

Worksession Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
August 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 7:30 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson, Mr. Rojtas,
Mrs. Steele (entered 7:58 p.m.), Mrs. Yuhas and
Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Terrick

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Zenone, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank, Mrs.
Borges, Mr. Keesecker, Ms. Runco

Food Service Budget Presentation and CEP Program by Ms. Lisa Runco. After the presentation Ms. Runco fielded questions from the Board.

Mrs. Yuhas. Inquired: How many servings do we estimate to cook for a day? Ms. Runco responded that they use many means to determine that amount. The primary source is that they review historical numbers and secondary look at trends for the current year. At times tastes change; therefore, items that were on demand the prior year may not be for the current year.

Mrs. Yuhas also inquired regarding the rumor that we were serving outdated food at year end. Ms. Runco responded she had heard the same rumors and looked into them. The item in question was a canister of peanut butter. She stated the natural ingredient in peanut butter, the oil tends to rise to the top of container over time. This doesn't mean that peanut butter is bad or outdated; it does mean that the canister needs to be stirred so that oil gets reabsorbed. The date on the canister wasn't the date that it expires but the date that it was created. That was the basis of the misconception in the rumor that she heard.

Agenda reading commenced and at the end of the Finance portion of the agenda Mr. Rojtas inquired regarding the motion 1.2 that slightly expands the authority for payment of bills prior to Board approval. Mr. Zenone responded the primary concern is that we address the charter school billing and be able to timely make payments to the charter school. Mr. Fetzko expanded the response explaining why he had drafted the resolution.

Mr. Bulger inquired of the process the charter school bills and our process in securing the accuracy of billing and payment of bill. Mr. Fetzko and Mr. Zenone responded to that inquiry.

Under 4.0 Special Assignments Mr. Rojtas inquired regarding the requirements for pre-requisites for classroom coursework and scheduling into the higher level courses.

Mr. Wehrer fielded the question stating academic performance needs to get better. The data from the testing reflects that students' performance in the classroom is not reflected on standardized testing results. Therefore, new requirements were established by principals and teachers committee so that students are placed in a better position to reach greater academic performance. The change in that process was communicated through the Academic Handbook, conveyed to students by teachers and principals to take the new process home so that parents and guardians are informed. Guidance counselors also conveyed this information to the students. The administration is allowing students to test into higher level classes the first ten days of the new school year.

A number of parents were in the audience and questioned the process of communication and the unfairness of changing the scheduling this current year. The Board and administration fielded a number of questions regarding the change of scheduling.

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Bulger and Mr. Rojtas stated that the District could have communicated the new expectation for academic performance and the new procedures surrounding scheduling better. A recommendation was made to communicate future changes via the new website. The Board supported the new expectations for academic performance.

Mr. Rojtas asked for an update on website development process. Mr. Colebank fielded the question and stated that the developers of the new website aren't as efficient as they marketed themselves to be. Mr. Rojtas also asked administration to incorporate Google Calendar as the District calendar.

Mr. Zenone informed the Board that the administration is ready to unveil the new AESOP personnel software.

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

Adjourned at 9:01 p.m. to executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.