



## **STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Memorial Book**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Carmella V. Cerqua**, mother-in-law of Jan Cerqua, Franklin Security Guard. It was moved by **Ms. Youngblood** and seconded by **Mr. Colasante** to place an appropriate book into the school library in her memory.

### **Board Vice President's Report**

**Mr. Olson** was happy to see a large crowd at the Board meeting. He thanked the audience for attending the meeting. He added that he is glad to have another school year started, and he thanked the teachers, administrators and other staff for their efforts in getting the 2019-2020 school year underway.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Wehrer** reported that it was a good start to the school year with Kindergarten, fifth and ninth grade students attending the transition day yesterday and a full day of school for everyone today. There were so many children enrolled in Kindergarten at Park School that the Board added a fourth Kindergarten class. A lot of people know that Steel Valley is a great choice for their children's education.

He added that he was asked to write a letter attesting to the wonderful educational opportunities in the Steel Valley School District. He had plenty of ammunition. Even though other districts have greater wealth, Steel Valley is a working-class community, and we are proud of that. He finds others' stereotypes of Steel Valley through the lens of class and/or race to be repugnant. When it comes to the quality of our K-12 curriculum, the evidence includes:

- All of our students have iPads;
- We offer eight College in High School courses through the University of Pittsburgh;
- Our Middle School is an Apple Distinguished School; and
- Park School has a very high level of proficiency on standardized tests, including third grade reading, which is an important predictor of future academic success.

A community organization wants to be part of the A-TSI Committee to help improve educational outcomes. **Mr. Michael Tunie** convened a group of community members who are passionate to get involved in a constructive way. Mr. Wehrer noted that the next A-TSI Committee Meeting would be September 10 and invited them to be part of the committee.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report**

**Mrs. Borges** reported that quite a few students are transferring from charter schools and enrolling in Steel Valley. A Parent Training on the topic of the pre-teen and adolescent years, which will include a question and answer period, would be held on September 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. conducted by **Jennifer Fandray**, a licensed professional counselor.

### **Director of Academics, Information & Technology's Report**

**Mr. Colebank** reported that the principals' weekly telephone updates will be posted on the website under the Schools link. We are striving for increased communication on the website.

The wireless network will be shut off after school hours due to the number of attempts by community members to get on our network in the evenings.

The fifth and sixth grade students will use iPads in the classroom this year. Students in grades seven through twelve will be permitted to take their iPads home as in the past. All students will receive their iPads in one week.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- July 22, 2019 worksession
- July 25, 2019 regular meeting

### **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2018-2019 paid in 2019-2020 in the amount of \$124,029.96
- General Fund invoices for August 2019 in the amount of \$140,600.12
- General Fund hand checks for July 2019 in the amount of \$1,316,432.71
- General Fund hand checks for 2018-2019 paid in 2019-2020 in the amount of \$23,401.47
- General Fund Revenue Report for July 2019
- General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2019
- General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2019
- Food Service Revenue Report for July 2019
- Food Service Expenditure Report for July 2019
- Food Service Balance Sheet for July 2019
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2019
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2019
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2019
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2019
- Capital Projects Balance Sheet for July 2019
- Capital Projects Revenue for July 2019
- Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of 2019 for Pension obligation
- Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of 2019, Emergency Restructuring and for Capital Items
- Affirmed the Borough of Munhall decision to pay their Crossing Guards \$12 per hour
- **Anthony Ditka**, of Dinsmore and Shohl, LLC, as bond counsel for the 2019 Bond Issue covering Emergency Restructuring, issuing of debt for Capital Items and financing the Pension obligation for the current year. The bond counsel cost for these services is \$42,500.00 and reimbursable costs not to exceed \$7,000.00. This motion will supersede the September 5, 2018, Special Meeting to the engagement of Dinsmore and Shohl, LLC.

### **Operations**

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following items as presented:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Eighth grade field trip for students to visit Washington, DC, on May 7, 8 and 9, 2020

### **Special Assignments**

The Board held second readings and adopted the following policies:

- Attachments to Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- Policy 626.1 Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs

### **Communications**

Mr. Colebank reported that he would be resetting passwords for Edustar on Monday. The school district purchased new and better screen protectors for the iPads.

## Personnel Management

The School Board approved the following items:

- Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee No. 1018 retroactive to June 3, 2019, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Appointed **Alexis Lucas** to a long-term substitute position with a 2019-2020 assignment of special education teacher in the Senior High School for the first semester at a prorated salary of \$40,019 Bachelor's non-tenured status according to Policy No. 328.1 and the current collective bargaining agreement plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to August 19, 2019, contingent upon passing all pre-employment screenings, receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- Tenure to **Erika Tkach** and authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contract
- Day-to-day substitute teachers and nurses as presented for the 2019-2020 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 of 2014, and passing pre-employment screenings, which must be completed within 30 days
- Every day substitute teachers as presented for the 2019-2020 school year at the approved daily rate
- Contracts between the school district and the **Steel Valley Wellness Group, LLC**, to provide Licensed Professional Counselors at a rate of \$56.25 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000, and a Behavior Specialist for \$45,000 for the 2019-2020 school year
- Contract between the school district and **Jennifer Fandray, LLC**, a Licensed Professional Counselor, to provide professional services at a rate of \$56.25 per hour, not to exceed \$20,400, for the 2019-2020 school year
- Appointed **Joyce Fletcher** to a Districtwide Paraeducator position at a rate of \$10.10 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status effective on a mutually agreed upon date, contingent upon passing the district's pre-employment screenings and receipt of current clearances, which must be completed within 30 days
- Fall athletic supplementals as presented for the 2019-2020 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Created a Districtwide Paraeducator position to support the IEP's of students with disabilities
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee No. 91 retroactive to August 19, 2019, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Job description of School Police Chief as presented
- Job description of an Administrative/Confidential Secretary as presented
- Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and the Steel Valley Education Association as presented
- Created a long-term substitute teaching position with a 2019-2020 assignment of Kindergarten at Park School