

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Conference Room
September 22, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ducar, President at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Kubancsek, Mrs.
McEnheimer, Mrs. Terrick, Mr. Natale and Mr. Ducar

Absent: Mr. McCallister (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and Mr. Olson

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

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Nicholas A. Revetta*, husband of Maureen Revetta, speech and special education teacher, son-in-law of Mike Mulligan, high school custodian and brother-in-law of Deirdre Kamauf, kindergarten teacher; *Martin Oleksak*, grandfather of Lori Oleksak, special education teacher at Barrett Elementary; *Earl V. Wittpenn*, newspaperman for *The Daily Messenger* and *The Valley Mirror*; *Harry A. Caterino*, father of James Caterino, school resource officer; *John Rogy, Jr.*, father of Ellen Mooney, part-time middle school secretary; *Evelyn Asson*, grandmother of Nicole Asson, 3rd grade teacher at Park Elementary; *Rose Carbisiero*, aunt of Dr. Carole Policastro, instructional resource at Park Elementary.

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Kubancsek 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, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar: No report

Student Representatives to the Board

No report

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced that students would be dismissed early on Wednesday, September 23, and classed would be canceled on Thursday and Friday, September 24 and 25, 2009.
- Steel Valley employees will participate in National Lee Denim Day on Friday, October 2, to support Breast Cancer Research. Employees are encouraged to donate \$5 to wear denim on that day.
- There will be no school for students on Friday, October 23, and Monday, October 26. The faculty and staff will participate in professional development on these days.
- Congratulated the Marching Band on being Grand Champions at the Preston, West Virginia, band competition.
- Recognized Mr. Ed Wehrer, Director of the I-TEAM, and staff members who coordinated the I-TEAM summer camp, an educationally focused opportunity for students. 71% of the 2008 summer camp students returned to the 2009 summer camp for a total of 146 students participating. Mr. Wehrer thanked the School Board and the staff for their help. The School Board thanked Mr. Wehrer for his work and dedication to the students of the Steel Valley School District.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the Barrett Elementary staff held a breakfast for 1st grade parents/ guardians; there were over 200 people in attendance. Grade level breakfasts will be held for parents/guardians throughout the school year. Parents are provided information on strategies to help their children with homework.

- Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support Project is underway at Barrett Elementary School. An assembly awarding students and staff for their positive participation in the new behavioral system will be held Friday.
- Park School hosted Steven Cropper from WTAE on September 16 for a weather assembly. You can review the visit on the WTAE website, www.thepittsburghchannel.com. It was a great visit and Dukes Upper Deck donated lunch and A & B donuts donated the cake.
- Park School Make-A-Wish Halloween Parade will be held on October 28. Fire Prevention week will be celebrated October 12-16.
- Mrs. Borges announced that all special education teachers would be receiving Smart Boards through the IDEA stimulus funding.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that students have completed the Dibels, 4Sight and GMade testing, which will provide the faculty with a snapshot of students' abilities in reading and math. Faculty can then apply strategies to increase student achievement.
- Letters to parents were distributed last week with Edline passwords. This is the district's third year using Edline. Parents and guardians can view their child's assignments and test scores via Edline.
- Announced that the district is researching the creation of an online academy for students. We would like to bring back cyber charter school students.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman - what is the position being reassigned in the new motion, what is the change to Item 2.2 (Fundraising requests) and Item 2.3 (Reimbursement to substitute instructional aide), will Item 3.2 (Creation of new student activity) become a supplemental position, does anyone in Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) have emergency certification, what was deleted in Item 6.4 and was Item 6.7 (Job description for the Director of Academics, Information & Technology) discussed during the open meeting last week.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mrs. McEnheimer seconded the motion to approve a resolution adopting the finding of fact, discussion and adjudication on the demotion and re-assignment of a professional employee. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of August 4, 2009, August 11, 2009 worksession and the August 18, 2009 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain on August 4 minutes: McCallister and Ducar. Abstain on August 11 minutes: Cannon, McCallister and Terrick. Abstain on August 18 minutes: McCallister, McEnheimer and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$63,830.57
- General Fund invoices for September 2009 in the amount of \$488,257.21
- General Fund hand checks for August 2009 in the amount of \$1,424,128.06
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2009
- Treasurer's Reports for July 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for July 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2009
- Food Service invoices for September 2009 in the amount of \$32,442.79

- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2009
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- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2009
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- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$8,951.99
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$3,515.00
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$8.56

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Reimbursement to Patty Semenko in the amount of \$154.00 for the cost of replacement of her eyeglasses, which were damaged during an incident in the classroom

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to allow Steel Valley Steelers Youth Football organization to utilize all facilities at Campbell Athletic Field on October 3 and 17, 2009. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Field trip request by the 8th grade class and chaperones to Washington, D.C. on May 13-15, 2010, at no cost to the district
- Creation of a new student activity Robotics for middle school students for the 2009-2010 school year with Larry McKern as a volunteer sponsor

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Special Assignments

Mrs. McEnheimer moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the following;

- Hold first readings of Policy No. 140 Title I Districtwide Parental Involvement and Policy No. 140.4 Title I Parent Involvement Park Elementary School Program
- Hold first reading of changes to Policy No. 248 Unlawful Harassment

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

Educational Leadership

No report

Personnel Management

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

- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Dana Mathews from the position of High School Chemistry teacher effective at the close of business on October 28, 2009
- A family medical leave of absence for Maria Heddlestone not to exceed 12 weeks in duration

- A family medical leave of absence for Nicole Adams Benjamin commencing August 24 through October 2, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Mrs. Betty Lyons to attend the Waterford Institute Conference on September 23-25, 2009, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of Toni Besh to the 2009 PSMLA & Millersville University Conference in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on October 16-17, 2009, at a cost of \$279.02
- The job description for the position of Director of Academics, Information & Technology
- Alina Volper, Kathleen Szokoly, Gerald May, Anna Theys, Amy Waligorski, Andrea Knorpp-Roberts, Kathryn Deiner, Julia Damico, John Inglis, Tina Petrocelli, Cynthia Cochran, Benjamin Stewart, Melissa Williams, Allyse Mancak and Matthew Mesaros as day-to-day substitute teachers at a rate of \$75 for the first 30 days and \$100 beginning with the 31st day
- To accept the resignation of Patrick Connelly from the supplemental position of Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach and Alex Stright from the supplemental position of Assistant Head Wrestling Coach
- To approve Katherine Salapa as a substitute food service worker at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- School volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: Cannon on approval of Amy Waligorski as day-to-day substitute and McCallister abstained on all items, except voted affirmatively on family medical leave for Maria Heddleston.

Citizen Comments

- Mr. Ed Tozzi - should Campbell Athletic Field usage be consistent for all groups.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman - did absent board member request phone connection, what is step for demoted employee, Item 6.7 (Job description for Director of Academics) is a wage increase included, will there be a seventh kindergarten classroom, and when will the PSSA's results be made public.

- Mrs. Gerry Hawkins – wants to know why children cannot carry cell phones to and from school.
- Mr. Michael Aldrich – has the Board thought of how the district is going to implement the Keystone exams, can the Board look at busing in the future.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. by a motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mrs. Cannon.