

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**April 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Olson (arrived 7:02 p.m.)

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, 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: *Andrew Zivinsky*, cousin of Carole Sekura, website manager and *Mary Jane Romesburg*, aunt of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology.

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

**President's Comments**

Mrs. Cannon:

- Congratulated the Middle School Drama Club on their performance of *Cinderella*. Mrs. Salapa directed the students in this comedy twist on the fairy tale. She also noted that the Bite of Broadway performed by the High School Drama Club was a great show.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Miss Kacey Hartnett

Miss Meghan Wolfe

- The middle school students met with former police officer George Polumbo to discuss the importance of good decision-making, abstaining from drugs and alcohol and not bullying people who are different.
- The middle school students are finishing up the PSSA Science assessments; the writing assessment was administered last week.
- The middle school academic ceremony will be held on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium. The ceremony honors the middle school students who have maintained honor roll status throughout the year.
- Student Government will be cleaning up the memorial garden at the high school on April 27.
- The National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on May 4. The prom will be held on May 11 at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville.
- Seniors will begin finals week on May 14 through May 18. The freshman, sophomore and junior classes will take their final exams the week of May 21.
- On May 17, the Dr. Griffin Honor Awards Banquet will be held at St. John's Cathedral Center to honor the graduating seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.
- The baseball, softball and boys volleyball teams are having great seasons and it looks like all of the teams will make the playoffs.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized Steel Center student Daniel Smock for earning the Extra Effort Award in Computer Programming for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period. Board Member Tom Olson added that the instructors choose one student who demonstrates outstanding attitude, work ethic, attendance and dependability for this award. This honor reflects Daniel's achievement and success.

- The school district is one of six in Allegheny County who was awarded a Keystones to Opportunities Grant to create a comprehensive literacy plan for ages birth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Steel Valley was awarded \$620,870 for Year 1 of the initiative. This was a collaborative effort between the school district, the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley Family Center to provide literacy programs and skills to all children. Dr. Kinavey recognized the following team members with a Certificate of Appreciation: Ed Colebank, Jodi Geyer, Beth McCallister, Bryan Macuga, Kevin Walsh, Maria Heddleston, Rob Shoemaker, Ellen Sabo, Dr. Linda Croushore, Pat Hein and Mary Paull.
- Principal Sharon Fisher and Paraeducator Betty Lyons highlighted the Waterford Early Learning Labs located in the Franklin Primary Center, Park Elementary School and Barrett Elementary School. Students in kindergarten, first and second grades use the computer labs for one-half hour every day. The goal of these learning activities is to increase the reading scores of the children and expose them to technology.
- Mr. Ducar reminded the audience that Mr. Bill Campbell provided the district with 85% of the funds to purchase the technology used throughout the school district.
- Recognized the volunteers from each building. He distributed ‘Steel Valley Volunteer’ tote bags to each volunteer. Volunteers perform tasks, such as, chaperoning, fundraising, copying, decorating the buildings, working in the classroom, and tutoring.

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

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the dates and times of the following elementary activities and events:
 

May 4	Kindergarten Move-Up Day		
May 9	Park School Revue	High School Auditorium	1:00 p.m.
May 10	Q & U Wedding	Franklin Primary Center	9: 00 a.m.
May 10	Title 1 Family Night Carnival	Barrett Elementary School	4:00-6:00 p.m.
May 17	Borough Days	Park Elementary School	1:00 p.m.
May 17	Merit Day	Barrett Elementary School	1:30 p.m.
May 17	Big Box of Books	Franklin Primary Center	6:00-7:30 p.m.
May 23	Band & Choral Concert	Park Elementary School	9:30 & 1:00
May 24	Merit Day	Park Elementary School	9:00 a.m.
May 25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Step Up Day		
May 30	Celebration in Education	Park Elementary School	

Board President Beth Cannon thanked the Park PTO for providing funds for the transportation of the students and staff to the high school for the All School Revue on May 9.

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced the Promenade would be held on May 11 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The Prom will follow at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville from 7:00-11:00 p.m.
- The final progress reports will be distributed next week.
- Mr. Colebank is finalizing the projected schedules for middle school and high school students for the 2012-2013 school year.

### **Solicitor's Report**

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to adopt the resolution to expel a minor female student.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) is anyone being hired tonight related; Item 6.4 (Grievance #12-221) can this cost the district more money in the future?

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the special meeting minutes of March 12, 2012, the worksession minutes of March 19, 2012, and the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2012.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for April 2012 in the amount of \$461,335.73
- General Fund hand checks for March 2012 in the amount of \$480,995.26
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2012
- Food Service invoices for April 2012 in the amount of \$32,035.43
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$19,225.66
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,620.88
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,711.67
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$1,884.11

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

## **Operations**

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

- Facility rental requests as presented

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

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- Fundraising requests as presented

- Field trip for The Future is Mine students and chaperones to attend the annual conference at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center on April 26 & 27, 2012

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

### **Special Assignments**

Mr. Olson:

- Commented on the Steel Center Extra Effort Award.

### **Educational Leadership**

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to accept the Keystones to Opportunities Grant in the amount of \$620,870 for Year 1 of the Initiative.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve Ed Colebank, Jodi Geyer and two additional staff members to attend the Keystones to Opportunities New Grantee Conference in Gettysburg on May 14-16, 2012, as required.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Personnel Management**

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

- Family medical leave of absence for Kristie Spotti effective May 18, 2012, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Kasey Poorman and Nicole McClellan as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> day

- The supplemental resignations of Jena Bence as cheerleading coach, Nicole Strom as assistant cheerleading coach, Gary Goga as girls volleyball coach and Kristen Gregory as marching band director
- Deny Grievance #12-221 from the Steel Valley Education Association due to its untimeliness and no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged

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

### **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – comment on public hearing on Thursday; questions- is Act 93 contract settled; swimming pool fixed; when is the band/choral concert; is the meeting set for the concession stand; how many delinquent taxes are due to final installment and how will USX reassessment be paid.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mr. Natale.