

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**September 27, 2010**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson, Mr. Terrick,  
Ms. Youngblood, Mrs. Kubancsek and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Bajus and Mr. Ducar

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Acknowledgements**

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Caroline Lockaton*, aunt of Jeff Deabner, high school teacher; *Patricia Borkowski*, grandmother of Jeff Deabner, high school teacher; *James Andres*, grandfather of Cara Hritz, high school teacher; *Kayla Rush*, cousin of Traci Riley, Park School food service; *Walter C. Wetzel*, father of Winnie Stegena, Barrett food service and crossing guard; *Carolyn Radonivic*, aunt of Traci Churilla, high school teacher; *Robert Chambers*, cousin of Leslie Hairston, Franklin paraprofessional, and *John Dobo*, father of Carole Smart, retired Park School teacher.

**Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mrs. Ballas 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: Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **President's Report**

Mrs. Cannon:

- Announced that motivational speaker Bill Sanders will present “Building Successful Families” on Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the William Campbell Education & Recreation Center at Barrett Elementary School. All families are invited to attend, and childcare will be available.

## **Student Representative's Report**

Mr. Lance Miller:

- Reported that there would be a strong emphasis on writing for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Middle school students created a “good luck” banner for Charlie Batch.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Introduced Randy Frederick of H-T Capital Markets who explained refunding of the 2003 bonds.

## **Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education**

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the Queen of Hearts would be reading to kindergarten students on Wednesday, October 13.
- *Jump Start to Reading* is a national program to promote early education and literacy. On October 7, the elementary schools will participate in reading *The Snowy Day* as part of a record-setting event. Last year, 2.4 million children participated in this reading initiative. To learn more about the program and participate this year, please go to [www.readfortherecord.org](http://www.readfortherecord.org).

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the AlertNow system has to be used to remind parents of the immunization requirements for their children. Students who do not meet the state health department requirements will be disenrolled from school on October 1.
- Announced that the PSSA report card information is available. All Steel Valley schools made Average Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics. The high school, middle school and Park Elementary School made AYP in Reading; however, Barrett Elementary School has been placed on the warning list.
- Two families are enrolled in Steel Valley Cyber School, which will begin soon. The benefits to an inhouse cyber school are that it provides Steel Valley curriculum and test strategies. If students choose to return to the classroom, they will be on target with the coursework. There is also a cost savings to the school district.

### **Solicitor's Report**

**Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to accept or reject the proposed mediation settlement agreement on Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-00191.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Natale. Negative: Ballas, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Acceptance of the settlement agreement was rejected.

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

- Mrs. Paula Borsch - how much is being saved using VLN, any additions or addendums to proposed motions? Yes under Item 2.1 (Facility rental requests); Item 1.5 (Bids for new dump truck) can we still spend the capital projects money legally and Randy Frederick explained that we are permitted to do so. Item 2.2 (Sale of unused district property) Does this include the Woodlawn site and Mrs. Cannon addressed this question. Item 3.3 (Payment for services at the prom) what type of services are being provided?
- Ms. Donna Dreshman - how much is left in capital projects; Item 2.1 (Facility rental requests) what fees are being waived; Item 6.4 (Federal Relations Network Liaison) any cost associated and Item 6.14 (Appoint part-time secretary) how many hours per day, 5.5 and is this position salaried and the answer is yes.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Ballas moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2010 worksession and the August 17, 2010 board meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Natale, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Olson. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for September 2010 in the amount of \$525,374.35
- General Fund hand checks for August 2010 in the amount of \$1,079,046.37
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2010
- Treasurer's Report for July 2010
- Food Service invoices for August 2010 in the amount of \$50,161.97
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2010
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending August 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending August 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending August 31, 2010
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$10,890.05
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$8,803.89
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$220.69
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$1,755.58
- Authorize a real estate tax refund to David Glumac for various Lot & Block numbers listed in the amount of \$1,448.17 as a result of a change in assessment value for years 2004 and 2008
- Authorize a real estate tax refund to Mary Ann Gardner for Lot & Block 131-F-336 in the amount of \$20.00 due to an error in the payment made

- Authorize a real estate tax refund to Hugh and Suellen McShane for Lot & Block 133-H-10 in the amount of \$848.80 as a result of a change in assessment value for year 2009
- Authorize permission to solicit bids for the purchase of a new dump truck equipped with a plow and heavy-duty towing package to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Authorize the business manager to begin the process to refund the Series 2003 A, B and C Bonds

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

### **Operations**

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

- Facility rental requests as presented waiving the rental, security and custodial fees on Permit No. 3928
- Authorize the solicitor to begin the process of selling the district's unused property
- Authorize the business manager to bid the electrical work for Franklin Primary Center and Park Elementary School to allow for additional air conditioning units to be used in all the buildings

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Cannon on Facility Permit #3928. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- Fundraising requests as presented
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington, DC on May 12-14, 2011, at no cost to the district
- Payment of \$800 for the DJ services of Steve Maffei at the prom to be held on May 13, 2011

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

### **Special Assignments**

**Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to hold a second reading and adopt new Policy No. 218.1 Student Discipline.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- Amend the school district calendar to add an early dismissal for Park Elementary School students on October 13, 2010
- The Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2010-2011 school year
- Accept the grant of \$14,782 from The Grable Foundation for the Alice computer software
- Accept grant of \$500 from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to the Steel Valley High School for the Tobacco Free Allegheny Busted Program

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

### **Personnel Management**

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

- Retroactively approve a child rearing leave of absence concurrently with a family medical leave of absence for Dawn Kunca-Kapolka for the 2010-2011 school year
- An intermittent family medical leave of absence for Jeffrey Deabner commencing on or about November 16, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration

- Substitute teachers as listed for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Cheryl Chapman, Samantha Droznek, Julia Jones and Alissa Mercuri as day-to-day substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Susan Ballas to apply for the Federal Relations Network Liaison for 2011 and cover all costs for per participation for a one-year period
- Bethany Fenyus and Heather Huber to attend and present at the National Council of Teachers of English on November 18-19, 2010, in Orlando, Florida, at the cost of \$903.00
- Supplemental appointments as presented for the 2010-2011 school year
- Activities volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Retroactively, a family medical leave of absence for Grace James, high school custodian, beginning September 20 until on or about October 4, 2010
- An unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary, to last no longer than January 19, 2011
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Andrew Stroebel, custodian at the high school, effective immediately
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Michele Batch, special education paraprofessional, effective September 20, 2010
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Nancy Fenner, copy clerk, effective September 15, 2010
- Job description for a part-time school secretary
- Appoint Joyce Kornacki as the part-time secretary in the high school at the pay rate of \$11,000 per year and all fringe benefits governed by the current collective bargaining agreement
- Appoint Marie Kraycar as a general worker in the high school cafeteria, 3-1/4 hours per day, at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$9.60 (\$8.16) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, effective immediately

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

### **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – on Item 4.1 (Policy No. 218.1 Student Discipline Secondary Schools) how will video and audio taping be done in the new policy, what is middle school and high school absentee rate this year thus

far; has anyone from the district contacted Port Authority about bus situation, how is the pool running thus far this year?

- Mrs. Paula Borsch – how many children will graduate this year -142; how many students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade failed the PSSA test last year; do we offer any software programming courses?
- Ms. Gerry Hawkins – 21 sex offenders live in this area.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. by a motion of Mrs. Kubancsek, seconded by Ms. Youngblood.