

**Board Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**February 24, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President at 6:58 pm

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Kubancsek and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Ms. Youngblood, (arrived at 7:05), Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Ducar, Mr. Terrick

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: Mary C. Arovits, Barrett food service worker and aunt of Clay Karadus, Middle School Teacher; William Emro, brother-in-law of Jean Emro, Instructional Aide at Barrett and uncle of David Emro, High School Teacher; Carmine Bellini Jr., father of Stephanie Bellini, Probation Officer; Georgeann Wright, mother of Debbie Hrabosky's fiance', Park School Teacher; Phyllis Swallow, aunt of Ellen Sabo, Coordinator of Grants and Special Programs; Robert Ault, grandfather of Jeff Soles, High School Principal.

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

**President's Report**

Mrs. Cannon:

- The Ironmen cards that the Middle School sold will still be able to be used at Fuddruckers. (now the Pittsburgh Burger Company)
- Congratulated the SV Girl's Basketball Team on a fine season.
- Mr. Olson added that all starters are in the top 10 in their class academically.

## **Student Representatives Report**

- Junior School Board Representative Taylor Szczepankowski announced that the students at Park School are actively preparing for the upcoming PSSA assessment tests. On February 10, Park School hosted a 5<sup>th</sup> grade social with Barrett Elementary students. During the week of February 14, students at Park School raised \$532.00 for Make-A-Wish foundation by purchasing tickets for an opportunity to have lunch with Principal Bryan Macuga.
- Middle School students completed the NAEP, which is the National Assessment Education Progress. The students are preparing for the PSSA assessments. Both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball teams finished with great seasons.
- At the Senior High School, the Harmony Club of Homestead made a presentation in honor of Black History month. The Senior Ski trip was a success. Senior Mike Pavasko is competing in Sections at a wrestling tournament over the weekend. The Boys Varsity Basketball team is playing tonight at Keystone Oaks against Sto-Rox. The Girls Varsity Basketball team lost a heartbreaker to Jeannette Wednesday night.

## **Superintendent's Report**

- Presentation of the National Conference of English Teachers and Grant Award  
Bethany Fenyus and Heather Huber presented information related to their conference in November.
- Steel Center Top of Shop and Extra Effort Award Winners  
Top of Shop Winners-Jessica Coddington, Advertising & Design;  
Andrew Chasko, Food Service; Nicholas Ivaska, Auto Mechanics  
  
Extra Effort Awards-Zachary Grace, Building Trades; Terrell Hart,  
Computer Aided Drafting; N'Tosha Caldwell, Health Assistant
- Writing Award from One College, One Community

Mrs. Fleming-Salopek provided information on this project that ran through Community College of Allegheny County and recognized Hannah Fallon for winning the writing contest.

- **Barrett Production Team Performance**

Barrett Principal Sharon Fisher presented information on the School Wide Positive Behavior Support program at Barrett Elementary School. Mrs. Alyson Fisher provided information on the achievements of students. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Production Team recited a poem entitled Just One under the direction of Mrs. Kenavey. Ms. Kampe led the students as they performed a song entitled Jazz. The following students were presented with certificates: Brandon Ausburn, Latrece Brimage, Nazir Brimage, Haley Reber, Demon Ross, Brooklyn Sanders, Kyriisa Thomas, Stephanie Thomas, DaeShawn Washington, Trinity Wilson, Haley Bair, Derrick Chaffin, Abigail Ferson, Myia Gaines, Aliyah Haddad, Aniah Hughes, Janea Jackson, Simyah Jenkins, Erick Meadows, Destiny St. Julien and Ricci Wright.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education**

Mrs. Borges:

- Preparing for March PSSA Exams
- Week of 3/7 the Special Education area will be monitored by the state

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Keystone exams will begin in May-Biology, Literature & Algebra
- Next year will add Chemistry and Social Studies
- CDT's will replace PSSA's in Grades 3-8

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion of an expulsion of a minor female student. The following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- Donna Dreshman asked where will the furniture be placed? (2.2 donation of furniture. She then asked if anyone is related to the board that is being hired (6.0 Personnel Management). Concerning (6.4 Memorandum of Understanding between the SVEA and the SVSD) she wanted to know what this is for. She wondered why the (6.7) - 3 paid bereavement days for Debbie Hrabosky was denied, and on (6.11 motion to deny grievance) she asked if this will cost any more for the district.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 18, 2011 worksession, and the January 25, 2011 regular meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Youngblood and Cannon. Negative: None. Abstained: Kubancsek 1-18-11 only. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for January 2011 in the amount of \$590,435.61
- General Fund hand checks for January 2011 in the amount of \$398,965.55
- Payroll Funding transfers for January 2011
- Food Service invoices for January 2011 in the amount of \$45,314.05
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expenses for the month ending January 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending January 31, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$15,282.94
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$2,752.82
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$2,146.78
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$730.80
- Motion to authorize a two-year agreement with All-American Sports Posters to begin in the Fall of 2011 and end after Spring 2013
- Motion to approve the tuition rate (to be determined by the state) for employee Katie Pugh's daughter to be enrolled as a kindergarten student at

Franklin Primary Center for the 2011-2012 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202

- Motion to approve the tuition rate (to be determined by the state) for employee Lori Mehalik's son to be enrolled as a kindergarten student at Franklin Primary Center for the 2011-2012 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202
- Motion to exonerate the West Homestead, Homestead and Munhall tax collectors for year 2010 for uncollected amounts of \$177,104.85, \$325,077.75 and \$839,934.40 respectively
- Motion to authorize a real estate tax refund to James Dolney, a tax-exempt veteran, in the amount of \$943.54 for year 2009

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

### **Operations**

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

- Motion to approve facility rental requests as presented
- Motion to accept the donation of furniture from a local company

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

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- Motion to approve fundraising requests as presented
- Motion to authorize payment of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2011

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

### **Special Assignments**

Mr. Olson provided information on Top of the Shop and Extra Effort Awards at Steel Center Tech.

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide nonpublic services in the amount of \$66,429.93 to low income students at St. Therese School for the 2010-2011 school year
- Motion to approve revisions to the 2011-2012 High School Academic Handbook
- Motion to approve revisions to the 2011-2012 Middle School Academic Handbook
- Motion to approve the 2010-2011 High School PSSA schedule as presented

### **Personnel Management**

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

- Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Rick Dunmire from the position of health/physical education teacher at the Middle School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement.
- Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Carol Sekura from the position of business education teacher at the Senior High School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement.
- Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Ivan Braszo from the position of secondary gifted teacher at the Middle School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement.
- Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley Education Association and the Steel Valley School District.
- Motion to approve a family medical leave of absence for Sara Sullivan commencing March 17, 2011 not to exceed 12 weeks in duration.

- Motion to deny an unpaid leave of absence for Amanda Linder beginning March 28 through June 8, 2011
- Motion to deny three (3) paid bereavement days for Debbie Hrabosky on January 24-26, 2011
- Motion to approve Jessica Hicks, Katherine Sobocinski, Nicole Stefan and Caitlin McGinn as day-to-day substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> day.
- Motion to approve the termination of employment of Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary, effective immediately.
- Motion to approve Shannon Puhala as a substitute instructional aide and secretary at the 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, which must be completed within 30 days.
- Motion to deny grievance #2011-01-01
- Motion to approve a request from Colleen Andreyo, secretary in the business office, for a family medical leave of absence, for a period not to exceed 12 weeks, to commence on or about February 28, 2011, to return on or about March 28, 2011
- Motion to approve a request from Wyona Rompala, food service worker, for a family medical leave of absence, for a period not to exceed 12 weeks, to commence February 28, 2011 to return on or about March 28, 2011

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

### **Citizen Comments**

Name

Topic

Donna Dreshman

1.6 What is a Tax-Exempt Veteran?

Mr. Fetzko explained

6.7 Why was this denied?

Will the district be sending out furlough notices this year?

Are there problems at the new gymnasium at Barrett?

Mike and Michelle Sniegocki

Would like to know the status of the facility rental requests that were pulled this month. Mrs. Cannon addressed the questions “We are trying to accommodate everyone”,

When will we know if we can utilize the concession stand during the football games?

Susan Grueser & Dale Boring

Presenting information from the Gridiron Club on Speed and Agility Training for the Football Team. Two days a week for 8 weeks. 1 hour and 15 minutes per session

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by motion of Mr. Natale and seconded by Ms. Youngblood.





