

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
September 25, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:10 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. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges and Mrs. Watkins

Absent: Mr. Colebank (excused for death in family) and Mr. Cherpak
(on vacation)

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *John Sabatula*, uncle of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology; *Irene Natale*, grandmother of Anthony Natale, middle school Social Studies teacher; *Patricia Lloyd*, mother of Mary Lou McConnell, retired paraprofessional; *Norma R. Wise*, father of Debbie Woolley, middle school secretary; *Joyce Barefoot*, mother of Erin Barefoot, high school senior; *Sean A. Bobick*, nephew of Holli Bobick, Park School paraprofessional; *Anna Alexandroff*, grandmother of Dorothy Alexandroff, high school cafeteria worker; *William C. Linkhauer*, retired custodian; and *James B. Hay*, interim principal and assistant principal.

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, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon.
Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon:

- Introduced Senior Melissa Cerda, the new Student Representative to the School Board.

Student Representative's Report

Ms. Melissa Cerda:

- The high school students are taking the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT), in Math, Science and English to prepare for the Keystone exams.
- Progress reports will be distributed on October 2.
- The fall varsity sports are all midway through their season and performing well.
- In the middle school, the Second Step Program to prevent bullying is occurring at the end of the school day. Assemblies to address bullying were held on September 5 with Robin Cole, former Steelers All-Pro Linebacker and Two-Time Super Bowl Champion. On September 11, one of the world's strongest men and Guinness Book of World Record Holder John Pritikin visited with the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to address bullying, peer pressure at school and the benefits of good character.
- The middle school staff is participating in Bully-Free Fridays by wearing Anti-Bully shirts and discussing issues during homeroom.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Welcomed Student Representative to the School Board Melissa Cerda to the board meeting, and noted that Sophomore Kristen Moten will also serve along side Melissa this year.
- Congratulated Sixth Grade Student Jaylin Brown for her 2nd runner up status in the National American Miss Pennsylvania Pre-Teen Pageant held in Harrisburg on August 11-12. She also won the casual wear modeling

competition for her age division. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Jaylin.

- Patrick O'Malley, the Ironmen's starting quarterback, was named to the PPG-AIM Student Athlete of the Week. He and a guest were invited to the opening Steelers game against the Jets where he was recognized on the scoreboard and on the public address announcements. AIM Tutor Ms. Barb Hurley nominated Patrick for this honor. Mr. Wehrer presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.
- Assistant High School Principal Jill Fleming-Salopek reported that with funds from the KtO grant, a district committee will create a Comprehensive Literacy Plan this year. In an effort to involve the community in the Keystone to Opportunity program, the KtO team will present initiatives and achievements each month at the board meetings.
- Mr. Jason Cendroski of the YMCA presented the highlights of the Starfish After School Program for students in grades 2 and 3. Fifty students from Barrett and Park Elementary Schools will participate in this literacy program from October through May at no cost to the school district.
- Mr. Hairston, Executive Director of the YMCA, proposed onsite after school programs for school-age children in the school district. The YMCA will provide social, recreational and tutorial services at no cost to the district.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that there would be no school for students on October 25 and 26. The staff will participate in an Act 80 Day of professional development training on October 25, and the staff will participate in Journey to Learn during the morning of October 26.
- Administrators have begun using HEAT walk through classroom observations in each building as part of the KtO grant.
- Park School is beginning implementation of the School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program and the official Kick-Off will be during the Halloween Parade. Barrett's School Wide Positive Behavior Support team is moving to Tier II and III.
- The special education teachers are getting ready to use the iPads donated by Mr. Campbell.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mr. Weher stated Item 6.6 (Collective bargaining agreement between the Board of School Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association) was not received in a timely way for the Board to review language. Invoices 3.5905.1, SVBS 08312 and SVBS 65896 were pulled.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman - questioned appraisal fee; Item 1.1.06 (Foundation bank statement) summary deleted would like to see the statement back on the agenda; questioned work done at dek hockey and tennis courts; Item 2.1 (Facility requests) the revision is an additional facility request from Carnegie Library of Homestead; Item 2.2 (What newspapers will we advertise the sale of van and truck), Item 6.1 (Recall of long-term substitute) no checkerboarding; and Item 6.8 (Recall two paraprofessionals) recall based on seniority.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve Anthony Barna to appraise Costco's realty at a cost of \$4,000.00. 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. Ducar moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of August 14, 2012, and August 21, 2012. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, (Abstain on August 14), Kiefer, Olson, (Abstain on August 14), 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 September 2012 in the amount of \$573,630.40
- General Fund hand checks for August 2012 in the amount of \$493,753.25
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2012

- Food Service invoices for September 2012 in the amount of \$6,450.98
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending August 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$9,913.74
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$95.56
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$5,285.76
- Band/Trip hand checks in the amount of \$290.00

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
- Authorize the business manager to advertise for the sale of a 1995 Chevy van and a 1994 Ford dump truck in “as-is” condition.

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
- Field trip request to Washington, D.C. by the 8th grade class

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

Special Assignments

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

- First reading of revised Policy No. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- First reading of new Policy No. 611 Purchases Budgeted
- First reading of new Policy 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- First reading of Policy No. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

Educational Leadership

- Open House at Steel Center Vo-Tech School is November 5.
- Mrs. Ballas would like to have an Educational Committee meeting in the near future.

Personnel Management

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

- Recall Deirdre Kamauf as a long-term substitute to an elementary position retroactive to September 10, 2012, through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school term
- Brittany Allen, Marissa Deasy and Terance Spencer as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 beginning with the 31st day contingent on receipt of current clearances and certifications.
- Patti Semenko, Joyce Senich and Amy Lewkowicz as substitute staff for the KtO grant for the 2012-2013 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- The resignation of Vicki Deutsch for the position of Middle School Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- The Fall and Winter supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- Create a half-time secretarial position in the business office
- Recall two paraprofessionals from furlough
- Create an elementary teaching position retroactive to August 22, 2012

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Kiefer, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Natale and Cannon. Abstain: Olson on Item 6.5 (Fall and Winter supplemental positions) and Cannon on Item 6.5 on Winter supplemental positions only. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Item 6.6 (Collective bargaining agreement between the Board of School Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association) was pulled from the agenda to give the Board members sufficient time to review the agreement.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – fourth grade at Barrett has two teachers with an average class size of 23; and any consideration to close Franklin Primary Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by a motion of Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Ducar.