

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
June 28, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kubancsek, at 7:03 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson, Ms. Youngblood and Mrs. Kubancsek and Mrs. Cannon (via telephone connection)

Absent: Mr. Ducar and Mr. Terrick

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

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Ann Totin*, mother of Mary Ellen Totin, school nurse and grandmother of Louis Colorito, substitute teacher; *Helen Oldham*, aunt of Bobbi Vargo, elementary teacher; *Betty Munizza*, aunt of Melissa Pentin, middle school teacher; *Arlene E. Firestone*, mother of Russell Firestone, high school teacher; *Bonita Carmack*, grandmother of Jill Callahan, elementary teacher.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson 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, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced that the average class size will be 23 in the elementary schools, 24 in the middle school and 22-27 in the high school for the 2011-2012 school year.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that a team of Barrett and Park School teachers attended training for a new Tier 1/Universal Team and a Tier 2/Tier 3 training for more intensive supports. This training was part of the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support grant.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that the district would lock down its wireless network. Therefore, residents in close proximity will not be able to hop onto our network and slow it down.
- Staff may pick up their computers from Mr. Colebank.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – questions – Mr. Fetzko's motion on appraisal of Waterfront and dismissal of employees; Item 1.4 (Resolution for Tax Anticipation Note) what is the rate on the loan and when is it due; Item 6.1 (Re-instate a fifth grade position at Park Elementary) why is this being done; Item 6.6 (Memorandum of Understanding) what is this related to; Item 6.7 (Appointments for ESY program) is this part of the 10-11 budget, Item 6.9 (Grant tenure status) any of these on the furlough list and Item 6.15 (Rescind the furlough of security guard at Barrett Elementary) is this position in the budget?

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the May 18, 2011 worksession and the May 24, 2011 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for May and June 2011 in the amount of \$735,489.65
- General Fund hand checks for May 2011 in the amount of \$321,874.97
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2011
- Treasurer's Report for April 2011
- Food Service invoices for May 2011 in the amount of \$31,342.60
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$18,761.75
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$587.88
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$7,329.94
- Adopt the resolution to accept the homestead/farmstead exclusion for the school district for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Authorize a real estate tax refund as a result of an overpayment to Davco Real Estate Enterprises for year 2010, in the amount of \$1,254.82, for Lot & Block 133-G-52
- The district's workers' compensation insurance coverage through PSBA for the 2011-2012 year at an annual premium of \$208,515

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Ballas on Item 1.1.02, page 6. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to adopt the resolution to authorize the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note and all terms of the agreement from Citizens Bank in the amount of \$1.5 million. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget with revenue in the amount of \$25,649,164 and expenditures in the amount of \$24,467,184 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, Natale, Olson, Youngblood and Cannon. Negative: Kubancsek. Motion carried.

Operations

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the facility rental requests as presented. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bajus moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to approve the fundraising requests as presented. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Special Assignments

Mr. Olson moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to hold a second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 237 Positive Behavior Support. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Educational Leadership

No report

Personnel Management

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

- Re-instate a fifth grade elementary position at Park Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instate a part-time districtwide music position for the 2011-2012 school year
- Recall Rebecca Russell from the furlough list to a half-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Recall Mark Fallon from the furlough list to a full-time position and Brandi Chalus from the furlough list to a half-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- The furlough of Beth Catterall from a half-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- The Memorandum of Understanding as presented
- Appoint Susan Wilder, Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins and Lisa Lawson as the special education teachers at a pay rate of \$30.00 per hour and Vicki Deutsch, Dianne Cain and Karen Barabas as the special education paraeducators at their regular hourly rates for the Extended School Year Program
- A concurrent family medical leave of absence for Amber Thomas retroactive to May 31, 2011, and a one-year child rearing leave of absence
- Authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to grant tenure to Jonathan Edwards, Jamie Fleck, Shari Fetzko, Edward Tozzi and Julie Miller
- Authorize the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Steel City Therapy, LLC for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for the school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013

- Joy Kardos as a consultant to assist the district with food service operations at a mutually agreed upon rate of \$40 per hour at 8 to 10 hours per week
- Deny Grievance #10-209 from the Steel Valley Education Association due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Accept the resignations of J.J. Knabb from the supplemental position of Assistant Football Coach, Erik Jabs from the supplemental positions of Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball Coach and Christina Szott from the supplemental position of fitness center co-sponsor
- Retroactively approve the request from Michael Mulligan, high school custodian, for a family medical leave of absence to commence on or about June 13, 2011, for about 4 to 6 weeks, not to exceed 12 weeks
- Rescind the furlough of the security guard at Barrett Elementary School from the May 24, 2011 board meeting, effective for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: Ballas on Item 6.2 (Re-instate part-time music position) and Item 6.3 (Recall Rebecca Russell to half-time). Abstain on Item 6.4 (Recall Mark Fallon from furlough list to full-time) Olson, Kubancsek and Cannon. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to accept a bid from Kelly Rielly Nell Barna for the appraisals of ten tax appeals on the Waterfront Town Center at a total cost of \$15,000 plus \$175 per hour for preparation, testimony and updates. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to adopt the resolution to terminate the employment of a professional employee. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Ballas. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Dreshman – questions on status of swimming pool, Barrett floor, tennis courts, is Mr. Vettel being paid from Foundation, what is the fund balance and will there be a meeting in July.
- Ms. Nicole Corsi – speaking on behalf of the teachers that have been furloughed.
- Mrs. Donna Kiefer – why was there no retirement breakfast this year and has anything been done with the letter that was sent to the Board and the Administration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood seconded by Mrs. Ballas.