

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
May 22, 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, Mrs. Kiefer, Mr. Olson, Ms. Youngblood, Mr. Natale and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Ducar (arrived 7:02 p.m.) and Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:10 p.m.)

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Kevin J. Dilworth*, Steel Valley Graduate Class of 2008; *Robert E. Steele*, grandfather of Rodney Steele, varsity football coach; *Gert Bielewicz*, aunt of Lori Mehalik, kindergarten teacher; *Marie Lyle*, aunt of Bill Edwards, kindergarten teacher; *Robert A. Janosko*, husband of Sharon Janosko, retired elementary teacher; *Regis L. Stephenson*, father-in-law of Denise Stephenson, Park School teacher and former West Mifflin School Director; *Winifred Dunning*, aunt of Dr. Kinavey, superintendent; *Joseph E. Kmetz*, father of Denise Cullen, Park School secretary.

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed in the 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.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Cannon:

- Congratulated the Class of 2012 and wished them much success in their future endeavors. She also thanked the staff for making this school year a good one.

Student Representatives' Reports

- Senior Student Representative Meghan Wolf reported that Park School's All School Revue was a great success in the high school auditorium. The 3rd grade students participated in the Borough Day Parade. The students and staff thanked the community members, council members, firefighters, police, Mayor Bodnar and all the local leaders for sharing information about their jobs.
- Also at Park School, the Spring Band and Choral Concert will be held on Wednesday. Merit Day is Thursday and the 5th grade Step-Up day is Friday. Finally, the annual Celebration in Education will be held Wednesday, May 30.
- Miss Taylor Szczepankowski reported that the middle school held its Academic Ceremony and honored 200 students for earning honor roll status. A BMX assembly will be held Wednesday as an award for doing well on a school fundraiser.
- Fifth grade students from Barrett and Park Elementary Schools will visit the Middle School on May 25 for Step-Up day. The day will be full of activities and opportunities for the children to meet new friends and to tour the school in preparation for next year.
- Miss Kacey Hartnett reported that underclassmen are taking their finals this week.
- The Middle School and High School Band and Choral concerts will take place on May 23. The band will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the choirs at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- The Senior Breakfast will be held May 30. Friday, June 1, will be the commencement for the Class of 2012, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized the commitment of Taylor Szczepankowski for serving as the Student Representative to the School Board for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years and Meghan Wolf for her dedication serving as the Student Representative to the School Board during the 2011-2012 school year. On behalf of the School Board, Dr. Kinavey presented Taylor and Meghan with Certificates of Recognition.
- Recognized Steel Center Top of the Shop student winners Emily Csider in the field of Baking/Pastry Chef and Lakijai Bynum in the area of Cosmetology for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year. Board Member Tom Olson presented Certificates of Recognition to the students.
- Mrs. Becky O'Shell, 4th grade teacher at Park Elementary School, and her students, presented details of their embryology project. They received eggs from Penn State and the 4H organization to study the formation and development of embryos. They placed the eggs in the incubator and turned them three times per day for 18 days. They candled the eggs every other day to watch the embryos grow. They had 18 baby chicks hatch on May 9. Board Member Susan Ballas presented Certificates of Recognition to Mrs. Becky O'Shell, Jenna Cannon, Alex Caspar, Diana Craycroft, Nikki Csider, Jameson Hafen, Maddy Holman and April Murphy for their informative presentation.
- Mr. Shawn McCallister, Athletic/Activities Director, recognized the accomplishments of the boys baseball team, girls softball team and boys volleyball team. The boys baseball team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs with a record of 8-4. The Lady Ironmen worked hard this season and accomplished some impressive achievements. Two players finished with a batting average of over .500. The boys volleyball team ended the season with a win over TJ to clinch a spot in the WPIAL playoffs.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the Park School Band/Choral Concert will be held in the high school auditorium on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
- The Extended School Year program will occur in July. Summer training for staff members will be held this summer for the School Wide Positive Support program.
- A team of elementary teachers will work on mapping the Elementary Reading Curriculum this summer.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Thanked the Student Representatives to the School Board for their outstanding reporting this school year.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mrs. Paula Borsch – Item 1.2 (Budget transfer) how much was the budget transfer; Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) is anyone related to any individuals being hired?
- Ms. Donna Dreshman – Why was Item 5.3 deleted; Item 6.2 (Eliminate emotional support special education position), will the person be moved to another position; Item 6.7 (Retirement of paraprofessional) will this position be filled; will any items be added to the agenda?
- Mrs. Cannon asked if 25 iPads are needed and who will train students on using these devices?
- Mrs. Ballas commented on information she has on the iPads she saw on *60 Minutes*.
- Mr. Colebank commented that these iPads will need protected.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling a minor female student commencing April 17, 2012, and ending April 16, 2012. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Terrick asked Mr. Fetzko to speak on the recent assessment decisions that were contained in Friday's board packet. Where do we stand with delinquency collections?

Mr. Fetzko reported that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed itself on a law that will allow taxing bodies to tax buildings that are located on leased land. This is good news for all taxing bodies in Pennsylvania.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the worksession meeting minutes of April 17, 2012, and the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2012. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for May 2012 in the amount of \$796,082.44
- General Fund hand checks for April 2012 in the amount of \$274,100.93
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2012
- Food Service invoices for May 2012 in the amount of \$47,746.51
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$29,771.64
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$479.10
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$2,120.00
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$575.00
- Budget transfer adjustment, made by the business manager, to the 2011-2012 general fund budget
- Real estate tax refund in the amount of \$1,185.61 to Jack H. Cotter for Lot & Block 133-E-234 as a result of a change in assessment for year 2010

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 Mr. Terrick 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. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Fundraising 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.

Special Assignments

No updates

Educational Leadership

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

- Revise the 2011-2012 school calendar and designate Friday, June 1, 2012, as a districtwide early dismissal
- The Notices of Adoption Policies, Procedures & Use of Funds between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and Steel Valley School District for the 2012-2012 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

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

Mrs. Cannon thanked Dr. Kinavey for coming up with the idea for Item 5.1 (Revise school calendar.)

Personnel Management

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

- An intermittent family medical leave of absence for Maria Heddleston retroactive to April 20, 2012, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Recall Maureen Revetta to a speech position assigned to Barrett Elementary School retroactive to May 11, 2012, until June 4, 2012
- Appoint Susan Wilder, Lori Oleksak, Maribeth Meals and Lisa Lawson as the special education teachers at a rate of \$30 per hour and appoint Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar and Lisa Vehec as the special education paraeducators at their regular hourly rate for the 2012 Extended School Year Program
- Daniel Vietmier, Amy Platt and Wesley Baird as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
- Accept the resignation of Mariann Reilly from the position as yearbook advisor for the 202-2013 school year
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Janice Solorio, from the position as paraprofessional in special education effective June 1, 2012
- Virginia Franklin as a substitute food service worker at a 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
- Approve, retroactively, the request from Mike Coyne, high school custodian, for an intermittent family medical leave of absence beginning on or about May 14, 2012
- Michael Sisley to the supplemental position of Band Director, Faith Keesecker to the supplemental position of Varsity Cheerleading Coach and Carly Snyder to the supplemental position of JV Cheerleading Coach for the 2012-2013 school year, contingent upon receipt of appropriate clearances and according to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Bajus on Item 6.1 (Family Medical Leave of Absence for Maria Heddleston) Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Ducar – a question on Item 6.2 (Elimination of special education professional position) a discussion ensued on this item with the Board and Dr. Kinavey.

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to table Item 6.2. 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 – how is the swimming pool, when is the Co-Curricular meeting being conducted; is the issue with the concession stand resolved; do we know what years delinquent tax has been collected; what are the early dismissal times on June 1; what is the status of Franklin; what is dumping going on at Woodlawn; do cameras pick that up? Spoke about the superintendent search and would like a 90-day probation period.
- Ms. Betty Esper – congratulated Dr. Kinavey on his retirement; why is alternative ed only two hours a day. Mr. Fetzko answered; and wants to hire Mr. Wehrer as superintendent.
- Mr. Ryan Cleary – worked at the I-Team in 2008 and 2009 and supports Mr. Wehrer as superintendent.
- Ms. Paula Borsch – hopes there will be a public hearing for final candidates to meet with the public. Spoke on several other topics.
- Ms. Patty Semenko – community should be part of the search for a new superintendent; need a passionate superintendent; spoke on behalf of Mr. Wehrer; thanked Dr. Kinavey for his work here.
- Mr. David Colasante, Jr. – endorses Ed Wehrer as superintendent, spoke on behalf for living here in the district.
- Ms. Lisa Szczepankowski – endorsed Ed Wehrer for superintendent based on his business background and dedication for public education.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer.

Mrs. Ballas thanked those in attendance for their input.