

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Steel Valley High School Library and via High School Facebook Live**  
**August 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:09 PM

Roll call as follows:

In attendance: Mr. Bulger

Video Conferencing: Ms. Adams, Mr. Blick, Mr. Colasante, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Ms. Youngblood, Mrs. Ligeros, Mr. Rojtas, Mrs. Yuhas

Also attending: Mr. Fetzko (video), Mr. Colebank (video), Mrs. Borges (video), Mr. Zenone (video), Mr. Macuga

**Acknowledgements**

Moment of Silence

The School Board acknowledged the passing of Mary B. Buchleitner, mother of Dianne Furnival, Barrett teacher, and Christopher W. Wuerthele, cousin of Beth Catterall, Barrett teacher.

**Mr. Colasante moved and Mrs. Ligeros 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, Fitzgerald, Ligeros, Rojtas, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

Mr. Bulger:

- Reported that it is certain an interesting time to be within the public school business right now. He expressed there are daily changes that occur with the

current events that are happening. He is confident with our leadership team. He expressed that our leadership team is cohesive, communicative and has been working towards the goal that our students are educated safely and effectively.

- Transition day is Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Remote-only students are invited to come in for Transition day. Wednesday, September 9, 2020 will be used for a deep clean day, then Thursday, September 10, 2020 our Maroon and Gold Team hybrid rotation will start. The Maroon Team (last name A-L) will start first, Saturday, September 12, 2020 will be a deep clean and then Monday, September 14, 2020 will start the Gold Team (last names M-Z). The groups that each student is assigned will be communicated through a mailer that is going to be sent out. For SV families that have not made a selection for what model they are choosing to attend, there will be a phone call placed to your household. It is asked to return that phone call. If we do not receive a phone call back with your decision your student will automatically be placed in the hybrid model.
- Regarding health questions, the Allegheny County Health Department has put out guidelines for us to follow. Students that exhibit symptoms will be sent home and the families will be given guidance on what to do. If there is a positive case that we are notified of, we will call the Allegheny County Health Department and they will advise us on the steps we need to take to for maybe a remote only option. Students will be asked to take their iPads home everyday.
- There will be an email inbox set up specifically set up for COVID-19 questions. That email address will be posted on our District website and Facebook page for parents to utilize. Email address will be: [covid19@steelvalleysd.org](mailto:covid19@steelvalleysd.org)
- Encouraged everyone to attend the Meet the Principal Nights, will be a good time to ask questions as well.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Macuga (Substitute Superintendent):

- Reported the Meet the Principal Nights are scheduled via Zoom for the following:
  - Middle School is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>
  - High School is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Barrett / Park Elementary are scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Teachers participated in (2) Professional Developments that were Teacher led over the summer. Mr. Macuga was pleased to report that each Professional

Development had a great participant outcome. One of them they had over 80 teachers attend and the other had over 70 teacher participants.

- An all staff and faculty Professional Development is scheduled for when everyone reports back to the buildings. This Professional Development entails a thorough review of our Health and Safety Plan.
- Additional trainings that will be held before the start of school year are going to be for Google classroom, diversity, online program and gradebook.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report**

Mrs. Borges:

- Reviewing plans for the special needs students to meet their needs.
- PA State Department has put out COVID-19 Compensatory Services (CCS). This is comparable to how we assess for Extended School Year (ESY).
- We are putting out Parent trainings that will be put out through Zoom. If there are parents that are interested in something specific, please send Mrs. Borges an email.
- New bus company this year, AJ Meyers.
- Evaluations were halted last spring due to the shutdown. We are scheduling appointments with families to set up testing.

### **Director of Academics, Information & Technology's Report**

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that the school year would start one week later than originally planned. He reviewed the beginning dates for school.

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| Teachers First Day remote from home                                       | August 28    |
| Student Transition Day (K, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> grades only) | September 8  |
| Remote Learning Day for all students                                      | September 9  |
| Gold Group Hybrid in the buildings  | September 10 |
| Maroon Group Hybrid in the buildings                                      | September 14 |

- He also stated the start and dismissal times for the students.
  - High School - 7:30 AM – 2:11 PM
  - Middle School - 8:20 AM - 2:53 PM
  - Elementary Schools – 8:00 AM – 2:35 PM
- The portal accounts for the Sapphire Student Management System will be on the website and Facebook pages to show how to get to the portal site to set a login

account key word. Letters will also be mailed as well as a phone blast with the information. Sapphire allows parents to update their student's record and make corrections as needed. It will eliminate paperwork.

- This school year, teachers will be using seating charts to track students in case of a positive COVID test.
- The Technology Department replaced all iPads for generation 7 iPads, which are larger and faster. Parents and students will be asked to come to the school to swap out their iPads.
- Mr. Colebank encouraged students in the Steel Valley Cyber program to consider switching to remote learning. There will be more interaction with the teachers, and they will be recording lessons and uploading them. Additional teacher training was held over the summer.

### **Citizen Comments**

Donna Dreshman asked is the work completed or will be completed when the students return to the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Bulger responded that Ms. Susan Cooper gave us an update during the Worksession and the interior work has mostly been completed with the absence of some ceiling tiles. Awaiting some structural steel to be put on the roof. Completion day is September 9, 2020.

What line item shows the expenditure for the pool fall under and what is the status of it? Mr. Bulger explained that the expenditures is line item 1.1.01. He also expressed that the pool is not leaking.

How many facility requests are there and what are they requesting to use? Mr. Bulger answered mostly local youth sports team for field usage outside. There were four (4) this month.

Is the Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2020-2021 school year to comply with Section 520.1 of the State School Code on the website? Mr. Bulger stated no it is not on the website.

Is the calendar on the website? Mr. Bulger said yes, it is on the website.

Are the Middle School and High School Faculty Handbooks on the website? Mr. Bulger answered yes they are once they are approved.

Are any of the new hires related to anyone on the Board? Mr. Bulger along with all of the other attending board members responded that no one is related to them.

Are any of the professional personnel hired received an emergency certification? Mr. Bulger responded no.

Did the School District not have the number of Special Education per the state requirements? No, these teachers were hired because these positions were occupied by long-term subs last year, so we knew we needed to fill them.

Christine Schott asked if the hiring of the two (2) new special education teachers are these two (2) separate positions? Yes, we actually created the position last month and doing the actual hiring this month. The names will be read at this meeting.

Mr. Deutsch asked to explain the changes to the HVAC project. Mr. Bulger said Ms. Susan Cooper explained at the Worksession earlier this evening it was replacing of additional ceiling tiles and ductwork. Mr. Bulger said we came in under budget.

Mr. Deutsch asked for why the changes on the 2020-2021 school calendar. Mr. Bulger explained we pushed the start of school year back to better facilitate COVID-19 and allow our teachers to prepare.

Mr. Deutsch asked what were the changes to the Middle School and High School Student Handbooks. Mr. Bulger explained that the handbooks that are being approved at this meeting are for the Faculty and not student handbooks.

Mr. Deutsch asked who is being hired as the special education teachers. Are they related to the Superintendent? Mr. Bulger answered no. Mr. Bulger went on to explain the hiring process of teachers within the District. Mr. Bulger went on and read the names of the special education teachers that were appointed. He also read off the name of approved substitute lists. Mr. Bulger reassured no one on any of these lists or hires are related to Superintendent and School Board members.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

No report.

## **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 August 2020 in the amount of \$210,727.43
  - 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for 2019-2020 paid in 2020-2021 in the amount of \$259,231.11
  - 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for July 2020 in the amount of \$777,878.62
  - 1.1.04 General Fund hand checks for 2019-2020 paid in 2020-2021 in the amount of \$221,004.01
  - 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.06 General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.07 General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2020
  - 1.1.08 Food Service invoice in the amount of \$270.25
  - 1.1.09 Food Service Revenue Report for June 2020
  - 1.1.10 Food Service Revenue Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.11 Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2020
  - 1.1.12 Food Service Expenditure Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.13 Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2020
  - 1.1.14 Food Service Balance Sheet for July 2020
  - 1.1.15 Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2020
  - 1.1.16 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.17 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.18 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.19 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2020
  - 1.1.20 Capital Reserve Balance Sheet and Revenue for July 2020
- 1.2 Motion to approve payments to:

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| BDA Engineering, Inc.    | Invoice #191101-7      | \$ 4,932.40  |
| P2 Contracting LLC       | Invoice #AIA 2-REVISED | \$113,724.90 |
| Kudravy Architects, LLC  | Invoice #20028         | \$ 2,393.00  |
| A-1 Electric, Inc.       | Pay Application #2     | \$ 49,747.50 |
| Lugaila Mechanical, Inc. | Pay Application #3     | \$520,031.61 |
- 1.3 Motion to approve a refund to Asford Pittsburgh Waterfront LP, Lot & Block 89-M-309, in the amount of \$32,506.63 for year 2019.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Adams, Blick, Colasante, Fitzgerald, 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 two Change Orders for \$33,547.80 and \$2,223.36 for the retro- fit DDC controls for AHU-12 and AHU-16 and for the removal/replacement/installation of additional ceiling areas as required for HVAC and Electric.
- 2.2 Motion to approve a facility rental request as presented.
- 2.3 Motion to approve the P2 Contracting LLC Change Orders for \$2,419.20 to remove/replace/install additional ceiling areas as required for HVAC and Electric and also to remove/repair roofing at parapet wall \$586.15

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

No Report.

## **4.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

No report.

## **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

- 5.1 Motion to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2020-2021 school year to comply with Section 520.1 of the State School Code
- 5.2 Motion to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.
- 5.3 Motion to approve the Middle School and High School Faculty Handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **6.0 Communication & Technology**

No report.

## **7.0 Personnel Management**

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

- 7.1 Motion to appoint a districtwide special education teacher beginning at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 7.2 Motion to appoint a districtwide special education teacher beginning at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 7.3 Motion to approve an Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) not to exceed two weeks paid at 100% of the employee's regular rate of pay followed by a Family Medical Leave of Absence not to exceed 60 days in duration for Employee No. 505 effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 7.3.1 Motion to approve a change of status from intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence to a full-time Family Medical Leave of Absence for Edward Wehrer effective immediately.
- 7.4 Motion to approve Brent Furlong and Yasmin Shaheed as contracted mental health providers to provide professional services at a rate of \$45 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 7.5 Motion to approve the list of day-to-day substitute teachers and nurses as revised and presented for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.6 Motion to approve every day substitute teachers as presented for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rate.
- 7.9 Motion to appoint Bryan Macuga to the position of Substitute Superintendent effective August 21, 2020, up to the end of the Superintendent's approved leave of absence at the rate of \$75 per day.
- 7.10 The Board of School Directors, having reviewed the evidence and the proposed Statement of Charges and determined that there is sufficient evidence to support discipline, hereby approves and adopts the Statement of Charges with regard to Employee No. 16 and directs the Board President and Board Secretary to provide written notice of the charges to the staff member and to advise the staff member of his/her right to a hearing on the Charges.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

Negative: None. Motion carried.



Mr. Colasante asked Mr. Macuga for clarification on how the lessons will be uploaded during remote learning to assist with parents that work during the week. Mr. Macuga did explain there will be flexibility for the parents to assist when they get home from work.

### **Audience Concerns**

Mr. Deutsch had a question regarding the budget. Mr. Bulger explained that we are not going to run out of money.

What is the 3.1 million dollar shortfall or loss? Mr. Bulger said we cut expenses and raised revenue and petitioned our legislators to assist us by changing the funding models for Charter Schools because that is where a lot of our money goes.

When is the next educational meeting being held? Mr. Bulger said once COVID-19 restrictions are raised and a meeting is scheduled the public will be aware.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 8:29 PM

