

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**June 26, 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. Olson,  
Mr. Terrick, Ms. Youngblood, Mr. Natale and  
Mrs. Cannon (via phone connection)

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

Flag Salute

**Acknowledgements**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Rebecca "Betty" Keesecker*, mother of Facilities Director Dennis Keesecker; *William S. "Baldy" Voit*; retired Business Education teacher from Homestead and Steel Valley School Districts; *Andrew J. Opsitos*, attended Steel Valley High School from 2002-2005; *Patricia A. Savolskis*, mother of Linda Terrick, Park School teacher; and *Mark R. Strausser*, father of Jill Watson, Park Elementary teacher.

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

**Board President's Report**

Mrs. Cannon:

- Thanked Band Director Michael Sisley and the marching band for their participation in the West Homestead parade.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Presented World War II Veteran George Hovanec with his high school diploma. Mr. Hovanec served as a Marine during World War II due to his military service was unable to finish high school. Another diploma was issued to Mrs. Mildred Tomko who served in the Navy during World War II. Dr. Kinavey stated that these veterans are part of America's Greatest Generation.
- The Future is Mine student group presented a documentary entitled *Exploring Success in the Steel Valley*. This documentary was created in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Filmmakers and discussed a prominent issue in the community.

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the Summer Reading Program started last week and will also be held the weeks of July 9 and 16. There has been a good turn out of students for the program, which is funded by the Keystones to Opportunity grant.

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

- Mr. Natale announced that both Item 2.2 (Bids for refuse hauling services) and Item 2.3 (Bids for security services) are being pulled.
- Mr. Kevin Tomasic – Item 6.1 (Eliminate special education professional position) is this position in the budget, is this a new position that was added last year, will this impact our ability to complete IEP's, do the administrators agree, where will this teacher be placed, will this position be posted according to the contract, how will it be handled if this position is reinstated?
- Ms. Donna Dreshman – Solicitor's Report – what is the amount we owe, the appointment of a consultant, how much is this going to cost, would this have

been offered to another candidate, Item 6.3 (Reimbursement to employee) how much is being reimbursed?

- Mr. Larry Rechter – how do we determine the qualifications for security guards?

### **Solicitor's Report**

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to adopt the resolution authorizing an option for installment payment of real estate taxes for any small business with no more than fifty employees and that is located in this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the "Tax Settlement Stipulation" with U.S. Steel on the realty tax appeal on Block and Lot No. 179-E-150, Docket at No. BV11-000343.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion to hire Mr. Ed Wehrer as an administrative consultant from July 9-24, 2012, under the terms of the contract as presented.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Kiefer seconded the motion to authorize that Franklin Primary Center will remain open for the 2012-2013 school year.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the worksession meeting minutes of May 15, 2012, the**

**regular meeting minutes of May 22, 2012, and the special meeting minutes of June 7, 2012.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for June 2012 in the amount of \$385,449.64
- General Fund hand checks for May 2012 in the amount of \$402,749.54
- Cafeteria hand checks for May 2012 in the amount of \$200.00
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2012
- Food Service invoices for June 2012 in the amount \$26,139.47
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$22,612.76
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$6,344.21
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$194.01
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$194.50
- Tuition rate of \$2,844.09 for employee Brandi Chalus' son to be enrolled as a kindergarten student at Franklin Primary Center for the 2012-2013 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202
- Tuition rate of \$3,644.30 for employee Traci Churilla's daughter to be enrolled as a student at Steel Valley High School for the 2012-2013 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202

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. Olson seconded the motion to approve the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget with revenue in the amount of \$25,689,115 and expenditures in the amount of \$25,588,618 with the millage rate to be set at 24.1686. This equates**

**to \$2,416 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, \$24.16 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$2.41 per \$100 of assessed valuation.**

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

## **Operations**

Items 2.2 and 2.3 (Award bids for refuse-hauling and security services) were tabled.

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Renewal of the district's workers' compensation insurance through PSBA for the 2012-2013 year at an estimated cost of \$176,666
- Business manager to solicit bids for plumbing services for the 2012-2013 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: Bajus and Kiefer on Item 2.5 (Solicit bids for plumbing services). Motion carried.

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- Three programs eliminated at Steel Center due to lack of enrollment.
- Mr. Colebank commented on the welding program at Steel Center.

## **Educational Leadership**

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve to award high school diplomas to World War II Veterans George A. Hovanec and Mildred Tomko.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ballas commented on the presentation to Mr. Hovanec and “Portal to the Past.”

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2012-2013 school year and authorize the proper officers to execute the agreement.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Personnel Management**

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to table Item 6.1.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas and Olson. Negative: Ducar, Kiefer, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Motion failed.

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

- Item 6.1-Eliminate one (1) special education professional position for the 2012-2013 school year
  - Item 6. 2-Retroactively appoint Camp Directors and Teachers at a rate of \$30.00 per hour according to the KtO grant guidelines for Camp A and Camp B in Year1
  - Item 6.3-Reimburse Employee No. 482 according to the request
  - Item 6.4-Patty Semenko as the special education paraeducator for the Extended School Year Program 2012
  - Item 6.5-Re-instate one (1) full-time custodian position and recall one (1) custodian from the furlough list for the 2012-2013 school year
- Upon roll call the following members voted as follows:

Affirmatively on Item 6.1: Bajus, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon.  
Negative: Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer and Olson. Motion carried.

Affirmatively on Item 6.3: Bajus and Kiefer. Negative: Ballas, Ducar, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Motion failed.

Affirmatively on Items 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale thanked the Board and Mr. Cherpak for their dedication in the superintendent's search.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – will a grievance be filed for Item 6.1 (Eliminate one special education professional position); was item 6.3 (Reimburse employee) personal property; are there any moves in principal positions; how much will sheriff's sales cost the district; how many kindergarten teachers are in the budget; how many custodians will there be now; bullying program is the district pursuing one; 9/2 no Port Authority transportation from Homestead to Munhall.
- Mr. Enrique Billa – why would someone take a board position that is unpaid; supports the decision to hire Mr. Wehrer by 5-4 vote; questioned why Mrs. Cannon would vote for superintendent for the sake of her family; put aside differences to benefit the community.

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Youngblood moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

