

The School Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal, personnel, safety and labor matters.

The public will be able to comment on agenda items only prior to any vote during the regular meeting. Citizen comments on non-agenda items, from those who put in a request, will be heard at the conclusion of the regular Board meeting.



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## **Steel Valley School District**

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### **School Board Meeting In-Person and Via Live Stream January 28, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

Roll Call  
Acknowledgements  
Moment of Silence

- Motion to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in memory of the Steel Valley Family members acknowledged this evening.

#### Reports:

President of the School Board  
Student Representatives to the School Board  
Superintendent:

- Student Recognitions
- School Board Recognition Month

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services  
Director of Academics, Information and Technology  
Solicitor

#### **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

#### **Action Items**

#### **Board Meeting Minutes (White sheets)**

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- December 7, 2020 reorganization meeting (Revised)
- December 7, 2020 worksession
- December 10, 2020 regular meeting

#### **1.0 Financial Management (White sheets)**

Budget, Finance, Insurance, Audit, Funding, Taxes

Mr. Blick, Chair  
Mrs. Ligeros, Co-Chair  
Mr. Colasante

1.1 Motion to approve the list of bills:

- Revised
- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for January 2021 in the amount of \$522,055.10
  - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for December 2020 in the amount of \$1,751,774.51

- 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Reports for November and December 2020
- 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Reports for November and December 2020
- 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheets for November and December 2020
- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for December 2020 in the amount of \$39,793.73
- 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Reports for November and December 2020
- 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Reports for November and December 2020
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheets for November and December 2020
- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for November and December 2020
- 1.1.11 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2020
- 1.1.12 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2020
- 1.1.13 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2020
- 1.1.14 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2020
- 1.1.15 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for November 2020
- 1.1.16 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for November 2020
- 1.1.17 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for November 2020
- 1.1.18 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for November 2020
- 1.1.19 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for December 2020
- 1.1.20 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for December 2020
- 1.1.21 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for December 2020
- 1.1.22 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for December

1.2 Motion to approve a Special Sick Leave for PSERS credit purposes for the employees presented for emergency sick leave taken for the employee’s own illness or quarantine under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

1.3 Motion to approve payments to:

BDA Engineering	Invoice #191101-8	\$4,340.00
BDA Engineering	Invoice #191101-11	\$742.50
Kudravy Architects, LLC	Invoice #20046	\$1,776.00

The funds will be paid out of the 2019 Capital Project Fund for the HS/MS HVAC Project

1.4 Motion to approve real estate tax refunds due as a result of change in assessments to:

Clark Memorial Baptist Church Lot & Block 131-C-38-01	\$174.71 for year 2018
	\$180.13 for year 2019
	\$186.55 for year 2020
UCG Three LLC Lot & Block 131-B-366	\$265.44 for year 2020
Pine Tree Investments Inc. Lot & Block 131-G-54	\$277.73 for year 2020
RTO SA Holdings 181 LP Lot & Block 131-E-290	\$329.35 for year 2020
Triple Investments LLC Lot & Block 131-B-360	\$130.26 for year 2020

Revised 1.5 Motion to approve and accept the bid proposal presented by Gales Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors to do all work required for the Subdivision of Blocks and Lots 181-N-200, 181-E-190, 181-E-275 and 181-K-25, and contingently to do other individual subdivision for the District, if approved and directed by the Administration after consultation with the Board Committee on Subdivision to subdivide a portion of land which would include the hockey deck and a triangle portion of Campbell Field parallel to Sullivan Drive, West Homestead, for the same bid amounts as set forth in its bid proposal

New 1.6 Motion to approve a \$5.75 per line collection rate for current real estate tax collectors for the 2022 through the 2025 real estate tax years. In addition, installment collection will also be compensated at \$5.75 per transaction.

**2.0 Operations (Yellow sheets)**

Capital Improvement, Update, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment, Municipal Relations, Safety and Environment

Ms. Youngblood, Chair

Mr. Colasante, Co-Chair

Mr. Rojtas

Revised 2.1 Motion to affirm the Administration’s decision to purchase emergency ventilation equipment from Filtech Filtration Specialist in the amount of \$60,232. The Federal School and Safety Grant may underwrite this cost.

**3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership (Blue sheets)**

Activities, Athletics, Food Service, PTO

Mr. Colasante, Chair

Mr. Blick, Co-Chair

Mrs. Fitzgerald

- 3.1 Motion to approve fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Motion to authorize payment of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2021

**4.0 Special Assignments (Gray sheets)**Steel Center Career & Technical Education,  
Southeastern Special Schools, Board Policy

Mrs. Ligeros, Chair

Ms. Adams, Co-Chair

Ms. Youngblood

- 4.1 Motion to appoint Daniel Rojtas as the Steel Valley Board of School Directors' representative for a two-year term to the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation Board of Directors through December 31, 2022

**5.0 Educational Leadership (Pink sheets)**Curriculum and Instruction, Career & Technical Education,  
Instructional Media Services, Special Education Services  
and Programs, Intermediate Unit Programs and Services,  
Strategic Planning, Instructional Supplies and Equipment

Ms. Adams, Chair

Ms. Youngblood, Co-Chair

Mrs. Fitzgerald

Mrs. Yuhas

- 5.1 Motion to accept a donation from Donors Choose in the amount of \$582.65 to create a Virtual Classroom Posters project in the Middle School to show live webcams of nature
- 5.2 Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Senior High School Academic Handbook

**6.0 Communications and Technology (Salmon sheets)**Public Relations, Communications, Marketing, Media Relations,  
Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Technology and Information Services

Mrs. Fitzgerald, Chair

Ms. Adams, Co-Chair

Mr. Rojtas

- 6.1 Motion to approve the Amendment to the Communication/Recruitment Management Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the District from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide communication services

**7.0 Personnel Management (Goldenrod sheets)**Human Resources, Compensation, Fringe Benefits, Negotiations,  
Recruitment, Selection, Staffing of Professional and Non-Professional Positions

Mr. Rojtas, Chair

Mr. Blick, Co-Chair

Mr. Colasante

- 7.1 Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Act 93 Group for a retirement incentive dated January 28, 2021
- 7.2 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Dennis Keesecker from the position of Director of Facilities effective at the close of business on June 30, 2021, under the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Act 93 Group dated December 10, 2020
- 7.3 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of John Zenone from the position of Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary effective at the close of business on June 30, 2021, under the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Act 93 Group dated December 10, 2020
- 7.4 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Diana Borges from the position of Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services effective at the close of business on June 30, 2021, under the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Act 93 Group dated December 10, 2020

New

- 7.5 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Dr. Aaron Johnson from the position of Secondary Associate Principal effective at the close of business on June 30, 2021, under the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the Steel Valley Act 93 Group dated January 28, 2021
- 7.6 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Bradley Thompson from the position of elementary music teacher under the terms and conditions of Article XXVIII Retirement Incentive Program in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement effective August 15, 2021
- 7.7 Motion to approve the revised job description of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator as presented
- 7.8 Motion to approve an intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee No. 137 effective February 1, 2021, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- 7.9 Motion to approve the hiring of Kady Paczkoskie and Edward Walker as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing the District's pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.10 Motion to approve the hiring of Ellen Baker and Jacob Tichon as substitute custodians for the 2020-2021 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing the District's pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days

**Citizen Comments**

Erin Noblet  
James Deutsch

Follow-up comments and questions regarding agenda and meeting content  
\$2 million loss in the budget that has skyrocketed in one year to a \$3 million loss in the budget that has lead to higher taxes and possibly other losses in the district

**Adjournment**