

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Steel Valley High School Library
June 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:04 PM

Roll call as follows:

In attendance: Mr. Bulger, Mrs. Ligeros, Mr. Colasante and Mrs. Yuhas

Zoom Teleconference: Ms. Adams, Mr. Rojtas (phone) and Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Blick and Mrs. Fitzgerald

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The School Board acknowledged the passing of Donna Mussina, Aunt of Shawn McCallister, Activities / Athletic Director; Dave Watkins, Uncle of Becky O'Shell, 4th grade Park Teacher; Michael Boback, Brother-in-law of Robert Mangis, High School Custodian; Amelia Tirpak, Grandmother of William Blick, School Board Member; Robert A. Sedlock and Anna June Sedlock, Donald Fetzko's daughter-in-law's parents; John T. Draganosky, Father-in-law of Melissa Draganosky, 1st grade Park Teacher.

Mrs. Yuhas moved and Mrs. Ligeros seconded to place appropriate books into the district school libraries in memory of the above departed.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Mr. Bulger reported that starting in the Fall of 2021-2022 school year, Steel Valley School District will be returning to (5) days a week, in-person instruction. He talked about the new leadership that is

coming into the school for the 2021-2022 school year and thanked the retirees, Mrs. Borges, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Keesecker and Mr. Zenone, for their years of service.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer reported that the vaccine clinics that were held at the High School and Barrett Elementary administered 200 vaccines to our students and residents of the Steel Valley area. He gave great thanks to UPMC and said that they did a wonderful job providing great service to all that attended.

Mr. Wehrer also gave a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Borges and Mr. Zenone for their service.

Mr. Wehrer welcomed Gale Emery who was at the meeting shadowing Mr. Zenone to take over the position as Board Secretary.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges reported one last time on the schedule for Extended School Year (ESY), which is set for July 5th - July 29th. It will run Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

She expressed her sincere thanks for her 22 years at Steel Valley and how it was a great pleasure working with everyone.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology's Report

Mr. Colebank reported that they are still collecting iPads, but there is still about \$101,000 of equipment out there that needs to be returned.

Solicitor's Motion

Mr. Colasante moved and Mrs. Yuhás seconded the motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

Motion granting an conveying an easement to Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC to install, maintain, repair, inspect and do other necessary acts as outline in the Grant for Measuring & Regulating Station and Gas Pipeline Easement as set forth in the attachments hereto, and proper Officers of the School District are authorized to sign all and necessary documents to effectuate the grant and conveyance of these aforesaid right of ways.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhás and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Erin Noblet referenced motion (4.1) for the explanation of the different options of the Dress Code policy that will be presented at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Wehrer explained each option in detail.

Motion (5.4) Mrs. Noblet asked **(Inaudible)**

Motion (5.7) regarding the A-TSI plan, she asked if we met our plan from last year. Are we using the same plan from last year?

Mr. Wehrer said after conversation with the AIU, because of the pandemic and a lot of the remote learning, they thought that moving forward with the same plan and goals makes sense.

She referenced motions (7.2, 7.3, 7.4) the hiring of the paraeducators, does this fulfill all the open positions that were open from retirees.

Mrs. Borges answered yes.

Motion (7.5) she asked for the job description for the Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Wehrer stated the Assistant Superintendent is a (4) year contract. He will be focusing on K-12 Academic & Curriculum as well as Federal Programs. However, there will be other duties that he will attend to as well.

Mrs. Noblet referenced Motion (7.14). She asked if the money is negotiated with the Act 93 agreement. Mr. Bulger fielded the question and said that the Act 93 is not negotiated. Regarding the money that is given to Administrators for continuing education, she wanted to know that if an Administrator receives tuition reimbursement from the district, then they take another job somewhere else, do they have to pay that reimbursement back in a certain amount of time. Mr. Wehrer stated he knows that is in his Superintendent contract, but was not sure if it was stated in the Act 93 agreement. Mr. Fetzko intervened and said it was.

She spoke briefly on Motion (2.4) transforming the 12th Project and how she is excited to see the plan coming back around. What portion of this project are we at? Mr. Wehrer said this is specifically for the construction of the project.

Lastly, Mrs. Noblet gave a special thanks to Mrs. Borges, they worked together for 14 years.

Mr. Bill McLaughlin commented on Motion (4.1). He said he really doesn't have a preference on what is decided. He asks that whatever is put into place, for it to be properly enforced.

Mr. McLaughlin also commented on the responsibilities of Mr. Macuga regarding his new position, specifically with the Keystone testing. He asks that fairness be put forth for prerequisites not only for the honor students but also for all the students.

Finally, he thanked Mrs. Borges and Mr. Zenone and wishes them well.

Mr. Bulger read comments from Mr. Jim Deutsch.

Mr. Deutsch asks who is Matt Weber and if anyone on the Board or in Administration related to him. Mr. Bulger explained, Matt Weber, is who contracted through the AIU for our financial services. No one is related to him.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Colasante moved and Ms. Adams seconded the motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

May 17, 2021 Worksession Meeting

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Rojtas, Youngblood and Bulger.

Abstain: Ligeros and Yuhas. Negative: None. Motion carried.

May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

Mr. Ligeros moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the following:

1.1 Motion to approve the list of bills:

1.1.01 General Fund invoices for June 2021 in the amount of \$584,913.00

1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for May 2021 in the amount of \$958,728.70

1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for May 2021

1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for May 2021

1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for May 2021

- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for May 2021 in the amount of \$20,984.49
- 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for May 2021
- 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for May 2021
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for May 2021
- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2021
- 1.1.11 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2021
- 1.1.12 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2021
- 1.1.13 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2021
- 1.1.14 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2021
- 1.2 Motion to approve payment to Lugaila Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$114,753.44 to be paid out of the 2019 Capital Project Fund for the HS/MS HVAC Project
- 1.3 Motion to approve Matthew Weber to serve as the signer of checks or as Treasurer
- 1.4 Motion to adopt a Food Service Budget for the 2021-2022 school year with Food Service Revenues projected at \$1,127,781 and the Expenditures projected to be \$1,138,817. The deficit of \$11,036 will be absorbed by the Fund Balance.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Motion to approve the facility usage requests as presented
- 2.2 Motion to approve a five-year contract with Honeywell Building Solutions in the amount of \$175,473.88 for Year 1, \$190,955.82 for Year 2, \$196,684.49 for Year 3, \$202,585.02 for Year 4 and \$208,662.58 for Year 5
- 2.3 Motion to approve the contract with VEBH Architects to view the feasibility of construction to existing space or building a new elementary center. The contract will not exceed \$10,000 in cost.
- 2.4 Motion to authorize ALCOSAN to move forward with the construction design of the Transforming 12th Project through the 90% completion phase at a cost of \$26,922.56 to be paid out of Capital Reserve Fund

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Colasante encouraged parents to have their children become involved in the local sport teams and extra curricular activities. He stated, "let's be a good little district." He also added we will supply tutoring for students to become eligible to play a school sport.

4.0 Special Assignments

Mrs. Ligeros said that she attended Steel Center's graduation on June 2nd at Baldwin High School Stadium. They had about 200 students graduate, 9 of them were from Steel Valley. She said she was able to talk to some graduates after the ceremony and almost every graduate told her that they already have jobs.

She also reported that Steel Center is looking to expand their campus.

Mrs. Ligeros also reported that she attending a very warm and exciting graduation ceremony for Mon Valley. They had 21 students graduate.

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

4.1 Motion to adopt Option ___ as the Dress Code Policy for the 2021-2022 school year:

Option 1: Revert to the old dress code policy

Option 2: Maintain current dress code policy

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively for Option 2:

Adams, Ligeros, Youngblood and Yuhás

Option 3: Maintain current policy for grades K-8 and revert to old dress code policy for grades 9-12.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively for Option 3:

Colasante, Rojtas and Bulger.

Negative. None. Option 2 Motion carried.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Ms. Adams moved and Mrs. Ligeros seconded the motion to approve the following:

5.1 Motion to approve In-person Middle School Summer Program including English/Language Arts, Math, Science & Social Studies for the fifth and sixth graders and English/Language Arts for seventh and eighth graders from June 14 through July 1, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 to 11:00 AM to be paid out of the CARES Act fund

5.2 Motion to approve the contract between the Steel Valley School District and Steel City Therapy, LLC, to provide occupational and physical therapy services as needed for school years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

5.3 Motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley School District for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreements

- 5.4 Motion to approve Mrs. Shelley Hiegel and Ms. Aysia Hunter as contracted Behavioral Health Consultants at a rate of \$45.00 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000 for the 2021-2022 school year
- 5.5 Motion to approve the contracts between the Steel Valley 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 \$47,500 for the 2021-2022 school year
- 5.6 Motion to approve the listed Certified School Psychologists' contracts to provide school psychological services as needed
- 5.7 Motion to approve the 2021-2022 A-TSI non Title 1 School Plans for the Steel Valley Middle School/Steel Valley High School

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

6.0 Communication & Technology

No update

7.0 Personnel Management

Mr. Blick moved and Ms. Adams seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 7.1 Motion to appoint Olando Dulin to the position of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator at an annual salary of \$60,000 effective on a mutually agreed upon date, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing the District's mandated pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168.
- 7.2 Motion to appoint Ms. Sarah Hess as a districtwide paraeducator at a rate of \$11.30 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status effective on a mutually agreed upon date, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing the District's mandated pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.3 Motion to appoint Mr. Kevin Clarke as a districtwide paraeducator at a rate of \$11.30 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status effective on a mutually agreed upon date, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing the District's mandated pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.4 Motion to appoint Ms. Carmella Marzec as a districtwide paraeducator at a rate of \$11.30 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status effective on a mutually agreed upon date, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing the District's mandated pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.5 Motion to approve Mr. Bryan Macuga to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools for a term of four years commencing July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025 with a base compensation of \$112,500 according to the terms of the agreement.
- 7.6 Motion to approve an annual salary of \$100,000 for Mr. John Strom, High School Principal,

effective July 1, 2021.

- 7.7 Motion to appoint Mrs. Gale Emery as Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$5,000 effective July 1, 2021.
- 7.8 Motion to appoint Mr. Ed Colebank to the position of Open Records Officer effective July 1, 2021.
- 7.9 Motion to approve the applicants as presented to work the In-Person Summer Program at the Middle School, Barrett Elementary and Park Elementary.
- 7.10 Motion to appoint Mrs. Jennifer Perhac as a special education paraeducator for ESY 2021 at her hourly rate.
- 7.11 Motion to approve Thomas Masley, Jamison Mays, Jason Panuccio, Christy Scott to be added to our custodial substitute list and Linda Townsend to be added to our food service substitute call list, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing the District's pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168.
- 7.12 Motion to approve the temporary employment of six (6) student summer workers from the Steel Valley School District at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, no benefits, to assist the district personnel in preparing the district for the 2021-2022 school year, from July 5 to August 12. Hours will not exceed (6) hours per day without approval from the Director of Academics, Information and Infrastructure.
- 7.13 Motion to approve the supplemental positions of High School Boys Head Varsity Soccer Coach for Justin Womer and High School Boys Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach for Connor Szczepankowski for the 2021-22 school year according to the CBA supplemental contract.
- 7.14 Motion to approve the Act 93 Administrative Compensation Agreement as presented for years 2021-2022 through 2024-2025 and to authorize the proper officers of the District to affix their signatures on behalf of the school district.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhus and Bulger.

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Wehrer stated that on Monday, June 21, 2021, in an Executive Session, he presented the School Safety & Security Coordinator and Annual Report to the School Board.

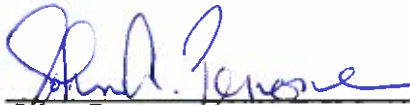
Mr. Wehrer also welcomed Mr. Olando Dulin to his position and highlighted the work and achievements he has accomplished in previous employments.

Citizen Comments

Mrs. Yuhas read Mr. Jim Deutsch comments regarding tax increases and how to obtain students back from Propel schools.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:11 PM



John Zenone
Board Secretary