

Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Steel Valley High School Auditorium
April 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:33 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, Mrs. Ligeros, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Yuhas and Ms. Youngblood

Absent Mr. Rojtas

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko (teleconference), Mr. Colebank, Mrs. Borges (teleconference) and Mr. Zenone

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

Presentation

Mr. Zenone presented Preliminary Budget for 2021-2022, and the PowerPoint presentation is included.

Mr. Zenone highlighted the major cost drivers for the upcoming year, they are:

- Salary Increase of roughly \$489,000
- Employee Benefits (PSERS and Social Security) \$ 351,400
- Charter School Cost: \$ 580,600

(Charter School Costs have been affected by increase in enrollment by 57 students and an increase in per student cost).

Finally, the Preliminary Budget is reflecting a \$2,889,779 deficit that unless revenues are increased or costs are decreased, the funds will be taken from the Fund Balance.

1.0 Financial Management

Mr. Bulger inquired about the amount of revenue that would be generated by one mill. Mr. Zenone responded that a mill would generate roughly between \$620,000 to \$630,000.

2.0 Operations

Mr. Bulger requested information by a new soccer group, interested in field rental, be forwarded to him.

Mr. Colasante inquired when outside groups may submit requests for the facilities. Mr. Wehrer stated that as soon as the students are released for summer vacation, the district may review the requests for facilities from these groups.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

No Discussion

4.0 Special Assignments

No Discussion

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mr. Wehrer stated the new student calendar did not draw any apprehension from the professional units. The District is looking to return next school year to five days a week.

6.0 Communications and Technology

No Discussion

Citizen Comments

Mr. Deutsch inquired when the final budget would be adopted and questioned when the advertisements for the current retirements will be advertised. Mr. Wehrer responded.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to cover personnel and legal matters.

Steel Valley School District

Preliminary Budget
April 15, 2021

Living Budget

- ▶ There will be items that will become known by the time we adopt the budget.
- ▶ Current Unknowns:
 - ▶ Health Insurance (Possible increase is estimated to be 5.5%)
 - ▶ New Staffing Cost
 - ▶ No Extras in the current budget
 - ▶ Commercial Insurance
 - ▶ Vo-Tech (Awaiting enrollment estimates)

Salaries

Salaries	2021-2022	2020-2021	Difference
Instruction	11,608,779.00	11,168,841.00	439,938.00
Support	3,144,235.00	3,088,192.00	56,043.00
Other	314,647.00	321,655.00	(7,008.00)
Total	15,067,661.00	14,578,688.00	488,973.00

Employee Benefits Increase

	2021-2022	2020-2021	Difference
PSERS	5,197,279.00	4,895,813.00	301,466.00
Social Security	1,137,237.00	1,087,264.00	49,973.00

Estimating Charter School Rate

		Percentage Increase	2021-2022
Regular Ed Rates	15,499.30	4%	16,119.27
Special Education	46,524.42	4%	48,385.40

Charter School Estimated Costs

Regular Education	Elementary	Secondary	Total
Students	160	75	235
Cost	2,579,083.52	1,208,945.40	3,788,028.92
Special Education	Elementary	Secondary	Total
Students	44	21	65
Cost	2,128,957.46	1,016,093.33	3,145,050.79
Total	Elementary	Secondary	Total
Students	204	96	300
Cost	4,708,040.98	2,225,038.73	6,933,079.71

Departments' Requests:

	2021-2022	2020-2021	Difference
Technology	927,851.00	898,377.00	29,474.00
Building and Grounds-Facilities	1,073,200.00	1,016,400.00	56,800.00
Special Education	1,906,000.00	1,695,230.00	210,770.00
Pupil Services	428,832.00	440,392.00	(11,560.00)
Barrett Elementary	56,000.00	58,875.00	(2,875.00)
Park Elementary	62,500.00	65,000.00	(2,500.00)
Middle School	76,140.00	92,873.00	(16,733.00)
High School	164,500.00	142,023.00	22,477.00
Superintendent's Bdgt	48,360.00	42,660.00	5,700.00
Federal Budget			-
Title I	96,100.00	105,032.00	(8,932.00)

Other Departments Allocation

Charter Schools	6,933,080.00
Transportation	942,000.00
Legal/Professional	197,800.00
Tax Collectors	326,895.00
Board	43,000.00
Insurance (Excludes Workers Compensation)	92,250.00
Security	300,000.00
SROs	140,000.00
Utilities	754,500.00
Post employment	605,760.00
Athletic	252,120.00
Public Relation	40,000.00

Security Commitment:

	2021-2022	2020-2021	Difference
Security Guards	300,000.00	320,000.00	(20,000.00)
SROs	140,000.00	135,000.00	5,000.00
Total	440,000.00	455,000.00	(15,000.00)

HVAC Contract

- ▶ New Contract with Honeywell (Estimated to be \$190,000)
 - ▶ Current contracts are with four vendors
 - ▶ Roughly similar cost
 - ▶ New equipment to be covered
 - ▶ Barrett Campbell Gym
 - ▶ New compressors at Barrett and Park
 - ▶ New Backup Generator High School
 - ▶ Middle School Gym
 - ▶ Maintenance Building

Change Since the Last Budget Meeting

- ▶ Since the last Budget Meeting we have been notified by our auditors that the revenue for the ESSER II Funding will need to be booked in the Capital Projects Funds and not realized in the General Fund

Budgetary Shortfall

Description	Amount
Budgetary Expenditures	40,488,886.00
Budgetary Revenues	<u>37,599,107.00</u>
Budgetary Shortfall	<u>(2,889,779.00)</u>