

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
May 28, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:12 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Ducar, Mrs. Kiefer, Mr. Olson,
Mr. Terrick, Ms. Youngblood, Mr. Natale and Mrs. Cannon

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, Mrs. Watkins and Mr. Fetzko

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Shawn D. Keenan*, Steel Valley Graduate, Class of 2004; *Eric J. Smith*, father of Emily Smith, student at Park Elementary; *Robert Hippert*, husband of Dr. Linda Hippert, executive director, Allegheny Intermediate Unit; *Leo Pudup*, uncle of Lori Mehalik, kindergarten teacher; and *Jack Butler*, retired Pittsburgh Steeler, Hall of Fame member and life-long resident of Munhall.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Mrs. Cannon:

- Congratulated the 143 seniors graduating on Friday, May 31, at the Campbell Athletic Field. She wished them luck in their future endeavors.

Student Representatives' Reports

Miss Kristen Moten:

- Reported that the Queen of Hearts made her last visit to Franklin Primary Center on May 16 and talked to the students about YES! I Can. On May 17, the kindergarten center held the wedding of the letters Q&U teaching the students the relationship of the letters in writing and spelling.
- On May 15, Park School students performed in the All School Revue entitled *Park School Celebrates!* Students in grades 1-5 sang and danced to songs that celebrated the 2012-2013 school year.
- Third grade students participated in the Munhall Borough Council meeting as “elected officials” on May 15. The borough day parade occurred the following day.
- Freshman Brandon Tomasic reported that the Barrett and Park School fifth grade students participated in Step-Up Day at the middle school on May 24.
- The gifted students earned 1st place in the Westinghouse video contest entitled *Forms of Energy*. The 8th grade students attended a team-building field trip at Nemaocolin Woodlands. A chess club is starting for next year. Big Brothers and Big Sisters will work with 6th graders in the middle school.
- Notices are being sent home to remind parents to get physicals for their incoming 6th grade students, and incoming 7th grade students need immunizations.
- Over Memorial Day weekend, the History Club visited Historic Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The Senior Breakfast will be held on May 29. Graduation practice is May 30 and 31.
- Graduation ceremonies will be held Friday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m., and the commencement speaker is Coach George Novak.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Congratulated Melissa Cerda for her commitment in serving this year as Student Representative to the School Board. She will receive a Certificate of Recognition for preparing the monthly reports to the School Board.

- The Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School recognizes students in each program area once per quarter with extra Effort awards. These students have performed at an outstanding level in the classroom or shop. Four Steel Valley students were recognized with the Extra Effort Award for the 4th quarter of this school year.
- Certificates of Recognition were presented to: Dylan Pisarcik for his extra effort in Advertising & Design; Lakijai Bynum for her extra effort in Cosmetology; Norman Miller for his extra effort in Protective Services; Heather Demeda for her extra effort in Retail Food Merchandising and Production.
- The “Top of the Shop” awards are given once each semester from each of the 15 technologies offered at Steel Center Vocational-Technical School. Selection is based on conduct, Attendance, Proficiency in course work, and Professionalism.
- Two Steel Valley students were awarded this top honor at the award ceremony held on Mat 14. Mr. Wehrer congratulated Amanda Barnett who is enrolled in the Health Assistant program and Evan Urban who is enrolled in Electrical Construction at Steel Center. Evan also won the Top of the Shop Award for the 1st semester this school year. Congratulations to these young people for their initiative and hard work in their respective fields.
- High School Principal Bryan Macuga announced that the fall, winter and spring sports teams all had successful seasons. He is impressed with the school spirit and enthusiasm shown by the student body this school year.
- Mr. McCallister, Athletic/Activities Director, recognized the Girls Softball, Boys Baseball and Boys Volleyball players, coaches and teams on their successes this spring.
- The Boys Varsity Volleyball team was the most surprising team in Section 3 of the WPIAL class AA level. Improvement and respect were two things this team accomplished. Senior Tyler Votedian made 2nd team All Section and Sophomore David Grace made Honorable Mention All Section. The volleyball team GPA was 3.6. Congratulations to Coach Hinsley and the Boys Volleyball team.
- The Boys Varsity Baseball team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and earned the 1st Section baseball title in 19 years. Members of the Ironmen Baseball Team presented the section plaque to the School Board. Derek Morrison was named *Tribune Review* Player of the Week and Brandon Donovan earned the same honor one month later. Congratulations to Coach Vickers and the Boys Baseball team. The team’s GPA was 3.2.
- The 2013 Girls Softball team finished 2nd place in the section-their highest finish since 1999. The team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and won a

playoff game for the first time since 2006. Freshman pitcher Maddie Cotter had 12 wins, 2.07 ERA and 132 strikeouts. She was also featured in the *Tribune Review* as Athlete of the Week. The Softball team GPA was 3.6. Congratulations to Coach Janov and the Lady Ironmen.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges: No report (In Hershey, PA on school business)

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank: No report (Off Ill)

Solicitor

Mr. Fetzko: No report

Mrs. Kiefer made a statement about a company, taking no questions about a confidential email she sent to the director of facilities and a copy to the other Board members. Someone gave the email to the vendor. The vendor's attorney wrote to Mrs. Kiefer asking her to keep all emails in case of a lawsuit, asked for an apology and that she step down from the Board. She stated she was protecting the vendor. Since April 5, Mrs. Kiefer has blocked all emails of Board members, except Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Wehrer. If someone wants to contact her, they may call or write to her.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman on Item 1.3 what is the purpose for this eBay account and Mr. Wehrer noted there is a better price on technology. Mrs. Cannon noted a separate line item for eBay account; is there an eBay line item in the budget and who will monitor eBay? Mr. Terrick said it is not necessary to monitor on eBay. On Item 1.4 what will the fund balance be if the budget passed? Mr. Wehrer estimates as of June 30, 2012, \$4 million fund balance and Mr. Natale stated there would be a 21.3101 decrease from 2.4 millage. A 2.8585 decrease. When will the budget be available for review? Mr. Wehrer said tomorrow. On Item 5.2 do parent's sign a consent form? Mr. Wehrer said no. The County has permission to monitor. On Item 5.5 what is this? Mr. Wehrer said a disposition on a particular disciplinary incident with a minor

male student; On Item 6.4 what are the wage increases? Mrs. Kiefer said okay to answer. Mr. Wehrer said a salary of \$80,000 or less for the 2013-2013 year \$4,500, a salary of \$80,000-\$89,999 and increase of \$3,000; and at a salary of \$90,000, a \$1,500 increase. In the 2014-2015 year, a 3%, 3% and 1.5% respective contingent upon satisfactory rating. Was 3.5% or \$3,500 in the last contract? Item 6.5 How much per dental exam? Mr. Natale answered \$1.50 an exam. Item 6.11 if you appoint a business manager, what will the salary be? \$104,000 and he may have accepted another position at another school district for \$90,000. The audit has been submitted and will it be open for review? Mr. Fetzko said not until the Board accepts it. Are there any relatives of the Board to be hired and the answer is no.

- Mrs. Kathy Ligeros asked a fundraising question and if the fundraisers are going through the Activities Office? Is this the policy? Mr. Wehrer confirmed that is policy. Mrs. Ligeros notified Mr. McCallister. Is item 6.11 a permanent position? Mr. Wehrer said-----
- Ms. Karen Paulis on Item 5.3 why waiting until three days before school to call an early dismissal. Mr. Wehrer said it was his decision, apologized and it won't happen again. It was suggested to do it when creating the calendar for the year.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 16, 2013 and April 23, 2013. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar on April 16 minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for May 2013 in the amount of \$577,545.88
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for April 2013 in the amount of \$413,078.33
- 1.1.03 Food Service invoices for May 2013 in the amount of \$41,550.86

- 1.1.04 Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2013
- 1.1.05 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$54,147.77
- 1.1.06 Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,976.59
- 1.1.07 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$3,579.85
- 1.1.08 Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$623.91
- 1.1.09 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2013
- 1.2 Consider the request from Carmen and Susan Marini to waive the penalty fee on their 2012 unpaid real estate taxes

Item 1.2 is pulled from the agenda. The Board does not have the authority to waive a penalty fee.

- 1.3 Creation of a school district account on eBay

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.4 Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the 2013-2014 proposed General Fund budget with revenue in the amount of \$28,969,963 and expenditures in the amount of \$28,785,287. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried

2.0 Operations

Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Authorize the district's participation in the FirstEnergy Friends & Family Revenue Sharing Initiative at no cost to the district
- 2.3 Purchase and installation of security cameras at Barrett Elementary school to be paid from Capital funds
- 2.4 Installation of an equipment safe in the high school office of the School Resource Officer

Mrs. Kiefer – question on Item 2.3 due to phone hook-up taken care of safety issues in Barrett gym.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

4.0 Special Assignments

4.1 Deleted

Mr. Olson thanked the district for placing the names of the Extra Effort and Top of the shop award winners on the high school marquee. He is proud to see so many of our students receiving awards from Steel Center. He also noted that the Mon Valley Kennywood Picnic Day was a very exciting time for the students.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the following:

5.1 Authorize the School Charter Bus Agreement with A-1 Van Service retroactive to April 22, 2013

5.2 Sharing of student data with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services

5.3 Revise the 2012-2013 school calendar and designate Friday, May 31, 2013, as a K-12 districtwide early dismissal

5.4 The Notices of Adoption of Policies, Procedures & Use of Funds between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the school district for the 2013-2014 school year

5.5 Adopt an Informal Student Disposition

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olsn, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ballas announced that the 7th grade gifted students won a video contest sponsored by the Westinghouse Science Academy's Energy Adventures under the

direction of Dr. Rojtas-Milliner, and the middle school will receive \$1,000 to purchase science items.

At the National Honor Society Induction, Sue Olsen was voted by students as Teacher of the Year, and Senior Casey Hartnett was chosen as Student of the Year.

6.0 Personnel Management

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Appoint Susan Wilder, Lori Oleksak, Maribeth Meals and Lisa Lawson as the special education teachers at a rate of \$30 per hour and appoint Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Lee Ann Doyle and Melissa Ladik as the special education paraeducators at their regular hourly rate for the 2013 Extended School Year Program
- 6.2 Approve Brittany Dunmire as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year retroactive to May 9, 2013
- 6.3 Thomas Price and Kathleen Mann as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 6.4 The Act 93 Agreement between the School Board and the Act 93 Administrators as presented
- 6.5 Re-appoint Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as the school dentist for the 2013-2014 school year
- 6.6 Kimberly Koebler Santez, Cindy Delehanty and Sarah Thompson as certified school psychologists to provide school psychological services as needed
- 6.7 The PDE Teacher Effectiveness Professional Development held at the Beaver County Intermediate Unit on June 25-26, 2013, for educational administrators to be paid from the KtO grant-Travel and Professional Development
- 6.8 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mary Jo Smith from the position of Accounts Payable Secretary effective May 31, 2013
- 6.9 Re-instate part-time cafeteria aide position at Barrett Elementary School and recall the aide from the furlough list for the start of the 2013-2014 school year
- 6.10 Approve attendance of Diana Borges, Jill Fleming-Salopek, Kevin Walsh, Sharon Fisher and Brandi Chalus to the PBIS Implementers' Forum on May 29-30, 2013 as required

6.11 Appoint a Business Manager/Board Secretary/Right to Know Officer
Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Kathy Ligeros – Mrs.Olsen is the TFIM sponsor. This year worked with filmmakers and Carnegie Mellon University will present in fall for a public viewing. What’s worth investing in? Positive aspects of area.
- Title students speak – suggested asking students what they would like to see in the district. Eleven school districts participated Pittsburgh???
- Any librarian added to elementary schools? Feels they need more skills than checking out books. Parents volunteered in the library. ED decided??

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mr. Terrick.