

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
May 25, 2010

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Natale, Ms. Youngblood and
Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Ducar, Mrs. Kubancsek, Mr. Olson (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
and Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:05 p.m.)

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

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Leo K. Schlanger*, retired Steel Valley Senior High School Principal; *Helen G. Green*, wife of George I. Green, owner of Green's Funeral Home; *Catherine Tomovcsik*, aunt of Denise Stephenson, Park School teacher; *Tokie Warnick*, sister-in-law of Kathy Marzec, Barrett School teacher; and *Anne Cummings*, aunt of Jamie Fleck, Spanish teacher.

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

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon:

- Announced that the Dr. Griffin Honor Awards Banquet held on May 6 was a fantastic event honoring the top students and the presentation of scholarships.
- Attended the Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony this morning honoring 178 middle school students who received academic honors and awards for perfect attendance.
- Complimented the students on their impressive artwork in the high school lobby.

Student Representatives' Reports

Mr. Lance Miller

Miss Kaitlyn Baran

- Announced that the Middle School Step-Up Day would begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. Fifth grade students from Barrett and Park Elementary Schools will participate. He reported that the middle school students visited the NFL Hall of Fame, 7th grade students went to the Wildwood Nature Center and 6th graders will fish and go geocaching on Thursday at the North Shore.
- Noted that teachers would be trained by Tracey Czajkowski, an educational consultant, on enhanced writing to help students improve their writing skills.
- Announced that Park School students participated in Celebration in Education on May 21. Student field trips will include the Pittsburgh Zoo, PNC Park, Meadowcroft Village, Carnegie Science Center and Heinz Field and Sportworks Fun Center.
- The Park School band and choral concert was held on May 6, and all students performed at the All School Revue on May 14.
- The high school prom would be held on Friday at the Radisson in Greentree. Commencement will be held on June 4, and seniors will practice June 2-4.
- The History Club students and chaperones leave on Saturday for Boston, Massachusetts.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Thanked Junior Kaitlyn Baran and Freshman Lance Miller for their commitment to service as the Student Representatives to the School Board this year.

- Recognized the winners at the Steel Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner: Beth McCallister, Educator of the Year; Carly Rosso and Mike Brooks, Future Leader Awards; Briana Zilko, \$500 Senior Scholarship
- Two Steel Valley students achieved Top of the Shop distinction at Steel Center Area vocational-Technical School for the second semester; Jasmine Collington for Health Assistant and Stephanie Thompson for Food Service. Both students were nominated by their field based on their conduct, attendance, proficiency and professionalism.
- Recognized the hard work of the students from The Future is Mine Club, Environmental Club and Steel Center Vo-Tech for landscaping and improving five homes in the Steel Valley community as part of the Extreme Home Makeover Project. Also recognized were staff members: Ryan Dunmire, Shawn McCallister, Beth McCallister, Anthony Natale, Michelle Maddigan, Jill Fleming-Salopek, Denny Keesecker and instructors and the guidance counselor from Steel Center Vo-Tech who worked alongside the students. This project was funded by a \$4,000 grant from the Grable Foundation.
- Secondary Academic Literacy Coach and Language Arts Department Chair Jill Fleming-Salopek recognized the following students for meeting and exceeding the Middle School Accelerated Reader Book Challenge:

RyKai Wright	Melissa Bonin	Neddy Saylor	Ashley Biehl
Sara Pounds	Natalie Reedy	Natalie Talarico	Kaylee Fuller
Chelsea Pearson	Haley Brand	Chad Navarro	Michael Kraycar
Ryan Lasek	Autumn Edwards	Amanda Ruffing	Curtis Frazier
Delaney Lewis	Betsy Novotny	Jake Miller	Jake Eged
Michael Borsch	Nick Borsch	Cole Eged	Austin Riley
Nathan Knorpp	Connor Langan	Anthony Wright	Ike Boehme
Stephen Wisniewski	Brooke Urda	Brandon Tomasic	Gillian Brooks
Kristen Moten	Nadira Darocy	Taylor Nencik	Jessica Chau
Jodi Joll	Derek Marcone	Austin Hohowski	Matte Harmon
Savannah Sargent	Shailyn Delgado-Lowden	Amber Travis	Alley Reichert
Josh Harter	Tyler Smith	Billy Barker	Logan McConville
Noah Alexandroff	Ryan Fossick	Alexis Cox	Logan Blazeovich
Isabelle Harris	Brandy Hohman	Adam Pasay	Megan Tuttle
Luke Pasay	Jamie Wolf	Chyna Walker	Ally Snyder
Noah Saunders			

- The top readers in each grade were 6th grader Matte Harmon read 39 books; 7th grader Delaney Lewis read 42 books; and eighth grader Sara Pounds read 196 books. Thanks to the middle school language arts teachers and Librarian Terri Hoffman for promoting and coordinating the reading challenge each year.
- It was announced that high school student Stephanie Rogers had her poem entitled “True to the Breed” selected to be published in the poetry anthology of *Creative Communication: A Celebration of Today’s Writers*.

- Mrs. Jill Fleming-Salopek recognized the Steel Valley Literacy Team for its commitment to early childhood education. On April 22, ninety (90) families attended the 4th annual Literacy Fair. The team works hard all year fundraising and coordinating this event. Thanks to Mr. Bill Campbell for his generous donation. Literacy Team members are:

Any Ruffing	Susan Ballas	Becky Campbel	Brian Keesecker
Bridget Ellis	Christy Ruffing	Dan Condosta	Dee Lewis
Deirdre Kamauf	Denise Barron	Diana Borges	Dianne Cain
Ed Wehrer	Ellen Sabo	Jen Awenowicz	Julie Angelilli
Linda Croushore	Leisel lengyel	Lori Kenavey	Lori Mehalik
Maria Heddleston	Melissa Pentin	Michele Batch	Michelle Maddigan
Priscilla Jackman	Regina Takos	Sharon Fisher	Sharon Kampe
Sherri Titmus	Terrie Hoffman	Vicki Deutsch	Vince Natale
Bill Edwards	Lisa Szczepankowski	Jill Fleming-Salopek	Denny Keesecker

- The Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group encourages positive decision-making and saying NO to things that are not good for young people. A PowerPoint presentation was presented showing students involved in numerous projects this year-teaching anti-tobacco lessons to 3rd graders at Barrett and Park Schools, producing a drama for prom season, participating in the Halloween parade, etc. The following students were recognized for their positive influence on kids in the community:

Allie Fisher	Amber Scharding	Angela Weir	Ashley McCallister
Audrey Gardner	Breanna Gardner	Briana Zilko	Carolee Sniegocki
Chris Cerda	Corey Keyes	Courtney Ross	Dylan Titmus
Elizabeth Pulkowski	Emily Csider	Emily Jones	Emily Olson
Erin Sullivan	Jacque Joll	Janesa Cunningham	Jen Gerhold
Jeremy Moore	Jessica Coddington	Jill Minuto	Kaitlyn Craycraft
Kaitlynn Findlay	Kaleen Cunningham	Katy Ruffing	Kelli Findlay
Kelly Bennett	Kelly Cullen	Kelsey Haley	Kenny Baurle
Korey Hammel	Lacey Gori	Lauren Drane	Leena Zahir
Lindsay Connors	Liz Lengyl	Amanda Potoma	Mardeja Chapple
Meghan Wolf	Mike O'Malley	Miranda Ladik	Molly Beyer
Nate Blazeovich	Nikki Salapa	Olivia Ridgeway	Paige Mitrik
Ryan Brennan	Samantha Clark	Sara Fallon	Sarah Csider
Shannon McShane	Sydney Davis	Taylor Ferko	Taylor Stevens
Tim Ketterman	Taylor Szczepankowski	Jamie Sullivan	Jaquinn Ford
Tu Duc Ho			

An executive session to discuss legal/personnel items was held at 7:47 p.m. to 8:06 p.m.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that Steel Valley graduate and San Francisco 49ers James Tomsula is offering a football camp for people with Down Syndrome

between the ages of 15-30. For more information, please contact Mrs. Borges (412-464-3600, ext. 1905) or Ms. Pentin (412-464-3600, ext. 3500).

- Kindergarten registration will be held on Thursday, June 10, in the evening as follows:
 - Barrett Elementary School 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - Franklin Primary Center 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- On June 26, there will be an Autism Speaks Walk from Mellon Arena. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the walk starts at 10:00 a.m.
- The I-TEAM is providing academic support for incoming kindergarten and 1st grade students through its Scamper Campers program from July 8-28, 2010. Eligible students can receive reinforcement of skills for school readiness.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced the dates of high school activities:

May 28	Prom	June 4	Commencement
June 2	Senior Breakfast	June 8	Kennywood Picnic
June 3	Commencement Practice	June 9	Teacher Inservice Day

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of the April 20, 2010 worksession and the April 27, 2010 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for May 2010 in the amount of \$590,091.84
- General Fund hand checks for April 2010 in the amount of \$372,868.44
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2010

- Treasurer's Report for March 2010
- Food Service invoices for April 2010 in the amount of \$47,072.65
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2010
- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2010
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$61,598.68
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$1,309.00
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$14,420.62
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$546.21
- Proposed General Fund Budget for 2010-2011 with revenue in the amount of \$27,950,668 and expenditures in the amount of \$27,570,375, which includes a 2.86 mill increase in taxes bringing the total millage to 24.07
- Authorize the proper officers of the district to sign the engagement letter from Maher Duessel for the period June 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012, for audit services of the district's basic financial statements and the Single Audit, as well as audits of the Act 511 tax collector and the Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead real estate tax collectors

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Authorize the renewal of the transportation contract with PA Coach Lines for a 10-year period beginning July 1, 2010, with terms of the agreement as presented
- Authorize the district's participation in the Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium
- The disposal of the broken weight equipment, sport equipment and obsolete sport uniforms
- Authorize Mark R. Cherpak, Board Secretary, as the designated agent of the district for the FEMA program

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- The creation of a new student activity for the high school students in the area of Peer Mentoring Program for the 2010-2011 school year with Mariann Reilly as a volunteer sponsor

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

Special Assignments

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to table the following Items 4.1 through 4.5:

- Second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 222 Smoking
- Second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 225 Relation with Law Enforcement Agencies
- Second reading and adopt new Policy No. 250 Electronic Devices
- Second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 832 Internet Safe and Responsible Use
- Second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 907 School Visitors

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

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

- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 607 Tuition Income
- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 618 Student Activity Funds
- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 108 Adoption of Textbooks
- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 114 Gifted Education
- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 119 Creating Effective Partnerships

- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 203 Communicable Diseases and Immunizations
- First reading of new Policy No. 712 Service Animals
- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 916 School Volunteers
- First reading of revisions to Policy No. 835 Email

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

Educational Leadership

- Mrs. Ballas thanked all involved in the Senior Awards Banquet

Personnel Management

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

- Retroactively, a family medical leave of absence for Denise Barron commencing May 12, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- An unpaid leave of absence for Leisel Lengyel retroactive to April 26, 2010
- Appoint Melissa Pentin, Lori Oleksak, Audra Bobbs and Terri Brown-Groce as the special education teachers and Melissa Ladik, Mary Jo Sklencar and Terri Vargo as the special education paraeducators for the Extended School Year Program from July 6-29, 2010
- Kelsey Cataldo, Amanda Swiontek, Jared Lombardi, Gary Porter, Mark Bonacci, Kristy Nichols and Jessica Seward as day-to-day substitutes fro the 2009-2010 school year
- Diana Borges to attend the PDE Conference on June 14-16 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, with travel, meals and tolls to be paid by the district
- Maria Heddleston and Lori Kenavey to attend the PDE Conference on June 14-16 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at no cost to the district
- Marie Kraycar as a substitute in the food service department at an hourly rate of \$7.25 per hour with no benefits and as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour with no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- Deny Grievance #410

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood and Cannon. Abstain: Bajus on Item 6.5 (Approval of teachers to attend PDE Conference in Hershey, PA). Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Michelle Tomcik – received a disturbing letter from Mr. Soles. Read part of the letter to the Board, wants to have the letter retracted completely and rights restored in the district.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman – is budget open for public viewing yet, will the audit from last year be adopted by the Board, how many kindergarten children have registered thus far, 29 and the school district should look at leasing tennis court property instead of selling it.
- Ms. Suellen Swinkle – was called into the office at Barrett with Dr. Kinavey and Mrs. Borges about speaking out at public meetings. Did not have an opportunity to have a union representative present at the meeting with Dr. K and Mrs. Borges.
- Mr. Larry Retger – speaking on vandalism on Perry Street. Mr. Colebank will provide the residents with a video camera to record these incidents.
- Ms. Sharon Ford – requested to have student that verbally and physically assaulted her daughter not walk in commencement exercise.
- Ms. Carmella Jones – wants to volunteer as a Title I assistant in the program at the middle school.
- Ms. Gerry Hawkins – what if anything has happened with the Port Authority regarding transportation from Homestead to the high school/middle school complex.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. by a motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mr. Olson.