

**Worksession Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Steel Valley High School Library**  
**September 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:33 pm held at Steel Valley High School Library and public was invited to observe via Facebook Live.

Roll call as follows:

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

Zoom Teleconference: Ms. Adams, Ms. Youngblood

Absent Mrs. Fitzgerald

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko (teleconference), Mr. Macuga, Dr. Mumau,  
Mr. Weber and Mrs. Emery

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

**1.0 Financial Management**

Mr. Bulger inquired about charter school student enrollment.

Mr. Weber responded that the current enrollment for charter school students at this point of time is less than last year.

Mr. Rojtas asked about motions (1.4) and (1.5) and asked if these sub divisions are ready to go to the municipalities.

Mr. Fetzko stated Campbell Field sub division is ready to go to the municipality. The Senior High School property has been surveyed and the sub division plans are in the process of being completed.

Mr. Bulger asked what property at the Waterfront is referenced in motion (1.6)

Mr. Fetzko said it is T.G.I.F. Restaurant.

**2.0 Operations**

Mr. Bulger asked regarding facility requests do we usually collect a security deposit.

Mr. Wehrer and Mrs. Emery responded yes.

Mr. Bulger also asked about the updated purchase Order (PO) referenced in (2.2).

Mr. Weber stated specifications were updated.

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

Mr. Bulger was excited to see motion (3.2) the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington D.C.

Mr. Wehrer asked Dr. Fenyus to speak about the details of the trip.

Dr. Fenyus started with saying that the travel agent they are using is making everything as safe as possible. She added half of the trip is outside and masks will be worn and remained masked inside. She added that pricing could be adjusted if parents would prefer (2) students to a room rather than (4) students to a room. Dr. Fenyus also strongly suggests buying the insurance in case of cancellations.

Mr. Wehrer stated is eager for this field trip to return, but wants to work on developing a protocol if a student starts to show COVID-19 symptoms on the trip.

Mr. Rojtas suggested sending a van down as a chaser so they can bring back someone that may show symptoms.

Mr. Macuga asked Dr. Fenyus if the travel agent would be attending the parent meeting regarding the planning of the field trip.

Dr. Fenyus replied yes and said they will also shed light on how other schools are handling their trips.

Mr. Colasante spoke about the facility request that he has for Barrette Gymnasium every Tuesday in the month of October from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. He wants to use this time as an open gym for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders mainly for basketball. This is for an easy transition for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, allowing them to be familiar with some of the classmates when they come together in Middle School.

### **4.0 Special Assignments**

Mrs. Ligeros reported that Steel Center kicked off the new student orientation on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. It was the most well attended orientation by far with 400+ students, families and staff.

Steel Center revised their Health and Safety Plan by requiring masks/face coverings for all students, staff and visitors. This change went into effect August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Steel Center also implemented another strategy to their emergency response plan for the 2021-2022 school year. They provided each employee with a closed frequency walkie-talkie to increase school safety through communications to ensure prompt response.

Steel Center is in the final stages of completing their Comprehensive Plan. It will be available for review on their website [www.steelcentertech.com](http://www.steelcentertech.com).

Steel Center's SkillsUSA Officer selection for the 2021-2022 will be taking place by mid September. To learn more about SkillsUSA please visit [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org) or reach out to Steel Center's Lead SkillsUSA Advisor, Mr. Scott Kane at [skane@steelcentertech.com](mailto:skane@steelcentertech.com)

Steel Center's planning process for their renovations will be presented to Superintendents and Steel Center Board in October.

Lastly, Steel Center is always looking for substitute teachers. Career Technical Education (CTE) substitutes are not required to have a teaching degree. Individuals with nearly all employment backgrounds can serve as a day-to-day sub. For more information please visit [www.steelcentertech.com](http://www.steelcentertech.com).

## **5.0 Educational Leadership**

Dr. Mumau talked about motion (5.2) explaining how for the past 15 years Steel Valley has used contracted services for School Psychologists and she is asking that we still keep our school psychologists as a contracted position, but look into working with KEYSOLUTION STAFFING, L.L.C., to provide a School Psychologist to the district for three (3) days per week (8 hours per day).

Mrs. Yuhas asked if this would shorten the time between when a referral is requested and the completion of testing. Dr. Mumau answered this will assist with turn around times of testing. This is will allow us to be more efficient.

Mr. Rojtas asked about budget. Dr. Mumau gave details on budget for these services on the elementary and secondary levels.

Dr. Mumua touched on motion (5.3) using STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc. to provide medical professional services as needed.

## **6.0 Communications and Technology**

Mr. Macuga reported that all the students within the district have received their iPads. He also added that with Mr. Colebank being out, it has been a collaborative effort.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mr. McLaughlin spoke about “Funder Under the Bridge: that will be held at the Waterfront between Primanti Brothers and Barnes & Noble on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of running this event. He said within those 4 years they have raised almost \$17,000 for the extra curricular groups within the Middle School and High School. There will be performances from the band and cheerleaders; also 8 students will perform, with singing and dancing and playing different instruments.

Mr. McLaughlin also spoke about mask and uniform enforcements and how he would like them to be enforced better. He asked to revisit the dress code policy, because if it’s not being enforced, why do we have it; explaining it is more of a deterrent for students to consider coming to the district.

Mr. McLaughlin also raised questions about our security company especially during football games.

Lastly, Mr. McLaughlin spoke about the online forms for the district. He feels our Technology Department can be better.

Mr. Colasante spoke about the importance of having students involved in sport teams and extra curricular groups. He also added a great job to Coach Ray Braszo and his staff regarding how he is growing the Steel Valley Football program.

Mrs. Yuhas added that Mr. Kenney, the President of Steel Valley Midget Football organization, has played an instrumental role in keeping the youth of the district and community involved in football. Mr. Colasante agreed.

Ms. Adams agreed with Mr. McLaughlin, the dress code policy has to be enforced properly, but she also wanted to clarify that if a student decides to go to another school, but lives within our district, chances are they will be going to a charter school or private school which more than likely will entail them to wear a uniform. She is hoping that the dress code policy does not misconstrue the initiative the district is taking to bring students back to the district.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

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