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Steel Valley honors Board of Directors as part of School Director Recognition Month

MUNHALL – January 28, 2022 – In recognition of their service and commitment to the Steel Valley community, the Steel Valley School District Board of Directors were honored during the district's January board meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly declared January as School Director Recognition Month and members of the Steel Valley administration took the opportunity to thank board directors Maya L. Adams, James E. Bulger, David J. Colasante, Meghan B. Fitzgerald, Robyn Guy, Cara L. Karstetter, William R. McLaughlin, Daniel M. Rojtas and Mary Yuhas for their dedication to the Steel Valley community.

“This month, we are recognizing not only the time you spend making decisions, but also your dedication and commitment in serving the community in this unpaid position. We recognize your commitment to putting students first in all that you do,” Steel Valley superintendent Edward Wehrer said during the meeting.

“I can’t stress enough that being a school board member is not an easy job. It is an unpaid job, but it is a job and it is a responsibility. The people on our board take it seriously and make huge commitments with their time. On behalf of all of us in the community, thank you very much for what you do.”

The high school student council served the board members cake and coffee. Barrett Elementary school principal Kevin Walsh presented the board members with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the staffs at Barrett and Park Elementary schools.

“Without you guys, it’d be very difficult to be successful with everybody in the community, so we appreciate everything you do for us,” Mr. Walsh said during the meeting.

Middle school principal Rebecca Bragan presented the board members with hand-painted plaques designed by the students in the Arts Club under the guidance of teacher Natalie Czerwinski.

“We’ve been able to do a lot this year, and that is through the support that you give us every single day,” Ms. Bragan said.

The Board of Directors also reaffirmed the Principles of Governance and Leadership as set forth in the district's board policy. The principles are a framework geared towards increasing board effectiveness and encourage the directors to, “Advocate Earnestly, Lead Responsibly, Govern Effectively, Plan Thoughtfully, Evaluate Continuously, Communicate Clearly and Act Ethically.” The principles can be viewed at <https://www.psba.org/about/governance/principles/> along with a list of schools that have adopted them.

The Steel Valley School District Board of Directors conducts work session meetings on the fourth Monday of every month and conducts legislative meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month. The next board meetings are Monday, February 21 and Thursday, February 24 in the high school library.