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.



Delivering Extraordinary Value to Families

Steel Valley School District

School Board Meeting
High School Library
In-Person and Via Live Stream
September 23, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Flag Salute 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:

- Pennsylvania SADD Student of the Year Recognition
- Girls Softball Team Recognition
- Pennsylvania Student Council 2021 Region B Middle-Level Advisor of the Year Recognition

Assistant Superintendent

Director of Pupil Services

Solicitor

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Action Items

Board Meeting Minutes (White sheets)

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- August 16, 2021 worksession
- August 19, 2021 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:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for the 2020-2021 school year paid in 2021-2022 in the amount of \$32,666.20
- 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for September 2021 in the amount of \$278,088.27
- 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for August 2021 in the amount of \$603,494.82
- 1.1.04 General Fund Revenue Report for August 2021
- 1.1.05 General Fund Expenditure Report for August 2021
- 1.1.06 General Fund Balance Sheet for August 2021
- 1.1.07 Food Service invoice for August 2021 in the amount of \$12,235.74
- 1.1.08 Food Service Revenue Report for August 2021
- 1.1.09 Food Service Expenditure Report for August 2021
- 1.1.10 Food Service Balance Sheet for August 2021
- 1.1.11 Payroll Funding Transfers for July and August 2021
- 1.1.12 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2021
- 1.1.13 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2021
- 1.1.14 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2021
- 1.1.15 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2021
- 1.2 Motion to approve a refund to JCCP Properties LLC, Lot & Block 132-S-203, in the amount of \$1,079.72 for year 2021
- 1.3 Motion to approve the agreement as presented with UGI Energy Services, LLC, at a cost of NYMEX less -\$.440 per Dth basis for the period of September 2022 through August 2025
- 1.4 Motion to authorize proper officers of the School District to pay J.R. Gales & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$6,920.00 for research and surveying Blocks & Lots 181-C-200, 181-E-200, 181-E-190, 181-E-275 & 181-E-25 in preparation for subdivision of School District
- 1.5 Motion to approve payment to J.R. Gales & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$4,840.00 for research, surveying, preparation of subdivision documents & application for subdivisions, submission to the Borough, and to attend subdivision meeting as required
- 1.6 Motion to accept the appraisal bid of \$3,400.00 from Mr. Gary Bodnar to do an appraisal for the School District on Block & Lot 130-E-25, and to be an expert witness for the School District in the pending assessment appeal filed by the realty owner, Woodhaven Woods, LLC, on Block & Lot 130-E-25

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. Roitas

REVISED 2.1

- 2.1 Motion to approve the facility usage requests as presented
- 2.2 Motion to approve the updated purchase for new coolers for the high school cafeteria for an additional \$4,116. The new total of the order is \$46,554, which is part of the COSTARS program, not including installation, for the 2021-2022 school year

NEW
2.3 Motion to approve the attached contract with the Borough of Homestead for one officer whose primary assignment shall be the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Barrett Elementary School for the contract period of September 24, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at the rate of \$65.00 per hour, which is inclusive of salary and benefits

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 approve an overnight field trip for 8° grade students and chaperones to Washington, D.C., on May 5, 6 and 7, 2022

4.0 Special Assignments (Gray sheets)

Steel Center Career & Technical Education,

Mrs. Ligeros, Chair Ms. Adams, Co-Chair

Southeastern Special Schools, Board Policy

4.1 Update

Ms. Youngblood

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 designate the list of 164 used textbooks as presented to be sold to Books Follett and approve the sale price of \$3,121.64 and designate the list of high school textbooks as presented as used and outdated and approve disposal of 166 textbooks
- 5.2 DELETED
- 5.3 Motion to approve the agreement between the School District and STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc., to provide medical professional services as needed for the 2021-2022 school year

NEW 5.4 Motion to approve the service agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) and Steel Valley School District to assist with Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) reporting as needed, in the amount of \$65.00 per hour.

NEW 5.5 Motion to approve the agreement between Steel Valley School District and Pediatrics Therapy Source LLC to provide contracted, therapy professionals as speech-language pathologists

6.0 Communications and Technology (Salmon sheets)	Mrs. Fitzgerald, Chair
Public Relations, Communications, Marketing, Media Relations,	Ms. Adams, Co-Chair
Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Technology and Information Services	Mr. Rojtas

6.1 Update

7.0 Personnel Management (Goldenrod sheets)	Mr. Rojtas, Chair
Human Resources, Compensation, Fringe Benefits, Negotiations,	Mr. Blick, Co-Chair
Recruitment, Selection, Staffing of Professional and Non-Professional Positions	Mr. Colasante

- REVISED 7.1 Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Employee No. 254 retroactive to August 23 through October 23, 2021, not to exceed 60 days in duration
 - 7.2 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Carmella Marzec from the position of Districtwide Paraprofessional retroactive to August 31, 2021
- REVISED 7.3 Motion to appoint Ms. Suzanne Hughes to a full-time teaching position with a 2021-2022 assignment of Kindergarten teacher at Barrett Elementary School at a prorated annual salary of \$40,019 based upon first year of non-tenured status with a Bachelor's according to Policy No. 328.1 plus prorated benefits as outlined in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement effective September 24, 2021
 - 7.4 Motion to appoint Ms. Jennifer Breitkreutz as a half-time building substitute teacher and a half-time, long-term substitute 5° grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at a prorated annual salary of \$20,843.50 (50% of \$41,687 full-time salary) based upon second year of non-tenured status with a Bachelor's degree according to Policy No. 328.1 plus prorated benefits as outlined in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to September 16, 2021
 - 7.5 Motion to appoint Ms. Alexis Lucas as a long-term substitute cyber support teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$43,424 based upon third year of non-tenured status with a Bachelor's degree according to Policy No. 328.1 plus benefits as outlined in the current SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to the start of the 2021-2022 school term
 - 7.6 Motion to appoint Ms. Michelle Palm as a Districtwide Paraeducator at a rate of \$11.30 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status, contingent upon passing the District's

- pre-employment screening and Act 168 compliance, which must be completed within 30 days, effective on a mutually agreed upon date
- 7.7 Motion to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Steel Valley Education Association as presented
- 7.8 Motion to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Steel Valley Educational Support Personnel Association as presented
- 7.9 Motion to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Professionals as presented
- 7.10 Motion to hire Dr. Aaron Johnson as a substitute administrator assigned to the high school retroactive to September 20, 2021, at a rate of \$60 per hour, no benefits, as needed
- 7.11 Motion to approve Karen Dudas, Jamie Luterman, Katherine Yura and Lynn Kennedy as substitute support personnel as presented at the approved daily rates for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 7.12 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Bryan Macuga from the supplemental position of Middle School Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately
- 7.13 Motion to approve the list of supplemental coaches and sponsors as presented

Citizen Comments

Alicia McLaughlin Gate security at home football games

Christine Schott Finances, general issues, and any other issues brought up in the

meeting

Jim Deutsch \$2,998,607 deficit leading to highest tax raise in 7 years

Adjournment