

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

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:05 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Ducar, Mrs. Kiefer, Mr. Olson, Ms. Youngblood, Mr. Natale, and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Terrick, (phone connection at 7:15 p.m.)

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Nancy T. Panaia-Siyufy*, mother of Joe Panaia, Park School custodian; *Leatrice Totin*, aunt of Mary Ellen Totin, school nurse; *Stephen Babush Jr.*, uncle of Mary Ellen Totin, school nurse; and *William Watkins*, brother-in-law of Kim Watkins, secretary to the superintendent.

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

President's Comments

Mrs. Cannon:

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adopt the resolution honoring Dr. William Kinavey as a Distinguished Administrator for his special concern and strong commitment to the people and students of the Steel Valley School District. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cannon presented Dr. Kinavey with the Distinguished Administrator plaque in recognition of his distinguished service. A shelf of books will also be placed into the Senior High School Library in his honor.

Dr. Kinavey made comments acknowledging the resolution and regarding Mr. Wehrer. Mr. Wehrer commented about Dr. Kinavey.

An executive session began at 7:36 p.m. to discuss legal/personnel issues and ended at 7:50 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced the Meet the Principal Nights in each of the school buildings as follows:

Monday, August 13	Franklin Primary Center	6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 14	Middle School	6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 15	Barrett Elementary School	5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 15	Park Elementary School	6:00 pm
Thursday, August 16	Senior High School	6:00 pm
- Reported that the KtO team was commended for its planning, preparation and commitment to the Keystone to Opportunity Grant (KtO)) during the recent site evaluation. Co-leaders of the KtO team are Jodi Geyer and Ed Colebank.
- The Summer Reading camp held at Barrett Elementary School was well received by the students and parents. He commended the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- The elementary Meet the Staff Nights would be held the week of August 13. The Extended School Year program will finish up Thursday.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Thanked Dr. Kinavey for his work.
- The KtO Summer Reading Program at Barrett ran very smoothly. The students were engaged in the activities and introduced to new software.
- Mr. Ducar presented the new iPads being used by the autistic students. Mr. Campbell donated the funds to purchase 25 iPads, and Apple Inc. provided free downloads.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman - Why is security and waste removal not on the agenda; what is the salary for Mr. Wehrer, \$101,300; Item 5.2 (2012-2013 School calendar) Will there be any more Act 80 days added beside these two days; are there any furloughed individuals eligible for Item 6.3 (Park Elementary/Franklin Primary Center Principal); why are we bringing back a half-time speech teacher?
- Mrs. Sarah Sullivan asked why are we creating new administrator positions?

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the proper officers to execute a Contract of Employment with Edward Wehrer as District Superintendent for a term of three years commencing on July 25, 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

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

- General Fund invoices for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$362,264.18
- General Fund invoices for July 2012 in the amount of \$64,212.77
- General Fund hand checks for June 2012 in the amount of \$522,728.76
- Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2012
- Food Service invoices for July 2012 in the amount of \$625.00
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2012

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

Operations

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

Special Assignments

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

- The Southeastern Area Special School and Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School Administrative Budgets for the 2012-2013 school year
- Hold the first reading of new Policy No. 123.1 Concussion Management

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

Educational Leadership

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

- The Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and the High School Faculty Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year
- To revise the 2012-2013 school calendar to add August 31 and October 25, 2012, as districtwide Act 80 days for professional development as required by the Keystones to Opportunity grant

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

Personnel Management

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

- Eliminate the position of Park Principal/Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education
- Eliminate the position of Barrett Elementary/Franklin Primary Center Elementary Principal
- Create the position of Park Elementary/Franklin Primary Center Elementary Principal effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Create the position of Elementary Principal at the Barrett Elementary School effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Create the position of Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Appoint Sharon Fisher to the position of Elementary Principal at Barrett Elementary School effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Appoint Diana Borges to the position of Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Eliminate the position of Secondary Assistant Principal effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Create the position of Middle School Assistant Principal effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Create the position of High School Assistant Principal effective with the 2012-2013 school year

- Appoint Scott Meade to the position of High School Assistant Principal effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Create a half-time Districtwide Speech and Language Support position effective with the 2012-2013 school year
- Rescind the elimination of one (1) special education professional position for the 2012-2013 school year
- Recall Maureen Revetta to a half-time speech and language support position for the 2012-2013 school year
- Recall Jonette Bost to an elementary teaching position effective with the 2012-2013 school term
- Family medical leave of absence for Debra Wright from September 18, 2012, through January 2, 2013, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Settle SVEA Grievance #12-2323 based upon Board action item 6.13 above
- Deny Grievance #12-225 due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Deny Grievance #12-226 due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative on Item 6.18 (Deny Grievance #12-225): Kiefer, Natale and Cannon. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – why was there an executive session, what is bullying hotline number, when will the retirement incentive payment be made, who is the interim Park Principal until a new one is hired, does midget football have insurance?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by a motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer.