

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
October 27, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Natale, Vice President at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Kubancsek, Mrs.
McEnheimer, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Terrick, Mr. Natale and
Mr. Ducar

Absent: Mr. McCallister and Mr. Ducar

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

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Janice Fletcher Holyfield*, retired elementary teacher Barrett and Park Elementary Schools; *Dr. Carol McKenna*, retired elementary teacher; Barrett Elementary School; *Robert Kondas*, father of Kim Weightman, public relations specialist and uncle of Denise Williams, middle school and high school teacher; *Robert Milie*, uncle of Jennifer Awenowicz, kindergarten teacher; *Adam Fetcher*, cousin of Tracy McGrew, middle school teacher; *Genevieve Hallas*, sister-in-law of Janet Brezicky, high school teacher; *Toni Coletta*, aunt of Linda Terrick, Park School teacher.

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: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar: No report

Student Representatives to the Board

Ms. Kaitlyn Baran:

- Homecoming was a success. Ms. Selena Brown was crowned homecoming queen and Mr. Armani Davis was named homecoming king. A pep rally was held at all schools. The junior girls were the victors over the seniors this year in the powder puff football game. The varsity girls' soccer team made the playoffs.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized four individuals who assisted a high school student who was injured while walking home from school. Mrs. Betty Lyons, Mrs. Mary Lou McConnell, Mr. Matthew Simpson and Ms. Deborah Herriott all stopped to assist this young man, call 911 and notify his parents. Their extra effort on behalf of the student was greatly appreciated.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the annual Make-A-Wish parade would be held on October 30 by Park Elementary students and staff. The goal is to raise money to grant one child a wish.
- The elementary schools will celebrate Veterans Day with programs on November 6 at Barrett Elementary School and November 13 at Park Elementary School. The local firemen and women taught all elementary students fire prevention measures.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that 12th grade students are retaking the PSSA tests and make-up tests for 4Sight assessment are occurring this week. Grades are due Wednesday, November 4. Report cards will be distributed Monday, November 9. The official report card for the school district will be posted on the Steel Valley website.
- Invited community members, students and school board members to be part of the Middle States Evaluation committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Mr. Colebank.
- Reported that additional hand sanitizers have been installed in all buildings, and special cleaners are being used on desks and other surfaces.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adopt a resolution authorizing for a limited period of time a compromise of interest due on delinquent real estate taxes, interest and penalty on 511 taxes, establishing standards to be eligible for said compromise allowing the delinquent tax collector or his designee to review the application to determine which application meets the standards required, and the authority to accept such compromise, or petition the Court of Common Pleas to accept a compromise where appropriate. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mrs. Paula Borsch - how many PSSA retests are being done, Item 1.2 (Transportation Agreement) what is this for, Item 1.4 (Repayment of Tax Anticipation Note) are the subsidy payments from the state, Item 3.3 (The Future is Mine new supplemental student organization) is this in the budget, Item 3.4 (Steel Valley Youth Wrestling Association) and Item 3.5 (Marching Band to Connellsville Area High School) are there any costs associated with these trips, Item 4.3 (Revision to Policy No.1 21 Field Trips) is there anything related to chaperones in this policy, Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) is anyone related to any Board members.

- Ms. Sharon Ford - Item 1.3 (Convert the existing CMS SWAP) are school districts allowed to invest, Item 4.1 (Second reading of Policy No. 140 and 140.4) why is Title I only for Park Elementary, Item 6.3 (Appointment of long-term substitute) does this position need to be posted.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman - What does the new solicitor motion mean, Item 1.2 (Transportation Agreement) is there a cost saving related to this, Item 3.4 (Steel Valley Youth Wrestling) what is the criteria for the Board to recognize this organization, Item 6.3 (Appointment of long-term substitute) how many people applied for and were interviewed for this position, Item 6.10 (School volunteers) how many new volunteers are in this listing.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Terrick moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the special board meeting minutes of September 15, 2009, September 15, 2009 worksession and the September 22, 2009 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick and Natale. Abstain: Olson on September 22, 2009 minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for October 2009 in the amount of \$673,740.74
- General Fund hand checks for September 2009 in the amount of \$438,642.17
- Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2009
- Treasurer's Report for August 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for August 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for September 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for August 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for September 2009
- Food Service invoices for October 2009 in the amount of \$61,213.46

- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income Expense for the month ending September 30, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending September 30, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$19,991.35
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$18,062.50
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$7,787.79
- Authorize the Board Secretary to execute a Transportation Agreement between the school district and the parents of a student for reimbursement to be paid from the district at the current IRS approved rate per mile effective October 28, 2009
- Convert from the existing CMS SWAP to Basis SWAP with adjustments
- Authorize the administration to repay the \$2.7 million Tax Anticipation Note to Citizens Bank, contingent upon the district's receipt of the October 2009 subsidy payments
- Authorize a real estate tax refund to William Dolney in the amount of \$1,203.91 for year 2009 due to a change to tax exempt status

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- The 2010 board meeting dates as presented

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Authorize payment of \$800 for the services of Steve Maffei DJs at the prom to be held at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh in Greentree on May 28, 2010
- Creation of a new student activity of Architecture Club for high school students with Randy Zirkle as a volunteer sponsor
- Create The Future is Mine (TFIM) as a new supplemental student organization and grant the Administration permission to negotiate a supplemental stipend with the Steel Valley Education Association for the 2009-2010 school year
- Recognize the Steel Valley Youth Wrestling Association as an active youth organization
- Retroactively approve attendance of the Marching Band in the Chapter Band Championship on October 24, 2009, at Connellsville Area High School
- Attendance of the Marching Band in the Atlantic Coast Band Championship on November 1, 2009, in Hershey, Pennsylvania
- Attendance of the History Club and chaperones to Boston, Massachusetts, to tour historic sites on May 28-31, 2010, at no cost to the district

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

Special Assignments

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

- Hold second readings and adopt Policy No. 140 Title I Districtwide Parental Involvement and Policy No. 140.4 Title I Parent Involvement Park Elementary School Program
- Hold second reading and adopt Policy No. 248 Unlawful Harassment
- Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 121 Field Trips

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

Educational Leadership

Mrs. McEnheimer moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to authorize the Letter of Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide nonpublic school services in the amount of \$131,084 to low income students at St. Therese and Ascension Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick and Natale. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Personnel Management

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

- Amy Gusky to the position of Chemistry teacher assigned to the Senior High school with salary and benefits based upon Master's step 1 retroactive to the start of the 2009-2010 school year
- Nicole Waters to a long-term substitute position of 5th grade elementary teacher assigned to Barrett Elementary School with salary and benefits based upon Bachelor's step 2 retroactive to the start of the 2009-2010 school year through the end of the first semester
- Brian Keesecker to a long-term substitute position in Kindergarten assigned to Franklin Primary center with salary and benefits based upon Bachelor's step 2 retroactive to the start of the 2009-2010 school year
- Four (4) unpaid days of absence for Mary Ellen Totin from October 19-22, 2009, for the purpose of handling a family matter
- Natalie Moreland and Erin Bryan-Reeder as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Sue Olsen to the supplemental position of Science Department Head effective October 28, 2009
- Jake Hess as the 7th/8th grade boys' basketball coach, Kevin Tomasic as the varsity boys' assistant basketball coach, Mike Cullen as the varsity boys' volleyball head coach, Shane Lucas as the varsity boys' assistant volleyball coach and Lyndee Rozier as the middle school cheerleading coach for the 2009-2010 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances

- Family medical leave of absence for Grace James retroactive to September 28, 2009, and ending on or about October 26, 2009
- Joshua Adams as a substitute instructional aide at an hourly 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
- School volunteers as listed for the 2009-2010 school year contingent upon receipt of current Act 34 and 151 clearances on those noted

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick and Natale. Abstain: Cannon on Item 6.1 (Amy Gusky to position of Chemistry teacher). Negative: Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson and Terrick on Item 6.4 (Unpaid days for Mary Ellen Totin). Motion carried and all items passed except Item 6.4 was defeated.

Mrs. Kubancsek commented on November 15 there is a blood drive for Jackie Knopp, a leukemia patient who is a former student.

Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Paula Borsch – how many students are retaking PSSA exams and Mr. Colebank answered 91; how many seniors are in the graduating class of 2009 and Mr. Colebank answered 148; and a question on the motion of demotion of Dr. Policastro.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman – why was Item 1.5 (Real estate tax refund) approved and what is the reason for the exemption, how will the loss of \$412k impact this year's budget and commented on the demotion of Dr. Policastro.
- Ms. Sharon Ford – concerned about the voting on information that is incomplete.
- Ms. Gerry Hawkins – question about cell phone policy and decision from last month's meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. by a motion of Mrs. McEnheimer, seconded by Mrs. Ballas.