

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**August 16, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson, Mr. Youngblood,  
Mrs. Kubancsek and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Ducar and Mr. Terrick

Mr. Terrick arrived at 7:07 p.m.

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

Flag Salute

**Acknowledgements**

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Doris J. Hyde*, retired principal of Barrett Elementary School; *Anna Mae Roeper*, mother of Greg Roeper, retired high school teacher; and *Ruth Bell*, administrative assistant to the superintendent, South Fayette School District.

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

**President's Comments**

Mrs. Cannon:

- Commented that we are about to begin another school year and she hopes everyone enjoyed their summer.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced the newly appointed high school principal would be Bryan Macuga and Park School's principal would be Diana Borges. He announced that elementary class size average is 23, 24 in the middle school and 25 at the high school.
- Introduced Rodney Steele, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Head Football coach, who shared a 2010 highlight film of the Ironmen Football season and a workout film from 2011.

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

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the Meet the Staff and Principal Nights at both Barrett and Park Schools will be held Wednesday, August 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Reported that the start and dismissal times have changed at Park and Barrett Schools. For the 2011-2012 school year elementary students in those buildings will start at 8:00 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:50 p.m.

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that the Meet the Principal Night at the middle school was held this evening, just prior to the board meeting, and it was well attended. The high school will hold its Meet the Principal Night on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- The PSSA results would be released to the public on September 17, and the results of the Keystone exams taken last school year will be released September 7. This year the district will participate in the Keystone and PSSA assessments. Students in grades 3-8 will also participate in Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT).
- All middle school and high school student schedules will be released Friday. The high school counselor will be available on Monday.

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

- Mrs. Donna Kiefer – questions on Item 1.0 (Financial Management) why is there no Foundation statement, why was Item 1.2 deleted and what was it, Item 6.13 and 6.14 (Rescind furlough of paraprofessional positions and re-instate paraprofessional positions and recall from furlough) what does this mean?

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the July 19, 2011 worksession.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$193,530.55
- General Fund invoices for August 2011 in the amount of \$216,418.62
- General Fund hand checks for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$3,544.08
- General Fund hand checks for July 2011 in the amount of \$254,115.92
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2011
- Food Service invoices for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$3,470.28
- Food Service invoices for August 2011 in the amount of \$689.98
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$2,078.17
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$423.84
- Proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, automobile, equipment breakdown and umbrella insurance for the 2011-2012 school year at a total estimated premium of \$44,621

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: Bajus, Terrick, Kubancsek and Cannon on Item 1.1.04 payment to American Messaging. This item failed to get approval. Motion carried on all other payments.

### **Operations**

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- The Shelter Agreement between the American Red Cross and the Steel Valley School District as revised

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

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Request for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington, D.C. on May 10-12, 2012, at no cost to the district

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

### **Special Assignments**

No report

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- Elementary Student Handbook and Faculty Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, 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:**

- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Claire Stitzell from the position of Family and Consumer Science teacher at the Senior High School effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement
- Family medical leave of absence for Brandi Chalus beginning August 22, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Deny Grievance #2011-07-11 from the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Professionals due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Agree to relief sought as stated in Grievance #10-211 from the Steel Valley Education Association
- The recall from the furlough list of Christina Szott to a full-time position for the vacancy in secondary math effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- The recall from the furlough list of Emilee Garcia to a full-time position and Erin Noblet to a full-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Appoint Matthew Simpson to a long-term substitute position in Middle School English for the duration of Mrs. Hanson's child rearing leave of absence during the 2011-2012 school year
- Appoint Jonette Bost to a long-term substitute elementary teaching position for the duration of Mrs. Kenavey's first semester leave of absence during the 2011-2012 school year
- Substitute teachers and school nurses as presented for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Accept the resignation of Cara Karstetter from the supplemental position of high school girls' assistant soccer coach effective immediately
- The supplemental position appointments as presented for the 2011-2012 school year
- The list of activities volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Rescind the action to re-instate seven (7) paraprofessional positions part-time and recall seven (7) paraprofessionals from the furlough list for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instate seven (7) paraprofessional positions to full-time status and recall seven (7) paraprofessionals from the furlough list for the 2011-2012 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Abstain: Olson on Item 6.3 (Deny Grievance #2011-07-11), Item 6.4 (Agree to relief sought

Grievance #10-211), and Item 6.11 (Supplemental position appointments). Motion carried.

**Ms. Youngblood moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to reinstate the supplemental Safety Patrol Coordinator positions for Barrett and Park Elementary Schools.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Kiefer – question about room capacity at Park, room assignments at Barrett and custodial study of 2004 done by Mr. Bichko.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m. by a motion of Ms. Youngblood seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek.