

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
March 27, 2012

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Ducar and Ms. Youngblood

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

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the passing of *Hunter C. Huston*, infant grandson of Colleen Andreyo, secretary in the business office.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a memorial book to be placed in the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mrs. Cannon:

- Congratulated the Steel Valley Drama Club on an outstanding performance of *Oliver!* She also congratulated the Girls Basketball Team for a great season and making it into the PIAA State Finals.

Student Representatives' Reports

Miss Meghan Wolf

Miss Taylor Szczepankowski

Miss Kacey Hartnett

- The staff and students are to be commended for their hard work and diligence during the PSSA Reading and Math assessments. The new grading period began on March 19 and the third quarter report cards will be distributed March 28.
- WTAE's meteorologist will visit Park Elementary School on Wednesday, April 4, for a weather assembly. The School Board members are invited to attend a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and the assembly at 1:00 p.m.
- Spring Break will occur April 5-9 and school will resume on Tuesday, April 10.
- The 8th grade students, teachers and staff are preparing for the upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. The middle school is involved in the 2nd Step Violence Prevention program. On April 4, several students will be going on a field trip to Dave & Buster's as a reward for their success in the Ironmen Card fundraiser.
- The 6th grade students are looking forward to going geocaching in Pittsburgh, and 7th grade students will travel to the Wildwood for their end of the year field trip.
- The high school students completed the PSSA Reading and Math assessments, and the students experienced a good testing environment and were able to concentrate on their tests. The PSSA Writing assessment will take place April 17-19, and the PSSA Science assessments will be held April 24-26. There will be no late starts or early dismissals on these dates.
- On March 20, KDKA presented a Driving Skills program to the 11th and 12th grade students. Spring sports have begun for JV and Varsity Baseball, Girls Softball and Boys Volleyball.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized Math Coach Beth McCallister and math teachers Sara Sullivan and Steve Large for their receipt of \$2,500 Great Idea Grant from The Consortium for Public Education. This is the 5th year they have garnered a grant to be used for the outdoor classroom. With this grant, they will add composters to the outdoor classroom, which will allow students to see

recycling in action while adding fertilizer to the vegetable, bird and butterfly gardens.

- Mr. Macuga and Mr. McCallister recognized the winter sports teams and complimented them on their good sportsmanship and positive attitudes this season. Recognized were the students on the swim team, boys basketball team, girls basketball team and the drama club on their time and effort in their academics and sports.
- Mr. McCallister congratulated Michael Borsch, Ryan Wissinger, Keith Blasko and Joseph Ruffing, who wrestled on the West Mifflin team under a cooperative agreement this year.
- Mr. McCallister also reported that Girls Basketball Coach Kelly Sabo was awarded *The Daily News* Basketball Coach of the Year. Coach Sabo led the Lady Ironmen to a 19-7 record and their first postseason victory since 2001. The girls placed 3rd in the WPIAL, and they also qualified for the PIAA state playoffs.
- Congratulations to CC Dixon, Ashley McCallister, and Taylor Szczepankowski for being named to *The Daily News* Fabulous 15 and to Ashley McCallister for being chosen for the Roundball Classic All-Star Team where she will join other all-stars from the area to play in an all-star game to be held at Geneva College on April 21.
- The middle school students participated in the annual Math-A-Thon and raised \$1,207 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This was the 21st consecutive year the middle school participated in the event and has contributed over \$38,000 to St. Jude to help with its fight against childhood diseases.
- Middle School Principal Kevin Walsh and Teacher Dr. Bethany Fenyus reported on the 10th annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., on May 10-12, 2012. The 80 students are looking forward to this opportunity of a lifetime and to expand their world beyond their neighborhood. They will visit the war memorials, Holocaust Museum, Air and Space Museum, National History Museum, many of the monuments and the new Martin Luther King Jr. memorial.
- Dr. Kinavey announced that he is proud that Steel Valley was listed as one of the best schools in student attendance. We have a lot of caring adults, teachers, administrators, parents, residency checker/attendance officer and the magistrate who have contributed to our low truancy rate and low dropout rate.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that Barrett Elementary School would hold its All School Revue on April 4 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- *Hi5! Here We Come* Kindergarten Fair will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Franklin Primary Center. Parents will be able to register their children for full-day kindergarten, and the staff will conduct student screenings. There are also activities planned for families.
- Mrs. Borges announced that WTAE conducted a weather assembly at Barrett Elementary School last week.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that reports cards were distributed districtwide on Thursday. He stated that student rankings and QPAs are calculated through the end of the school year and asked parents to reinforce with their children to keep up the hard work through June.
- The PSSA Math and Reading assessments have been completed, and the upcoming PSSA Science and Writing assessments are just as important.
- The district will participate in a statewide weather exercise on March 29.
- Next year's schedule is almost complete.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adopt two resolutions to authorize First Commonwealth Bank to be the depository bank for Legal Tax Service and Donald Fetzko for real estate and Act 511 tax deposits. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman questions on the solicitor's motion; Item 2.1 (Facility rental requests) and Item 2.2 (Bids for air conditioners); Item 6.0 (Personnel

Management) is anyone related and Item 6.3 (Retirement of Judith Stokes) will this person retire under terms of contract.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the worksession minutes of February 21, 2012, and the regular minutes of February 28, 2012. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Olson on February 21 and 28 minutes and Natale on February 28, 2012. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for March 2012 in the amount of \$409,989.52
- General Fund hand checks for February 2012 in the amount of \$651,556.35
- Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2012
- Food Service invoices for March 2012 in the amount of \$49,357.58
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending February 29, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 29, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$6,661.52
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$2,259.33
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,840.68
- A real estate tax refund for year 2011 to Darryl K. and Sandra L. Wolfe in the amount of \$221.10 for Lot & Block 131-M-106
- Authorize the business manager to transfer the district's banking relationship to PSDLAF (Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund) with deposits of the school district being housed at PNC Bank

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorize the business manager to solicit bids for the purchase and installation of air conditioners at Park Elementary School

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

Mr. Olson made a comment about our own use of the field prior to outside use agreed to by the Board.

Mrs. Cannon thanked Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Borges for scheduling the Park School Revue.

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Authorize payment of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2012

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

Special Assignments

No report

Educational Leadership

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

- Adopt the 2012-2013 school calendar as presented

- The Allegheny Intermediate Unit's 2012-2013 Program of Services Budget totaling \$3,807,403

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

Mrs. Ballas outlined the school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

Personnel Management

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

- Family medical leave of absence for Beth Catterall effective April 20, 2012, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Sara Sullivan effective June 1, 2012, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Judith Stokes from a full-time teaching position effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year
- Recall Deirdre Kamauf to an elementary teaching position assigned to Barrett Elementary School effective on or about April 20, 2012, continuing until June 4, 2012
- Family medical leave of absence for Dennis Keesecker effective April 12, 2012, for approximately eight (8) weeks in duration
- John Skeels III as a volunteer for the 2011-2012 school year, contingent upon receipt of clearances

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Cannon on Item 6.6 (John Skeels III as volunteer) Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman questions – Did any Board member request a phone hook-up, is there room at the old Woodlawn site for a baseball field, any make ups for PSSA, what was the outcome of last night's meeting, do clearances have to come in prior to volunteering, what is the status of contract negotiations, who will take over Director of Facilities during the leave.

- Mrs. Kathy Ligeros questions – What was the process used to hire the assistant baseball coach and would like answers as to why board policies are not being followed.
- Mr. Ben Bobick – Never received an apology from the actions on January 24, 2012, meeting and asking for resignations of Board members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by a motion of Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Bajus.