

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
June 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulger, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Colasante, Mrs. Ligeros, Mrs. Steele, Ms. Youngblood,
Mrs. Yuhas and Mr. Bulger

Absent: Mr. Blick, Mr. Olson (entered 7:03 p.m.), Mr. Rojtas (entered at
7:18 p.m.)

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Thomas G. Scheetz*, father-in-law of Edward Wehrer, Superintendent; *Paul J. Rojtas*, father-in-law of Dr. Mary Cay Rojtas-Milliner, MS/HS Librarian; father of Steve Rojtas, former School Board member and grandfather of Daniel Rojtas, current School Board member; *Francis W. Sullivan*, father-in-law of Sara Sullivan, MS Math teacher; *Anthony J. Martinez*, former substitute custodian; *William R. O'Toole*, husband of Eileen O'Toole, retired kindergarten teacher and father of Keith O'Toole, former School Board member; *Antwon Rose II*, nephew of Dale Chapman, varsity boys basketball coach; *Jazmere B. Custis*, 2017 Steel Valley Graduate; *Hydiyyah Goudelock*, retired paraprofessional from Franklin Primary Center.

Mrs. Steele 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: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board President's Report

Mr. Bulger:

- Stated that after reading the names of Steel Valley Family members who have passed, it is never easy to know that someone is mourning the loss of a family member, and especially when one is a recent graduate and is a beloved student of the school district.
- Announced that commencement for the Class of 2018 was celebrated by 125 graduates; 45% graduated with honors. A special thanks to Mrs. Toni Besh, faculty members, staff and Mr. Keesecker for a beautiful graduation. A special thanks to Dr. Arrington for her remarks. Mr. Bulger added that Dr. Arrington was his college math professor at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Announced the Board would be passing the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget, of which \$4.7 million is for students who did not attend our schools. Unfortunately based on that amount, we could hire teachers or fund a new building with that money. He noted that he and other Board members have been to Harrisburg on four occasions lobbying for the school district.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Recognized the varsity boys volleyball team and thanked coach Gary Goga for his leadership. Mr. Goga praised Rich Nguyen for being a great leader on the court and in the high school. Both Rich Nguyen and Jay Kreczmer received 2nd team All Section status.
- Remarked that the recent deaths have hit the Steel Valley Family hard, and everyone is saddened by these losses. He added that it is concerning and saddening to see violence in our community, but he maintains that our schools are a safe environment in the community.
- At the beginning of the school year, there will be a day of school safety training at the elementary schools, and the secondary schools will undergo the

training in the fall. Two of our administrators have completed ALICE training. We continue to make safety a priority.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the school district will offer grief counseling by licensed professional counselors from Steel Valley Wellness on Monday at Barrett Elementary School from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 2:15-3:30 p.m. at the Senior High School for anyone who feels the need to talk.
- Announced Kindergarten registration will take place at Barrett Elementary School on July 17 and 18 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Registration will be conducted again on August 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Barrett School. She added that Steel Valley has a wonderful Kindergarten program including full day of instruction with a hands-on approach to learning.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the following minutes of the May 17, 2018 special meeting, May 21, 2018 worksession meeting and the May 24, 2018 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

Mrs. Ligeros moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the following:

1.1 Financial Items:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for June 2018 in the amount of \$551,392.61
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for May 2018 in the amount of \$518,979.43
- 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for May 2018
- 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for May 2018
- 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for May 2018
- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices in the amount of \$37,153.56
- 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for May 2018

- 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for May 2018
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for May 2018
- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2018
- 1.1.11 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2018
- 1.1.12 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2018
- 1.1.13 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2018
- 1.1.14 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for May 2018
- 1.1.15 Capital Projects Revenue Report for May 2018
- 1.1.16 Capital Projects Expenditure Report for May 2018
- 1.1.17 Capital Projects Balance Sheet for May 2018
- 1.2 The Final General Fund Budget for 2018-2019 with a millage rate of 23.489, an increase of .728 mill. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$36,806,080 and the Expenditures are projected to be at \$37,046,525. The deficit of \$240,445 will be absorbed by the General Fund's Fund Balance.
- 1.3 The Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion as presented in the amount of \$247.95 Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhus and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

In reference to the adopted budget, Mr. Zenone asked to make clear the results of issuing debt opposite of the year the expenditures transacted. Due to the fact the expenditures transpired in 2017-2018, the budget will be over expended by these items in that year. Consequently, the issuing of the debt the second year, 2018-2019, will result in a rosier picture of the finances due to the bank note. Over a period of two years the net effect to Fund Balance will be the same though in the interim Fund Balance will be effected negatively by the expenses that transpired.

2.0 Operations

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhus and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Colasante: No report

4.0 Special Assignments

Mr. Olson:

- Reported on graduation at Steel Center and expanding the alternative program at Franklin and the possibility of reducing cost.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mrs. Steele: No report

6.0 Communications and Technology

Mrs. Ligeros: No report

7.0 Personnel Management

Mr. Olson moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 7.1 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Lisa Duval from the position of High School Principal effective June 29, 2018
- 7.2 Appoint Ms. Angela Schifino as a Special Education Teacher for the 2018 Extended School Year program at a rate of \$32.00 per hour, and appoint Ms. Lynan Cochran as a special education paraeducator for the Extended School Year program at her hourly rate
- 7.3 Appoint Mrs. Taylor Hammell-Rojtas to a full-time permanent teaching position with a 2018-2019 assignment of Middle School Social Studies Teacher at a salary of Bachelor's Step 3 (\$47,130) plus benefits as outlined in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement effective with the start of the 2018-2019 school term, contingent upon passing all pre-employment screenings, receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168

- 7.4 Create two permanent teaching positions with assignments of Special Education Teacher in the Middle School/High School and Special Education Teacher in the Franklin Center for the 2018-2019 school year
- 7.5 Grant tenure to Jillian Braszo and Tracy Findlay and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contracts as presented
- 7.6 Retroactive compensation and step placement as presented for listed employees for years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018. Total compensation and benefits tally \$1,306,615.95
- 7.7 Hire Danielle Mays as a summer substitute custodian to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour effective immediately
- 7.8 Hire Jennifer Ford as a substitute custodian at the approved daily rate, contingent upon passing pre-employment screenings and compliance with Act 168
- 7.9 Shane Yuhas as a volunteer for football for the 2018-2019 school, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 7.10 Create three (3) supplemental positions of Elementary Associate Webmaster, Secondary Associate Webmaster and Social Media Webmaster at a stipend of \$1,500.00 each to be funded from the District's Public Relations Grant beginning with the 2018-2019 school year
- 7.11 Adopt the job descriptions for Elementary Associate Webmaster, Secondary Associate Webmaster and Social Media Webmaster

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on Items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.10 and 7.11: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhas, and Bulger. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on Item 7.3: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Steele, Youngblood, Yuhas and Bulger. Abstain: Rojtas. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on Item 7.9: Colasante, Ligeros, Olson, Rojtas, Steele, Youngblood and Bulger. Abstain: Yuhas. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman inquired about the status of items that were previously in the high school display case.
- Mr. Zenone stated he had prepared, prior to the meeting, a community budget meeting. This was the fifth advertised budget presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.