

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
October 23, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:06 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas (via telephone), Mrs. Kiefer, Mr. Olson,
Mr. Terrick, Ms. Youngblood, Mr. Natale and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Ducar

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, 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: *Mildred Rue*, retired elementary teacher; *David S. Garrity*, father of Denise Barron, 1st grade teacher at Barrett Elementary School; *Ronnie Blount*, father of Loren Ford, Barrett and Park School custodian; *Walter “Ziggy Ziolkowski*, uncle of Jennifer Awenowicz, kindergarten teacher; *Ed Porter*, grandfather of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology; *Robert Chambers*, uncle of Leslie Hairston, paraprofessional at Barrett Elementary School; and *Drew D. Martin*, 1992 Valedictorian of the Steel Valley High School and cousin of Susan Wright, art teacher at the middle school and high school.

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, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Student Representatives’ Reports

- Senior Melissa Cerda reported that the high school students have completed the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) assessments in Math, Language Arts and Science. Make-up PSSA will be held on October 30 and 31.
- Motivational speaker, George Palombo, will speak to students and parents on October 24 in the high school auditorium. Mr. Palombo is a veteran law enforcement officer from the Beaver County Sheriff's office and was Pennsylvania's Officer of the Year in 2001.
- Ms. Kristen Moten stated that the new 7th and 8th grade writing goals start November 1. The safe schools walking route is working fine.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Congratulated high school student Jesse Cantley for his 2nd place finish in the Sectional Golf Qualifier at Westwood Golf Club, which qualified him to play in the Division II Boys Championship. Jesse finished 15th overall in the championship.
- Neil Chandler was recognized as the Player of the Week for the Panera Bread Bowl Game of the Week sponsored by Panera Bread and the Best of the Batch Foundation. Neil was a guest on the *Charlie Batch Show*, which aired on September 29.
- Congratulated Dustin Vargo for his outstanding athletic achievement as the High School All American Goalball Player for the United States Association of Blind Athletes. Dustin has been competing for 10 years on the Pennsylvania youth VIP Sports team. This year at the National Goalball competition in St. Augustine, Florida, Dustin was named the Most Valuable Player, and VIP Sports took 1st place in the national goalball championship. Goalball is a highly competitive sport played three-against-three, indoors on a gym floor by blind and visually impaired athletes. The object is to roll a three-pound goalball that has bells embedded in it, past the opposing team without them stopping it and while blindfolded.
- Pastor Bernard Marable of Prayer and Deliverance Community Opportunities (PADCO) spoke about an anti-violence dramatization entitled *No More Project* to be held on November 17 in the Barrett gym. A group of young people will portray youth that have been hurt and abused and decided enough is enough. They use dramatizations to illustrate real life situations and how bad choices can ruin their lives.
- High School Biology Teacher Susan Olsen took 13 students to participate in the iGEM Jamboree at Duquesne University on Saturday and Sunday,

October 13 and 14. iGem is the premier synthetic biology design competition for undergraduate students. Research teams from the top universities in the eastern half of the US presented their projects at the Jamboree. Participating Steel Valley students were DJ Lewis, Layla Phouthavong, Shane McGuire, TuDu Ho, Jennifer Brizes, Rachael Brizes, Kyler Maddigan, Sara Pounds, Logan Perry, Lance Miller, David Salapa, Brittany Furlong and Hannah Fallon. The students expressed their excitement for the competition and were honored to be invited. They are looking forward to participating next year.

- Dr. Bethany Fenyus, KtO Team member, reported that the team is analyzing the state's Comprehensive Literacy Plan. A committee meets monthly and is working on creating a Steel Valley plan and how it will be integrated into the school district.
- Mrs. Nicole Strom, Title I Resource Teacher, shared a PowerPoint presentation with photographs of the students who participated in the Summer Reading Camps. The focus of the summer program was on all aspects of literacy: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Activities included team building, listening skills, iStation computer program and every grade level delivered a presentation to show their talents through Reader's Theater. The program was a tremendous success for kindergarten through 5th grade students, and the staff received a positive response from parents.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that a web conference was held at Barrett Elementary School today with 4th and 5th graders from Barrett and Park Schools and Steelers Quarterback Charlie Batch. During the event students interacted with their peers at Boyce Middle School in Upper St. Clair to promote UPMC's 2nd annual Dignity and Respect for Youth Day. The conference focused on the importance of getting along and treating everyone with dignity and respect.
- There will be no school for students on October 25 and 26, due to scheduled professional development activities for the staff.
- Report cards will be distributed on November 2.
- The annual Veterans Day programs will be held as follows:

November 7 at 9:00 a.m.	Park Elementary School
November 8 at 9:00 a.m.	Barrett Elementary School

November 9 at 9:00 a.m. High School Auditorium

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools on Wednesday, November 14, from 12:00-3:00 and 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be no school for students attending Barrett and Park Schools.
- Franklin Primary Center will hold its Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 15 from 12:00-3:00 and 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be no school for kindergarten students on this day.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the first Keystone exams would occur in early December.
- Teen Zone TV will be filming a television show in the middle school on November 1 on the topic of bullying, and the show will air on Comcast and on KDKA in April.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Natale moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to adopt the resolution of the finding of Fact, Discussion and Adjudication on the local agency hearing for the furloughed teachers. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of September 18, 2012, and September 25, 2012. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for October 2012 in the amount of \$477,679.89

- General Fund hand checks for September 2012 in the amount of \$498,133.04
- Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2012
- Food Service invoices for October 2012 in the amount of \$68,311.16
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending September 30, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$13,588.18
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,100.00
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$7,123.20
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$45.31

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- To re-bid security services for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years
- Repair of the high school elevator by Marshall Elevator at a cost of \$39,230 to be paid from Capital Projects
- To solicit bids for a districtwide security system upgrade to be paid from Capital Projects
- Purchase of XO laptops for one elementary classroom at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to be paid from Capital Projects
- The use of Capital Project funds for the reconstruction of the school district website at an estimate cost of \$3,500

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

Mr. Terrick moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to approve Tremco to the replace a portion of the high school roof, using Option 1 at a cost of \$326,506, to be paid from Capital Projects. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Fundraising requests as presented

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

Special Assignments

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

- Hold second reading and adopt revised Policy No. 620 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- Hold second reading and adopt new Policy No. 611 Purchases Budgeted
- Hold second reading and adopt new Policy No. 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Hold second reading and adopt new Policy No. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

Mr. Olson informed everyone that Mon Valley is hosting a Craft Show on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to raise funds for the school. It is open to the public with a \$2 admission.

Educational Leadership

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

- Accept a \$500.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Novotny to purchase two (2) cameras and a lighting kit to be used in the Art Department at Park Elementary School

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

Mrs. Ballas thanked all for their work on the beginning of the school year.

Personnel Management

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

- Angela Hafen and Lisa Berger as substitute staff for the KtO program for the 2012-2013 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- The resignation of Lee Ann Doyle retroactive to October 1, 2011, and Jill Wassell retroactive to September 26, 2012, from the tutor positions in the KtO program
- Appoint Alissa McNeil to the position of Reading tutor at Barrett school and Joyce Senich to the position of tutor at Park School as part of the KtO program
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Lillian Phouthavong from the position of paraprofessional in the high school retroactive to October 12, 2012
- Recall the most senior paraprofessional from the furlough list retroactive to October 12, 2012
- Aimee Lannis as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 beginning with the 31st day

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: On Item 6.6.1 (Recall most senior furloughed paraprofessional) Bajus and Kiefer. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – Item 6.6.1, is everyone off the furlough list for the paraprofessionals, where do we stand on other contracts, what grade has the largest class size at Barrett.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer.