

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Steel Valley High School Library and via High School Facebook Live
July 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:29 PM

Roll call as follows:

In attendance: Mr. Bulger
Video Conferencing Ms. Adams, Mr. Blick, Mr. Colasante,
Ms. Youngblood, Mrs. Ligeros, Mr. Rojtas, Mrs. Yuhas

Absent: Mrs. Fitzgerald
In attendance: Mr. Wehrer
Video Conferencing: Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank, Mrs. Borges,
Mr. Zenone, Mr. Macuga

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

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 and 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

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mrs. Yuhas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed into the District libraries in memory of the above departed.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Adams, Blick, Colasante, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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 sat in on the Teacher Leadership meeting on Saturday, and he was impressed by the collaboration. He 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, frequently asked questions. Google Classroom will be the learning application used by the teachers. Students will get their instruction and communicate with the teachers through Google Classroom. The Hybrid option is the best plan for learning and 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 1st Motion

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

Motion to authorize the 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

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Solicitor's 2nd Motion

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

Motion to authorize the 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

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Solicitor's 3rd Motion

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

Motion to authorize the 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

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

June 24, 2020 Worksession Meeting and Regular Meeting.

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

1.1 Motion to approve the list of bills:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for July 2020 in the amount of \$23,191.32
- 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for 2019-2020 in 2020-2021 in the amount of \$265,535.33
- 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for June 2020 in the amount of \$1,552,507.80
- 1.1.04 General Fund Revenue Report for June 2020
- 1.1.05 General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2020
- 1.1.06 General Fund Balance Sheet for June 2020
- 1.1.07 Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2020
- 1.1.08 Food Service Invoice in the amount of \$1,990.00
- 1.1.09 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020.
- 1.1.10 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- 1.1.11 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- 1.1.12 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2020
- 1.1.13 Capital Reserve Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenses for June 2020
- 1.1.14 2019 Capital Project Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenses for June 2020
- 1.2 Motion to approve payments to:
 - BDA Engineering, Inc. Invoice #191101-6 \$ 6,230.40
 - P2 Contracting LLC Invoice #AIA 1 \$ 59,715.00
 - A-1 Electric, Inc. \$ 39,624.75
 - Lugaila Mechanical, Inc. \$379,411.74The funds will be paid out of the 2019 Capital Project Fund
- 1.3 Motion to approve the 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
- 1.4 Motion to approve resolution #2007020 to establish new cost structure and attorney fees for the collection of delinquent taxes

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Motion to approve a 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.
- 2.2 Motion to approve the Health and Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 2.3 Motion to create a new project for running current standard cabling to lighting fixtures within the corridors.
- 2.4 Motion to award the Lighting Circuits Project rewiring to Canova Electrical Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$19,240.00
- 2.5 Motion to approve the two Change Orders for \$53,687.70 and \$3,167.82 for pipe insulation and check valve, respectively.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Report was presented in the Agenda Session.

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Report was presented in the Agenda Session.

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 Motion to accept 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
Carmines 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

- 5.2 Motion to accept 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.
- 5.3 Motion to approve the Elementary Parent and Student Handbook and the Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 5.4 Motion to approve the Secondary Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Macuga explained how fund raising money is expended in student activities.

Ms. Adams thank all those that contributed.

6.0 Communication & Technology

Report was presented in the Agenda Session.

7.0 Personnel Management

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

- 7.1 Motion to grant tenure to Rachel Dindak and Natalie Czerwinski and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contracts.
- 7.2 Motion to appoint 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.
- 7.3 Motion to appoint the supplemental positions for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
- 7.4 Motion to appoint the Fall Athletic Supplemental positions for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
- 7.5 Motion to approve 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.
- 7.6 Motion to approve 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.
- 7.7 Motion to approve the 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.
- 7.8 Motion to approve Cindy Delehanty, Melissa Dilla and Deborah Meisel-McGinnis as certified school psychologists to provide school psychological services as needed.
- 7.9 Motion to approve 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

7.10 Motion to approve the substitute hourly rates to \$10.00 per hour for custodial and secretarial substitutes and \$9.00 per hour for substitute cafeteria.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

Audience Concerns

Mr. Bulger read the emails to the Board and Facebook audience:

Ms. Dreshman inquired:

- Would land under the Solicitor's report be more feasible to be placed in the Vacant Property Program? Mr. Bulger stated that the land is not dilapidated therefore it would not fit under the criteria for the program.
- Inquired to the cost structure of the attorney Fees for delinquent taxes. Mr. Fetzko responded to the inquiry.
- Inquired if the Health and Safety Plan is on the Website?
- Asked if the Construction will be complete by the start of the school year? The response was that the work will be substantially complete with additional work being performed to the end of September.
- Inquired about the pool and forgoing penalty features of tax collection.

Ms. Noblet: Inquired if the updated policy reflected the epi-pen and other medical devices. Mr. Colebank responded that they will be added to the policy.

Ms. Schott Inquired to the Health and Safety Plan. She thanked everyone regarding the additional work involved with starting the new year. She emphasized that the integration of the elementary schools are of a high priority to her.

Mr. Deutsch inquired about motion 1.4 and asked for additional clarification. He emphasized that the district needs to emphasize reconciling the \$3-million-dollar shortfall in the budget. Mr. Bulger field the question.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:41 PM