

**Regular Meeting  
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors  
Senior High School Library  
December 3, 2013**

Mayor Raymond Bodnar of Munhall and Mayor John Dindak of West Homestead conducted the swearing in ceremony of the re-elected and newly elected board members: Susan Ballas, Coyleen Steele, Michael Terrick and Colette Youngblood.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Selection of Temporary Chairperson**

**Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to select Mr. Natale as temporary chairperson.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon.

**Nominations/Election of President**

**Mr. Olson nominated Mr. Natale as President of the Board of School Directors.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Olson, Natale and Cannon.

**Mr. Bajus nominated Mrs. Kiefer as President of the Board of School Directors.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Kiefer, Steele, Terrick, and Youngblood.

*Mrs. Kiefer was declared President of the Board of School Directors.*

### **Nominations/Election of Vice President**

**Mrs. Kiefer nominated Ms. Youngblood as Vice President of the Board of School Directors.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon.

*Ms. Youngblood was declared Vice President of the Board of School Directors.*

### **Acknowledgements**

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Georgeanne Keyock*, cousin of Jodi Geyer, literacy coach; *Charles Baughman*, father-in-law of Lauren Baughman, elementary principal; *Mark A. Merichko*, brother-in-law of Diana Merichko, cook in the high school cafeteria; *Barbara J. Brown*, aunt of Yvette Logan, high school teacher; *Therese A. Droschak*, daughter of Margaret Forsythe, retired food service worker; *Harry C. Fry III*, brother-in-law of Sandy Fry and uncle of Shannon Fry, both elementary teachers; *Judy Siebert*, sister of Gerri Wilson, cook at Park School Cafeteria.

**Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Terrick 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, Cannon, Natale, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **President of the School Board**

No report

## **Student Representative to the Board**

Mr. Brandon Tomasic:

- Reported on the many student activities at Franklin Primary Center in November. To name a few – the Queen of Hearts visited with students, a Title I Family Night was held, and the students enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. In December, the students will shop at Santa's Workshop. Kindergarten students will perform the *Littlest Christmas Tree* on December 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- At the Middle School, students and parents purchased books at the book fair. Eighth grade students are selling Sarris Candy to raise money for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. and they attended an Edgar Allan Poe play, which correlates with their current readings.
- The Keystone testing is taking place this week in Algebra, Literature and Biology at the High School. The Boys and Girls Basketball season will begin December 6 with a Boys Tip-Off Tournament at Brentwood and a Girls Tournament at Moon.
- On December 13, The Future is Mine (TFIM) group will be visiting the Pittsburgh Filmmakers to edit their film.
- The holiday concert will be held December 18 with the High School & Middle School Band performing at 6:00 p.m. and the High School Choir performing at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wehrer:

- Distributed welcome packets to newly elected school director Coyleen Steele and the veteran school board members. The packet of information is designed to introduce PSBA to new members and assist new directors to make a seamless transition to their new role. Newly elected and re-elected school directors also received a certificate.
- Mr. Macuga and Mr. McCallister congratulated the student athletes for their success on the field and in the classroom. Recognized this evening were the fall sports teams, players and the marching band for their academic and athletic accomplishments this year.
- Certificates were presented to Varsity Football, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Marching Band, Girls Volleyball, Varsity Golf, Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country.

- Mr. McCallister announced that our student athletes volunteered to move mattresses and box springs from the Marriott Hotel to the Rainbow Kitchen for future distribution.
- Mr. Wehrer recognized the Steel Center Extra Effort Award winners. They have gone above what is expected or have made considerable improvement in the classroom or shop. Certificates of Recognition were presented to: Anthony Wright, Advertising & Design; Brianna Miller, Cosmetology; Amanda Barnett, Health Assistant; Jillian Wellman, Health Assistant; Clarence Willis, Medium/Heavy Truck Technology.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Ed Report**

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the upcoming month's school schedule and holiday performances: Early dismissals for K-12 are December 10 and 20.
- Holiday Performances: December 17 Holiday Extravaganza Park Elementary School 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; December 18 Littlest Christmas Tree Franklin Primary Center 1:00 pm at the high school auditorium; December 19 Holiday Extravaganza Barrett Elementary School 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

### **Director of Academics, Information & Technology**

None

### **Solicitor's Report**

None

An executive session was held at 7:36 p.m. to discuss legal/personnel items. Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

### **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman
- Ms. Kathy Ligeros

## Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 15, 2013, and October 22, 2013.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Natale, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Abstain: Olson on October 15, Steele on October 15 and October 22 and Natale on October 22, 2013. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### 1.0 Financial Management

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

- 1.1 List of bills:
  - 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for October-November 2013 in the amount of \$1,015,913.99
  - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for October 2013 in the amount of \$560,046.19
  - 1.1.03 Food Service invoices for October-November 2013 in the amount of \$49,199.07
  - 1.1.04 Payroll Funding Transfers for October 2013
  - 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for October 2013
  - 1.1.06 General Fund Expenditure Report for October 2013
  - 1.1.07 Cafeteria Revenue Reports for July-October 2013
  - 1.1.08 Cafeteria Expenditure Reports for July-October 2013
  - 1.1.09 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending October 31, 2013
  - 1.1.10 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$15,958.23
  - 1.1.11 Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$3,902.56
  - 1.1.12 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$7,026.43
  - 1.1.13 Band invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$11,054.75
  - 1.1.14 Treasurer's Report for October 2013
- 1.2 Authorize necessary budget transfer of \$200,000 from the cafeteria fund to the general fund for the 2013-2014 school year and additional list of transfers

- 1.3 Adopt the resolution for the district's participation in the Joint Purchasing Board
- 1.4 Authorize real estate tax refunds as a result of changes in assessed value to Aqtronix LLC, Lot & Block 132-D-00025 for \$678.73; John and Patricia Draganosky, Lot & Block 182-A-68 for \$665.48; Robert and Diana Portillo, Lot & Block 133-B-15 for \$419.76; and Anne Ashley Memorial Methodist Church, Lot & Block 180-E-196 for \$386.92
- 1.5 Deleted

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Natale, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood. Negative: Kiefer. Motion carried.

## **2.0 Operations**

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.3 Deleted
- 2.3 Appoint Hruska Plumbing as the provider of plumbing services for the district for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$25 per man/hour and an overtime rate of \$37.50 per man/hour
- 2.4 Appoint Canova Electric as the provider of electrical services for the district for the 2013-2014 school year at \$55 per man/hour

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Natale, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: Bajus, Terrick and Kiefer on Item 2.4. Motion carried.

## **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Middle School Art Club as a new student activity with Rachelle Bersamina as a volunteer sponsor

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

#### **4.0 Special Assignments**

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

4.1 Held first reading on revisions to Policy No. 808 Food Services

4.2 Held first reading on new Policy No. 808.1 Lunch Accounts

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

#### **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

5.1 Disposal of outdated educational materials as listed

5.2 A delayed start for the high school on December 3, 4 and 5, 2013, to administer the Keystone Exam

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

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

5.3 Adopt the 2014 board meeting dates, Option 1 or Option 5 as listed:

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively for Option 1: Ballas and Olson. The following members voted for Option 5: Cannon, Natale, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Abstain: Bajus. Negative: None. Motion to adopt Option 5 carried.

## **6.0 Personnel Management**

**Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to table Item 6.8, Ashley Hanley as substitute for support staff.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Kiefer. Negative: Ballas, Cannon and Olson. Motion carried.

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

- 6.1 William C. Andrews of Andrews & Price as chief negotiator for the collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Board of Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association (SVEA)
- 6.2 Family medical leave of absence for Christina Szott beginning February 23, 2014, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- 6.3 Deleted
- 6.4 Deny grievance #13-237 from the Steel Valley Education Association
- 6.5 An audit of human resource practices in the school district at no cost to the district
- 6.6 Christine Furrick to the two-hour cafeteria monitor position at Park Elementary School at an hourly rate of \$7.25 and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement effective December 4, 2013
- 6.7 Family medical leave of absence for Mick Pavasko beginning on or about December 2, 2013, not to exceed 60 days
- 6.9 Karen Brooks as a substitute secretary at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.10 Additional compensation to be paid to Lynn Bohin, Diane Kampetis and Darlene Koroly for performing some of the duties of a food service director

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Kiefer. Negative: On Item 6.1: Bajus, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Motion carried and Item 6.1 failed to pass.

**Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Bajus seconded the motion to appoint Donald C. Fetzko as the chief negotiator for the**

**collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Board of Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association (SVEA).**

**Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to table appointing Donald C. Fetzko as the chief negotiator for the collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Board of Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association (SVEA).** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Natale and Olson. Negative: Bajus, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Motion to table did not pass.

**Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Bajus seconded the motion to appoint Donald C. Fetzko as the chief negotiator for the collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Board of Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association (SVEA).** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: Ballas, Cannon, Natale and Olson. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Donna Dreshman
- Kathy Ligeros thanked Mrs. Cannon for serving as President of the Board.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by a motion from Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Bajus.