

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
August 13, 2013

An executive session was called to discuss legal/personnel items at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mrs. Ballas and Ms. Youngblood

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Fetzko and Mr. Berk

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

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Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Kimberly J. Havrilla*, mother of Barbara Hurley, substitute teacher and AIM Tutor; *Clara Pusey*, grandmother of Debbie Wright, Park School teacher; *David Savolskis*, brother-in-law of Fran Savolskis, Drama Club choreographer; *Stephen C. Stulga*, father-in-law of Roslyn Stulga, elementary art teacher; *Edward J. Hood*, member of the 1950 Homestead High School State Basketball Champions, *Margaret Thomas*, grandmother of Sharon Fisher, former Barrett principal.

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.

President's Report

No report

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced the start dates for the 2013-2014 school year. On Tuesday, August 27, only 1st, 6th and 9th grade students will attend classes. It will be a Transition Day for these students to lessen their anxiety in a new building. All students will report on Wednesday, August 28, at regular start times.
- Another difference in this year's school calendar – early dismissals will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. This professional development for the staff is very valuable. The first early dismissal will be September 10.
- Recognized High School Junior Brandon Tomasic for creating a documentary entitled “Why Invest in Steel Valley.” Through The Future is Mine leadership program, students explore career fields, and Mr. Tomasic worked with Hear Me 101 and the Pittsburgh Filmmakers to create this documentary. The film showed what is good about the schools and communities as well as its rich history.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the Board would adopt a new Reading series for grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Noted that new security cameras would be installed in the Campbell Educational and Recreational Center at Barrett Elementary School.
- He will be conducting a test of the Alert Now telephone system.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement of unused sick days in the amount of \$23,000 to retired employee #286. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Natale and Cannon. Negative: Terrick. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 18, 2013, June 25, 2013, June 28, 2013, and July 17, 2013. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar on June 19 minutes, Olson on June 28 minutes and Cannon on June 25 minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

1.1. List of Bills

1.1.01 General Fund invoices for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$536,755.48

1.1.02 General Fund invoices for July 2012 in the amount of \$301,000.08

1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$831.50

1.1.04 General Fund hand checks for June 2013 in the amount of \$662,926.77

1.1.05 General Fund hand checks for July 2013 in the amount of \$4,182,233.18

1.1.06 Food Service invoices for 2013-2013 in the amount of \$2,574.93

- 1.1.07 Food Service invoices for July 2013 in the amount of \$1,495.72
- 1.1.08 Payroll Funding Transfers for June and July 2013
- 1.1.09 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2013
- 1.1.11 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2013
- 1.1.12 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$6,131.23
- 1.1.13 Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$721.71
- 1.1.14 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$375.00
- 1.1.15 Band invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$3,487.95
- 1.2 Accept the Single Audit for year ending 2012
- 1.3 Authorize the services of Maher Duessel to perform the audit for the school year ending 2013, at a total cost of \$21,020
- 1.4 Authorize a real estate tax refund for 2012 in the amount of \$386.70, as a result of a change in assessment, to Mario J. Vendetti, Jr. for Lot & Block #179-J-271
- 1.5 Authorize a real estate tax refund for 2011 in the amount of \$2,401.68, as a result of a change in assessment, to Heritage Court Elderly Housing, L.P. for Lot & Block #130K-266-2
- 1.6 Cafeteria operating budget for 2013-2014 school year, with revenue in the amount of \$888,816 and expenditures in the amount of \$879,194
- 1.7 The proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, reduced deductible, automobile, equipment breakdown, umbrella, and data/ID insurance for the 2013-2014 school year at a total estimated premium of \$49,940
- 1.8 Capital projects transfer of \$83,114.51 from year 2006-2007

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

- 1.9 Payment of attached invoices totaling \$7,413

Upon roll call the following members voted to table 1.9: Ducar, Olson, Natale. Negative: Bajus, Kiefer, Terrick. Abstain: Cannon. Motion failed.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on Items 1.0-1.9: Bajus, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Negative: Ducar, Olson, Natale on Item 1.9 Motion carried.

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Purchase 20 VX-350 series portable radios from Mobile Radio Service Inc. at a cost of \$5,665.40
- 2.3 Disposal of the attached list of items located in the storage trailers behind the high school
- 2.4 Disposal of four typewriters, one projector, three student tables and ten student chairs as damaged equipment

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, 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 Renew the agreement with Primetime Shots for student photography for the 2013-2014 school year

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

4.0 Special Assignments

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

- 4.1 Hold 2nd reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 916 School Volunteers
- 4.2 Hold 1st reading of revisions to Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics

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

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 The Elementary Student Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2013-2014 school year
- 5.2 Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and EduLink to manage the teacher evaluation process at a cost of \$3,186 for the annual licensing fee
- 5.3 Adopt and approve the purchase of the McGraw Hill “Wonders” elementary reading series for students in kindergarten through grade 5 at a cost of \$94,350.21 plus shipping/handling to be paid out of district funds and KtO grant funds
- 5.4 The Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and Senior High Faculty Handbook for the 2013-2014 school year

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

6.0 Personnel Management

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

- 6.1 Accept the resignation of Sharon Fisher from the position of Elementary Principal retroactive to July 8, 2013
- 6.2 Family medical leave of absence for Bridget Ellis effective August 21, 2013, through approximately November 19, 2013, and a one-year child rearing leave of absence to commence with the birth of her child and run concurrently with the family medical leave of absence
- 6.3 Family medical leave of absence for Rebecca O’Shell beginning August 21, 2013, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- 6.4 Create the following permanent positions:
 - Full-time Elementary Assistant Principal
 - Two (2) Full-time Elementary Teachers
 - Full-time Districtwide Librarian
 - Half-time Middle School Guidance Counselor

Half-time Barrett Guidance Counselor
Half-time Secondary Science Teacher
Half-time Secondary Technology Teacher

- 6.5 Appoint Kevin Walsh to the position of Elementary Principal at Barrett Elementary School effective immediately
- 6.6 Appoint Erin Dawso as a long-term substitute special education teacher at the high school for the 2013-2014 school year at a salary of \$42,683 plus benefits according to the SVEA collective bargaining agreement
- 6.7 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Kelly Sabo from the position of High School Head Girls Basketball Coach and the resignation of Faith Keesecker from the position of Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- 6.8 Approve the supplemental position appointments as listed for 2013-2014 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 6.9 Approve substitute teachers and school nurses as listed for the 2013-2014 school year at the approved pay rate
- 6.10 Approve Savanna Leninsky, Mary Scherer, Crystalee Calderwood, Sara Manis, Susan Siegert and Crystal Sachs as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year at the approved substitute teacher pay rate
- 6.11 Approve the staffing for the 2013-2014 KtO program as listed
- 6.12 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley Educational Support Personnel Association and the Steel Valley School District and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement
- 6.13 Create three (3) districtwide paraprofessional positions for the 2013-2014 school term
 - 6.13.1 Recall the most senior paraprofessional from the furlough list for the start of the 2013-2014 school term
- 6.14 Recall Joyce Kornacki from furlough status to the full-time secretarial position in the offices of the middle school and pupil services, with all benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement, retroactive to August 7, 2013
- 6.15 Deny grievance 2013.07.01 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association
- 6.16 Deny grievance 2013.07.02 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association

- 6.17 Appoint Bryan Macuga to the position of Title IX Compliance Officer
- 6.18 Retain the services of John Yaklich as business office consultant at the rate of \$50.00 per hour retroactive to May 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014
- 6.19 Create a supplemental position for an after school class of Mandarin Chinese with a stipend of \$2,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year
- 6.20 Approve the list of volunteers for the 2013-2014 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Cannon on Item 6.11. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – professional development, elementary principal, full time at Barrett, grievance and signs down, 4 x 4 steel posts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.