

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
September 27, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President at 7:04 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson, Ms. Youngblood, Mrs. Kubancsek and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Ducar and Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:25 p.m.)

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Cherpak, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank and Mrs. Borges

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Robert Steele*, uncle of Rodney Steele, varsity football coach; *John R. Florian*, grandfather of Jena Bence, high school cheerleading coach; *Richard M. Reiner*, father-in-law of Sandy Reiner, Barrett secretary; *Geroge I. Green*, owner of George Green Funeral home; *William Bohin Sr.*, father-in-law of Lynn Bohin; middle school food service worker; *Thomas A. Douglass*, former athletic trainer for Munhall and Steel Valley High Schools; and *Stephen Baran*, father of Therese Safko, middle school paraprofessional,

Mrs. Kubancsek 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, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mrs. Cannon:

- Announced that State Representative Bill Kortz would be speaking tonight about the school district joining a class action lawsuit against Governor Corbett's budget.

Students Representatives to the School Board

Ms. Taylor Szczepankowski:

- Reported that Charlie Batch delivered "Batchpacks" filled with school supplies to the students at Barrett and Franklin. He also gave classroom supplies to the teachers at Park School.
- At the middle school, girls' groups have begun discussing violence prevention.
- Homecoming at the high school will be celebrated October 10-14. On Thursday, October 13, the annual Carnival and Powder Puff game will be held at Campbell Field.

At 7:10 p.m. an executive session was held to discuss legal, personnel items and ended at 7:21 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- The 2011 PSSA scores for the school district were presented by Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Colebank and Mrs. Borges. Park, Barrett and the Middle School met their performance targets in Math and Reading, and the high school is on a current improvement plan. Students in grades 3-12 will take the Keystone exams and the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) in Math, English, Social Studies and Science this year.
- Representative Bill Kortz addressed the School Board stating that the state's educational cuts to the Steel Valley School District are \$699 per student and \$17,475 per classroom compared to the Upper St. Clair School District at \$79 per student and \$1,975 per classroom. He stated that the educational cuts are discriminatory and hurt children. He asked the School Board to

stand up against these cuts and proposed that the school district join a class action suit to restore educational funding.

- Dr. Kinavey reported that the Steel Valley Band Festival was well attended on September 24. The football game will be held on Saturday this week against Seton LaSalle at Chartiers Valley High School. A blood drive will be held on Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the high school.

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to participate in a class action lawsuit to be field against the Governor's budget to restore education funding. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- The School Wide Positive Behavior Support program is operating in Barrett Elementary School for the 3rd year and for the 1st year at Park Elementary School.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- October 21 will be a teacher inservice day. The staff will be reviewing student assessment scores.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to authorize a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$83,125.75, as a result of a change in assessment, to GAI Consultants, Inc., Lot & Block 130-B-275, for year 2010. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Nicole States commented that Barrett Elementary is dangerous.

- Ms. Donna Dreshman asked what was Item 1.3 (Real estate refund to Costco) and why was it deleted; why was Item 2.2 (Survey of Campbell Field) deleted and how are we paying for the new positions.
- Ms. Jill Fleming-Salopek asked why new teachers were hired over the past two years.
- Ms. Cara Karstetter commented about her child leaving the kindergarten building.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 regular meeting, the August 9, 2011 worksession (voting) meeting, the August 9, 2011 worksession meeting and the August 16, 2011, regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Ballas on July 26 minutes and August 16 meetings, Olson and Youngblood on August 9 voting and August 9 meetings. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for September 2011 in the amount of \$529,301.13
- General Fund hand checks for August 2011 in the amount of \$41,261.45
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2011
- Food Services invoices for September 2011 in the amount of \$45,304.52
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2011
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending August 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2011
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- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$22,489.62
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$142.50

- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$9,889.58
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$1,015.35
- Real estate tax refund as a result of an overpayment to Stanley Howe in the amount of \$18.00

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Ballas on Item 1.1.02, Invoice No. 99815. Negative: None. Motion carried.

A comment from Mrs. Ballas to terminate eBenefits.

Operations

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the facility rental requests as presented. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Cannon on Permit No. 4034. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the fundraising requests as presented. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Special Assignments

No report

Educational Leadership

No report

Personnel Management

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

- Create a long-term substitute Kindergarten position for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year retroactive to September 12, 2011
- Appoint Jamie Dolton to the part-time position of Family and Consumer Science teacher at the middle school and senior high school at a prorated salary based on Master's level Step 1 retroactive to August 23, 2011
- Appoint Carrie Cope to a full-time long-term substitute position at the Franklin Primary Center for the 1st semester of the 2011-2012 school year retroactive to September 12, 2011
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Erin Noblet from a full-time special education position retroactive to the end of the 2010-2011 school year
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Hanson from a fulltime elementary position retroactive to August 15, 2011
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Bridget Stright from a full-time special education position retroactive to August 18, 2011
- Recall from the furlough list Lori Oleksak to a full-time position and Bridget Ellis to a full-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Approve Kacie Titmus and Nicole Rosenfelder as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at a per diem rate of \$75 for the first 30 days and \$100 beginning with the 31st day
- Accept the Settlement Agreement and Release and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement
- Deny Grievance No. 10-217 from the Steel Valley Education Association due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Accept the resignations of Michelle Maddigan and Matthew Simpson from the supplemental positions of SADD sponsor and Head Varsity Swim Coach
- Approve the supplemental appointments as presented for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instate one paraprofessional position to full-time status and recall one paraprofessional from the furlough list for the 2011-2012 school year
- Approve a family medical leave of absence for Deborah Woolley, secretary in the middle school, retroactive to June 14, 2011, and her return to work is undetermined as of this date
- Change employment status of Dianne Cain from part-time to full-time retroactive to September 21, 2011, including all fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement
- Create a part-time secretary position in the Office of Pupil Personnel including prorated fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement
- Recall the most senior furloughed secretary

- Re-instate a part-time secretary position in the middle school office including prorated fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement
- Recall the second most senior furloughed secretary

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

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to appoint long-term substitute Jessica Andzelik to the position at Barrett Elementary, retroactive to August 22, 2011. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Terrick commented on the Academics in Motion Program.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Jill Fleming-Salopek applauded the Board for joining the class action suit and asked questions on – Propel payments is there a PR plan to get students back from them; is there a plan to sell the planetarium; is the Accelerated Reader Program working and who monitors this; what is the availability of the libraries; what is the best plan for Franklin; unemployment issues and comments about eligibility, committee meetings and enrollment numbers.
- Ms. Ryan Dunmire – unemployment questions, homeowner questions and comments about the district's future; how are taxes being collected in the district; comments about the technology utilization in the district and a question about accounting classes.
- Ms. Gerry Hawkins – why is the nurse and principal from Barrett also at Franklin; how did a child get out of Franklin; what is the policy on releasing a child to others and what is happening with the side door at Barrett.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman – what is the status of the Barrett gym floor; what is happening with the Act 93, teacher call-offs and the teacher contract.
- Ms. Donna Kiefer – appreciates that others are being called back but what about the custodians.
- Ms. Sue Salapa – no opportunity for reading because libraries are not accessible.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek.