

**Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
December 2, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ducar, President, at 7:46 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

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

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *William J. O'Rourke*, retired health/physical education teacher; *Sheryl Ann Macuga*, mother of Bryan Macuga, Park School principal; *Albert J. Savolskis*, uncle of Linda Terrick, Park School teacher; *Phyllis Wylie*, aunt of Donald Packer, middle school custodian; *Linda Volomino*, aunt of Sara Bouton, middle school teacher.

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: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar:

- Thanked the School Board for their support in electing him President and plans to move the district forward.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. Kaitlyn Baran

Ms. Miriam McBeth

- As part of its Peer to Younger Peer project, The Future is Mine (TFIM) students read *The Pencil Story* to the Franklin Primary students to encourage them to know how special they are, and they helped the kindergarten students make ornaments.
- The Queen of Hearts visited the students of Franklin Primary Center on December 2.
- The kindergarten students will perform *Dancin' Through the Holidays* on December 19 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Barrett Gym. Barrett students also performed in Homestead's Light Up Night on December 4.
- The Park Elementary PTO held an ice skating social on December 3. A movie night will be held on Monday, December 8, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
- The high school students enjoyed the motivational assembly with Mr. Campbell, Mr. Batch and Mr. Anderson.
- On November 13, four high school students were honored for receiving Extra Effort Awards from Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School for the first grading quarter. Students included: Terrell Hart, Computer Aided Drafting; Tyler McCrum, Collision Repair & Refinishing; Joshua Edwards, Carpentry; Jordan White, Diesel Mechanics.
- The high school band and choral concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- The middle school will hold a dance on January 23. The book fair in the middle school made \$600. The student government is raising money for The Caring Fund. The middle school received a grant for bullying prevention.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized Mr. Ducar for his 12 years of School Board service and the long-term contributions of individuals who bring their energy, talent and values to the guidance of youth and public education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- Green's Funeral Home sponsored an essay contest on "What Family Means to Me" for all 5th, 8th and 12th graders. Mrs. Jill Fleming-Salopek recognized 5th grade winners Karly Deutsch and Savannah Merrill. Also recognized for their winning essays were 8th grader Erin Barefoot and senior Ashley Wolford.
- The Steel Valley Literacy Committee is holding a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on Sunday, December 7, between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Dr. Kinavey congratulated the students, teachers and staff at Park Elementary School and Steel Valley Middle School for meeting AYP. Both schools were awarded the Keystone Achievement Award for reaching AYP for two consecutive years. Park School has been successful for six consecutive years and the Middle School has made AYP for four consecutive years.
- Dr. Kinavey recognized High School Teachers Susan Olsen and Dana Mathews and Elementary Teachers Maria Heddleston and Roslyn Stulga for achieving National Board Certification.
- Dr. Kinavey announced that the school district has received \$1.6 million in grants for the 2008-2009 school year as follows: Classrooms for the Future \$47,502; EAP Tutoring \$218,343; Safe and Drug Free Schools \$9,413; Special Education Performance Grant \$45,000; Dual Enrollment \$5,661; ABG for Kindergarten \$443,006; Title I \$694,962; Title II \$161,672; Step Up at Middle School \$9,600; Physical Education at Franklin \$4,700; PATHS \$9,278

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported on the *In Step with 2nd Step* grant for the middle school in the amount of \$9,600 focusing on self-esteem and bullying prevention. This grant was received through the Highmark Healthy High 5 organization.
- The district also received a grant of \$9,278 to continue the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) program. The PATHS program, along with Bullying Prevention and Moving On, work on prevention and also provide learning

- opportunities to teach parents about building positive partnerships with teachers and administrators.
- On December 11, the middle school special education teachers are hosting a Parent Night.
 - Announced that December 1-5 is Pennsylvania Inclusive Schools Week.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the EdLine.net is operating for parents to review their child's coursework. Parents received a user ID and login password to view their child's attendance, homework and grades online. All progress reports will be generated on paper and on EdLine.net next week.
- Congratulated Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Mathews on their dedication and determination in acquiring National Board Certification. In addition to meeting the requirements for National Board Certification last year, they also completed 40 hours of training for the Classrooms for the Future grant.
- The school district has five certified SmartBoard trainers.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro:

- Reported that she and a group of stakeholders are working with the YMCA in providing the Starfish Summer Literacy program at Park Elementary School. This program is for students entering third grade. She is waiting to hear about the same program for Barrett Elementary School.
- Is continuing to work with the University of Pittsburgh's Child Development department on a Kindergarten transition program.
- Congratulated Mrs. Stulga and Mrs. Heddleston on meeting the rigorous standards and earning National Board Certification.

Solicitor's Report

No report

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman asked for copies of Item 1.1.11 (Foundation for Education Statement for October) Item 2.1 and 2.2. (Facility rental requests and fundraising requests), Item 6.4 (Tutors funded by the EAP Tutoring Grant) is this before or during school hours.
- Ms. Kathy Ligeros, Item 6.1 (leave of absence for Katie Pugh) is this going to include duties of softball coach? The answer is yes.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of October 21, 2008 and October 28, 2008. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister on October 28, 2008 minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- Items 1.1 (1.1.01 through 1.1.14)
- General Fund invoices for November 2008 in the amount of \$787,459.29
- General Fund hand checks for October 2008 in the amount of \$400,434.00
- Payroll Funding Transfers for October 2008
- Treasurer's Reports for August and September 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for September 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for October 2008
- General Fund Expenditure for September 2008
- General Fund Expenditure for October 2008

- Food Service invoices for November 2008 in the amount of \$88,931.69
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending October 31, 2008
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending October 31, 2008
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$9,719.91
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$4,367.50
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$2,891.86
- Authorize real estate tax refund in the amount of \$639.74 to First American Real Estate Tax Service for Lot & Block 131-D-49 as a result of an overpayment (Item 1.2)
- Authorize real estate tax refund in the amount of \$237.55 to Indy Mac Bank for Lot 7 Block 131-B-166 as a result of an overpayment (Item 1.3)

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister on Items 1.1.01 through 1.1.14. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Award the bids for the asbestos abatement of the Woodlawn building to LVI Environmental at the price of \$107,800 and to demolish the Woodlawn building to A.W. McNabb at the price of \$158,000 per specifications

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- The creation of *The Future is Mine (TFIM)* high school student activity for the 2009-2008 school year with Ryan Dunmire as a volunteer sponsor
- Authorize payment of \$800 for the services of DJ Steve Maffei at the prom to be held at Stratigos Banquet Center on May 22, 2009

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

Special Assignments

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

- Hold a second reading and adopt new Policy No. 800 Records Management
- Hold a second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid

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

Educational Leadership

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

- Authorize the disposal of math textbooks
- The 2009 board meeting dates with worksession and regular meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel Management

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

- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Katie Pugh commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave days and personal days, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Appoint Mark Cherpak as the school district Right-To-Know Officer effective immediately
- Andrea Muha and Matthew Branter as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
- Sherry Cohen and Bobbi Vargo as substitute tutors at a rate of \$30 per hour according to the EAP Tutoring Grant
- Matt Janov as interim head varsity softball coach for the 2008-2009 school year
- Kevin Tomasic to the 7th/8th grade boys' basketball coach position, Jamie Polak to the assistant boys' varsity basketball coach position and Susan Wright to the high school art club position
- Leeann Doyle, Kelly Karasa, Rob Colasante, Dave Colasante Jr., Nick Colasante, Cory Hahn and Duo Cao as volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances

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

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

- Unpaid leave of absence for Michele Batch beginning January 12 through April 25, 2009
- Appoint Danielle Mays as a general worker in the Senior High School cafeteria for 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 December 3, 2008
- Appoint Jean Fedak as a general worker in the Senior High School cafeteria for 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 December 3, 2008

- Appoint Lynn Anderson as a general worker in the Senior High School cafeteria for 4-3/4 hour 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 December 3, 2008
- Patricia Davis as a substitute secretary at a rate of \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Roy Mort as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of an acceptable Act 114 clearance, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister on Item 6.8 (Volunteers for 2008-2009 school year) Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman - parade committee meeting December 6; Do we intend to put a building on Woodlawn; will the new president's name be added to checks
- Mrs. Paula Borsch - not present
- Mrs. Sharon Ford - Partnership for Solutions letter distributed to board member regarding activities that Mrs. Ford would like to have
- Mrs. Kathy Ligeros - classroom presentations are they required in new hires; questions about Park roof

Adjournment

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

