

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
August 21, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:40 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

Also attending: Mr. Wehrer, 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: *Bobbie Jo Fawcett*, Steel Valley Graduate of the Class of 2001; *Joseph Serenka, Jr.*, former West Homestead and Steel Valley School Board member; and *Leona Wrzesinski*, aunt of Lori Mehalik, kindergarten teacher.

Mr. Natale 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.

President's Comments

Mrs. Cannon:

- Wished everyone a good school year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Reported that the teachers and staff members finished two days of professional development, and he announced that Thursday, August 23, will be the first day of school for students.
- Ninth grade students would begin school at 7:30 a.m. while 10th-12th grade students would arrive at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday. The Steel Center Vocational-Technical School students would report at 10:30 a.m. to the high school on Thursday and Friday.
- Kindergarten students shall report at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday and Friday.
- Middle School students who are entering 6th grade and new 7th and 8th grade students will begin at 7:55 a.m. while the remaining 7th and 8th grade students report at 10:00 a.m.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that there would be no school for students on Friday, August 31, due to an Act 80 Day for professional development. School will resume on Tuesday, September 4, following the Labor Day holiday.
- Open House for Franklin Primary Center parents is scheduled for September 5, and another for Barrett and Park parents would be held on September 12. These days will be early dismissals for student in those buildings. More information will be provided in the near future.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the staff and administrators have completed training for Keystone to Opportunity program, which included higher order thinking skills, building blocks, technology and HEAT training. He received a lot of positive feedback from the staff.
- The district would begin work on a literacy plan. Every school district in Pennsylvania will be mandated to have a literacy plan in place within the next five years. We have received the Keystone to Opportunity grant to begin this process.

- The AlertNow system has been activated and parents will be receiving automated calls on back to school information and upcoming activities. Mr. Colebank announced that if parents do not receive an automated call, they should call the office to verify their directory information.
- The registration for the Steel Valley Online Academy would be held on August 27-31. Classes will begin Tuesday, September 4.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Fetzko reported that a conciliation appeal hearing regarding numerous Waterfront properties would be held September 8.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman questions - Item 1.3 and 1.4 (Real estate tax refunds) – why tax refund here – Mr. Fetzko addressed; Item 2.3 (Bid for air conditioners) did we check on alternatives, will someone donate air conditioners for Park; Item 3.1 (Fundraising requests) was fundraising request at Park addressed; Item 5.1 (\$500 donation) thanked the Novotny family; Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) why is Item 6.1 (Elementary Principal and Item 6.2 (Assistant Middle School Principal) secretive; what is the salary on Item 6.1 and Item 6.2 what is the item; was person notified that there was an administrative position available; Item 6.17 (Create part-time secretarial position) where is it and what is the salary.
- Ms. Mary Nesby – what buildings are on the opportunity scholarship?

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the worksession minutes of June 19, 2012, the regular minutes of June 26, 2012, the worksession minutes of July 17, 2012, and the regular meeting minutes of July 24, 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 \$70,845.29
- General Fund invoices for August 2012 in the amount of \$143,736.82
- General Fund hand checks for July in the amount of \$482,728.70
- Cafeteria hand checks for July 2012 in the amount of \$170.00
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2012
- Food Service invoices for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$220.00
- Food Service invoices for August 2012 in the amount of \$793.04
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$7,415.96
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$225.00
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$1,964.74
- Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2011, in the amount of \$330.79, to Ken and Thi Balch, for Lot & Block 131-A-47, as a result of a change in assessment
- Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2011, in the amount of \$1,855.86, to the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational Center, for Lot & Block 90-H-219, as a result of a change in assessment
- Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2011, in the amount of \$1,448.02, to the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational Center, for Lot & Block 90-H-221, as a result of a change in assessment
- The proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, automobile, equipment breakdown and umbrella insurance for the 2012-2013 year at a total estimated premium of \$46,809
- The cafeteria budget for the 2012-2013 school year with revenue in the amount of \$859,000 and expenditures in the amount of \$846,300

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. Natale seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Award the bid for plumbing repair services for the district to Hruska Plumbing, per bid specifications, at a cost of \$25 per hour per plumber
- Award the bid for the purchase and installation of air conditioners at Park Elementary School to Hruska Plumbing, per bid specifications, at a cost of \$37,129.60

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

- Hold a second reading and adopt new Policy No. 123.1 Concussion Management

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

Educational Leadership

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

- Accept a \$500 donation from the Novotny family to improve the sound proofing system at Park Elementary School

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

Mr. Wehrer thanked the Novotny family for their donation.

Personnel Management

Mrs. Kiefer moved and Mr. Bajus seconded the motion to table Item 6.17 (Create a part-time secretarial position). Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Kiefer, Terrick, Youngblood and Cannon. Negative: Ballas, Ducar, Olson and Natale. Motion carried.

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

- Appoint an Elementary Principal at Park Elementary School and Franklin Primary Center effective immediately
- Appoint an Assistant Middle School Principal effective immediately
- Recall Jessica Andzelik to an elementary teaching position effective immediately
- Recall Matthew Simpson to a Secondary English position effective immediately
- Recall Carrie Cope to an elementary teaching position effective immediately
- Day-to-day substitute teachers and a school nurse as presented for the 2012-2013 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Ashley Martin and Megan Desmond as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Accept the resignations of Jared Grace from the position of middle school boys soccer coach and Katelyn Zilko from the position of middle school girls basketball coach effective immediately
- The staffing as presented for the Keystone to Opportunity (KtO) grant for the 2012-2013 school year
- The department head supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year

- The Fall athletic supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- The activity supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- The activities volunteers as presented for the 2012-2013 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Deny Grievance #12-227
- Deny Grievance #12-228
- Deny Grievance #12-229

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Negative: Bajus and Kiefer on Item 6.12 (Activity supplementals for 2012-2013) Motion carried.

Mr. Olson asked a question on Item 6.11 (Athletic supplemental positions) why only Fall positions.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – do we have a kindergartern headcount; offered congratulations to newly appointed positions; can someone move back to the bargaining unit from administration; what salary would this person go back to; are we still paying overtime; what is third grade student-teacher ratio at Barrett; what is student population; is bullying hotline working; what is the turnaround time for parents?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood, seconded by Mr. Ducar.