

**Worksession Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Steel Valley High School Auditorium**  
**January 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:32 PM held at Steel Valley High School Auditorium and public was invited to observe via Facebook Live.

Roll call as follows:

In attendance: Mr. Bulger, Mr. Blick and Mr. Colasante

Zoom Teleconference: Ms. Adams, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Ligeros, Ms. Youngblood, Mr. Rojtas and Mrs. Yuhas

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

Items on the agenda were discussed briefly at the end of meeting with the intent to allow administration a means to discuss educational plan to the community more in-depth throughout meeting. No action was taken.

**1.0 Financial Management**

Mr. Bulger asked Mr. Zenone about the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Grant of 2.4 million dollars, when would that money be received by the school district? Mr. Zenone responded that it looks to be received by January 2022. It will be categorized in the next school year, but we will be able to capture expenses from March 13, 2020. They will be reimbursing us for expenditures from last fiscal period, current fiscal period, and the following fiscal period.

Mr. Fetzko explained to Mr. Bulger regarding motion (1.5) for Gales Engineering. He explained when he initially submitted the scope of work, it was for surveying of the Franklin and Woodlawn property. Mr. Fetzko said he suggested the Hockey Deck and smaller areas, but if that is decided, they might have to do the whole High School property. He said that might need further review. He also said he is interested in having Campbell Field assessed, but that will have to be bid out separately.

Mrs. Yuhas asked what part of Franklin property does the school own? Mr. Fetzko explained that Franklin and Woodlawn have (2) separate lots and blocks. He said part of the Franklin property is going to be included with the Woodlawn property.

Mr. Fetzko explained Gales Engineering would be hired to do the surveying with the right to modify scope of work. Mr. Fetzko said that Mrs. Yuhas, Mrs. Ligeros and Mr. Rojtas all suggested that Mr. Fetzko be on the survey committee. Mr. Bulger agreed.

## **2.0 Operations**

Mr. Keesecker updated that the ventilation equipment for Park Elementary was ordered, received and in each room.

Mr. Bulger asked if there were any other items that were currently being addressed that they can have an update on. Mr. Keesecker said that he recently did a walk-through of the High School with Mr. Macuga, Dr. Johnson and Mr. Strom. He said that a lot of the rooms have not been used so they are in need of touch-ups with dusting, but other than that, everything looks good. He said the cafeteria tables are set up to seat (3) students and the cafeteria lines are set up for social distancing as well. He said tomorrow he was going to Park Elementary. Hruska Plumbing was contacted to install the last water fountain. Mr. Keesecker is completing some patchwork on drywall then everything should be in god shape at Park Elementary. Mr. Keesecker said he was going to contact Mr. Walsh to do a Barrett Elementary walk-through on Wednesday.

Mr. Zenone asked Mr. Keesecker to give an update on the additional two (2) ventilation units that Park Elementary wants to place in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Mr. Keesecker said they received the thirty (30) units they initially asked for, but they asked for two (2) additional larger units to be placed at one end of the cafeteria and also in the gymnasium. The two (2) units cost an additional \$3,600.00 and they are in stock. A purchase order was placed to order these units. Mr. Zenone added that the motion will be revised for Thursday's meeting to account for those two (2) units.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Keesecker a question regarding Park Elementary. She wanted to know about the area by the Kindergarten rooms. She said there was ceiling tile that was missing as well as a portion of the stairwell that was blocked off down by those rooms. She asked if those areas have been fixed. Mr. Keesecker said he is sure that is complete, but he will make that a checkpoint when he goes up there tomorrow. He added they painted the wooden lockers that were in that area.

Mr. Blick inquired about what the ventilation units are and where exactly they will be going at Park Elementary. He also referenced that the Federal School and Safety Grant will underwrite the cost. He asked for clarification on what exactly that grant entails.

Mr. Bulger explained that Federal School and Safety Grant is an extension of the ESSER Grant that is additional funding from the federal government that allows the district to purchase items, like the ventilation units, to assist with the safety for our students and staff to attend our schools. This is money that was not in our budget, it is in addition to what we currently have in our general fund and we can use it to spend only on certain things.

Mr. Keesecker explained that the stand-alone units would be in each classroom at Park Elementary. They plug in and they have two (2) filters that will filter 99.95% of the air within the rooms. It blows comparable to a fan, but the air that it will be blowing out is clean air. The reason these units are being utilized at Park Elementary is due to the boiler system. Park Elementary does not have centralized air.

Mrs. Yuhas asked if the filters will need cleaned or changed, and if so, how often and who will be responsible for doing so.

Mr. Keesecker explained that it states they should be changed every nine (9) months, but he said they will probably be placed on a tickler system to be changed every six (6) months. Mr. Keesecker said he will inform the staff how often they need changed and more than likely it will be in the summertime.

Mr. Colasante asked Mr. Keesecker if he foresees any other roadblocks for the facilities to have them ready to open on schedule.

Mr. Keesecker said not to his knowledge.

### **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

No report.

### **4.0 Special Assignments**

Mrs. Ligeros reports that Steel Center is dealing with positive COVID 19 cases. They are putting together an updated Health and Safety Plan. They did purchase plastic shields to increase student attendance.

## **5.0 Educational Leadership**

Mr. Bulger asked Mr. Colebank if there have been any major changes to the Senior High School Academic Handbook.

Mr. Colebank responded the only changes that were made were names of people and dates. Most of the classes have stayed the same. Prerequisites were not touched, primarily because of the assessments last year; they will be going off the secondary level of prerequisites that are listed.

## **6.0 Communications and Technology**

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked a question to Mr. Colebank regarding how well we are doing with having all our families utilizing Sapphire. She asked because a lot of people were saying they did not receive Progress Reports because they were unaware that Progress Reports were being posted on Sapphire and not being sent out by the mail.

Mr. Colebank responded that anyone who did not set up a Parent Sapphire account, their children's Progress Reports were mailed out.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked for specific numbers of how many families are utilizing the Sapphire system per each building.

Mr. Colebank said that Middle School is doing really well, High School is probably at 70%, Park is probably mid 60% and Barrett is a little more than 50%.

Mr. Bulger reiterated what Mr. Colebank said regarding how schools are doing with Sapphire due to the audio feedback when Mr. Colebank was talking.

## **Citizen Comments**

Mr. Jim Deutsch commented about how to direct financial questions for the district. He referenced literature posted on the Steel Valley School District website.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 8:06 PM