can help students that do not participate in other extracurricular activities.

6.0 Communication and Technology

Mr. Colebank stated that some of the strands in the fiber were cracked that affected the internet connectivity. Mr. Bulger stated that the website feedback has been good but content seems to be lacking. Mr. Colebank responded to the information regarding how the district updates the content on the website.

Audience Concerns

Jim Deutsch asked, “What is the advantage of advanced classes?” Mr. Bulger and Mrs. Yuhas responded to Mr. Deutsch’s questioning. Stating that the data derived from standardized testing allows teachers the means to explore and summarize the student learning shortfalls. Therefore highlighting the educational needs the teachers will address their educational presentations and delivery.

Mr. Deutsch stated that the advanced classes are holding students back. Mrs. Yuhas asked Mr. Deutsch to make an appointment with the principal so he can get a better understanding of the process.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

An executive session was held to discuss legal/personnel items.