

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
January 24, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:02 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

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: Suellen Swinkle, retired high school reception desk monitor and Munhall crossing guard; Dorothy McCarthy, aunt of Beth Cannon, School Board President; Montai Thompson, high school student; Mary Jane Dickson, grandmother of Jill Fleming-Salopek, furloughed literacy coach and language arts department head; Betty Lomans, aunt of Colette Youngblood; School Board Member; Charles G. Robinson, grandfather of Yvette Logan, high school teacher; John W. Kearns, brother-in-law of Jean Kearns, Park School food service; Frances Cannon, mother of Janice Solorio, furloughed paraprofessional; Mary Krtiko, mother of Gene Kritko, retired high school teacher; Nancy J. Bodnar, sister-in-law of Kim Watkins, secretary to the Superintendent; Victor R. Graves, Architect of the Steel Valley High School; and Elizabeth “Betty” Zabelsky, mother of Dr. Dennis Zabelsky, school dentist, and mother-in-law of Marilyn Zabelsky, 2nd grade teacher at Park School.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar 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 Comments

Mrs. Cannon:

- Congratulated 2001 Steel Valley High School graduate Jeff Blasko on his appointment to assistant special teams coordinator and tight ends coach for the University of Kansas. He has coached as an assistant at Steel Valley High School and at Bethel Park High School. During the 2011 season Jeff was the Florida Gators' quality control coach for offense and the quarterback's coach during the Gator Bowl win over Ohio State.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. Meghan Wolf

Ms. Taylor Szczepankowski

- Park PTO is purchasing a new freezer for the building. The PTO skating party scheduled for January 17 had to be rescheduled due to rain. The skating party will be held on February 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Third grade students participated in an annual volcanic project in which parents participated. Report cards were distributed and the 3rd nine weeks has begun.
- Mr. McKern's class met their goal of gaining 10,000 points on the First in Math online game.
- The senior ski trip took place on January 20. The students spent the day tubing, skiing and snow boarding. The seniors look forward to this trip every year and are grateful to the administration for providing this opportunity.
- On February 2, there will be a blood drive that students, staff and the community are welcome to participate at the high school from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- The high school winter sports teams are at the mid-point of their seasons and are looking to earn a spot in the playoffs.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized the School Board members for their dedication of time and service to the Steel Valley community. Students representing each classroom from Park Elementary School sang to the School Board thanking them for all they do and gave them a chocolate treat. Student participants included: Abigail Wilcox, Deanna Bird, Ethan Coddington, Ben Novotny, Ryley Gettig, Emma Koval, Abigale Shaw, Jenna Edmondson, Gavin Yarbough, Samantha McDonald, Sophia Chesmer, Luc Logue, Darrien Hinish, Marissa Hoesch and Tyler Hansen. Paraprofessional Denise Blasko assisted the students with their presentation.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that a Fun Night for all 4th grade students attending Barrett and Park Elementary schools would be held at Barrett on February 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- On February 15 at 9:30 a.m., a kindergarten transition day will be held for incoming kindergarten students needing special services. The students and their parents are invited to Franklin Primary center to learn about the district, enrollment and the kindergarten program.
- A Dr. Seuss Night will be held at Franklin Primary Center on February 27 starting at 6:00 p.m.
- A Title I Family Math Night was held on January 26 at Park Elementary School with a polar theme. Many fun activities were planned as well as hot chocolate and cookies.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the 4Sight, DIBELS and GMade assessments were completed this week, and the academic coaches will put the scores on student report cards. An AlertNow phone message was sent to parents/guardians alerting

them that report cards were distributed on January 23. Anyone who did not receive an AlertNow call should notify the building secretary.

- The PSSA Math and Reading assessments will be conducted in March, and the Science and Writing assessments will be held in April.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion that the Superintendent be notified that the Board intends that other candidates shall be considered for the Office of Superintendent and that the search committee for candidates for the Office of Superintendent shall be the Personnel Management Committee, Mr. Natale, Chairman; Mrs. Ballas; Ms. Youngblood and any other School Board Members who desire to participate in the Search Committee shall be ad hoc members of the Search Committee. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Ducar disagrees that we need this motion.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mr. Olson thanked those teachers that go above and beyond.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman - Mr. Fetzko's motion is it required by contract or law, Item 1.7 (Approve the 2012-2013 Preliminary General Fund Budget) have we given thoughts on furloughs; Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) is anyone related to the Board or Administration, Item 6.25 (Substitute secretary and instructional aide) can this person wear two hats in a single day.
- Ms. Sara Sullivan – Item 1.7 (2012-2013 Preliminary General Fund Budget) any comments on balancing the budget; will there be a committee to fill the superintendent position?

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2011 worksession, the December 6, 2011 re-organization meeting, and the December 6, 2011 board meeting (revised) minutes. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar on December 6 reorganization and December 6 regular meetings. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Bajus seconded the motion to table Canova Electric, Inc. invoices. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: Ducar. Motion carried.

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

- General Fund invoices for January 2012 in the amount of \$1,059,577.72, excluding Canova Electric invoices
- General Fund hand checks for November 2011 in the amount of \$441,984.05
- General Fund hand checks for December 2011 in the amount of \$531,551.08
- Payroll Funding Transfers for November 2011
- Payroll Funding Transfers for December 2011
- Food Service invoices for January 2012 in the amount of \$83,618.03
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending November 30, 2011
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending December 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending November 30, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending December 31, 2011
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$24,564.29
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$270.09
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$5,606.76
- Motion to approve the response to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Performance Audit Report dated March 2011

- Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2011 to Jenny Whitsey in the amount of \$222.10 for Lot & Block 131-M-47
- Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2011 to Carol Alderman in the amount of \$201.98 for Lot & Block 180-F-137
- Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2011 to Diane F. Paulson in the amount of \$221.10 for Lot & Block 182-J-97
- The renewal of the district's school leaders' legal liability insurance coverage for the period February 8, 2012, through and including February 8, 2013, at a cost of \$29,096 through School Boards Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Ballas on Item 1.1.02 (Sprint invoice). Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the 2012-2013 Preliminary General Fund Budget with revenue in the amount of \$24,964,697 and expenditures in the amount of \$25,311,836. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Operations

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

- Facility rental 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.

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to tear down and remove the wall between the fitness center and the weight room in the high school building. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: Olson. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Authorize payment of \$500 for the services of Steve Maffei at the prom to be held on May 11, 2012

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

Special Assignments

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

- Hold a second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 707 Use of School Facilities
- Hold a second reading and adopt new Policy No. 836 Contracted Services

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

Educational Leadership

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

- Adopt the 2012-2013 Middle School Academic Handbook
- Adopt the 2012-2013 Senior High School Academic Handbook
- The revised 2011-2012 secondary schools PSSA schedule

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

Mr. Colebank provided an update on the Educational Leadership meeting conducted last Thursday, January 19, 2012. He reported on the changes in the academic handbooks: course descriptions, addition of a new typing course for 10th grade and the business math course was placed back in the math course descriptions. Mrs. Cannon thanked Mrs. Ballas for holding an Educational Leadership Committee meeting to discuss the secondary academic handbooks.

Personnel Management

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

- Family medical leave of absence for Jessica Andzelik effective February 21, 2012, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Bobbi Vargo from a professional position retroactive to December 12, 2011
- Appoint Jonette Bost to a long-term substitute kindergarten teaching position for the duration of the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year
- Ryan McKinney and Barbara Hurley as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
- Joyce Wess as a substitute instructional aide and substitute secretary at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days

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

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman questions - Is the swimming pool up and running, where are we with the assessment appeals, why are we not answering questions as a Board. Mrs. Cannon responded to comments; what is the deadline to furlough employees, what was cash on hand.
- Mr. Ben Bobick – addressing Mr. Cannon's comments from worksession; read off GPA's of Fall sports teams; no student participating in winter sports

is ineligible because of report cards recently distributed; Mr. Cannon questioned baseball players about the program and practices.

- Mrs. Cannon responded to Mr. Bobick that he doesn't understand the meeting process. The Board has the authority to open any position at any time. There were no athletes at the Education Committee meeting, why if you are so interested in academics.
- Ms. Sara Sullivan – questioned Mr. Bajus on his comments at the worksession, questioned Mr. Natale on banking now that Citizens is no longer working with government organizations.
- Mr. Terrick congratulated Steel Valley Graduate Ms. Jessica Strom on being named to the Head Women's basketball coach at California University of Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mrs. Ballas.

