

Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Steel Valley High School Library
December 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:40 PM held at Steel Valley High School Library and public was invited to observe.

Roll call as follows:

In attendance: Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Colasante, Mrs. Karstetter, Mr. Rojtas,
Ms. Guy, Mrs. Yuhas and Mr. Bulger

Also attending: Mr. Macuga, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Kozusko, Mr. Drager, Mrs. Emery

Solicitor Report #1:

Mr. Bulger spoke about the open seat that is in Region 2. Mr. Bulger explained how Rick Dunmire, who was appointed to an open seat on August 17, 2023, has been a great asset to the Board in the few months he has occupied the seat and he recommends him for the current open seat in Region 2. Rick Dunmire is a resident of Region 2. The Board agreed.

1.0 Financial Management

Mrs. Ballas asked about item (1.3) regarding the exoneration of the tax collectors for the year 2022 and if this is usually done earlier in the year. Mr. Fetzko said yes usually in March, but this was an oversight and that is why it is on the agenda now.

Mr. Bulger explained the inflation index for the tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year that is referenced in item (1.4). He said by approving the Resolution, taxes cannot be raised above the index that is set. If there is an instance that they would have to be raised higher than the index, then it will have to be approved.

2.0 Operations

Mr. Macuga explained item (2.2) explaining that it is a new Public Address (PA) System for the Senior High and Middle School.

Mr. Rojtas said that he is adding an item to the agenda for Thursday's meeting (December 7, 2023). The item will be to create a Community Advisory Board (CAB) that will include and inform the community of the construction of the new school.

Mr. Bulger inquired about facility requests and if district sport teams schedule their practices through the facility calendar. Mrs. Emery explained that their season schedules go through the Athletic office.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Colasante commented on how proud he is of our community and district.

4.0 Special Assignments

Mrs. Karstetter explained that since this is the time of year of reorganization, the Steel Center Career & Technical Education Board usually reassigns district Board members every two (2) years.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mr. Bulger explained the savings that the school receives with E-Rate referenced in item 5.2.

Ms. Guy commented on item (5.5) and asked if the district still plans to look to hire a Director of Technology. Mr. Bulger confirmed that the district will post it as an anticipated position.

Mrs. Yuhas commented about reorganizing a policy review committee after the holidays.

6.0 Communications and Technology

No report.

Citizen Comments

Jim Deutsch commented on the right to know process and how the Board decided to fill the recent open seat of Board of Directors.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 7:59 PM

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