

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**February 23, 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. Ducar, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson  
Mr. Terrick, Ms. Youngblood, Mrs. Kubancsek and  
Mrs. Cannon

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: *Robert Fenner*, cousin of Susan Salapa, middle school teacher; *Irma Goga*, aunt of Gary Goga, high school teacher; *Ruth Kovalyak*, sister-in-law of Sue Kaufold, Park School teacher; *Charles "Nate" Weary*, uncle of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education; *Randal Ballog*, uncle of Norm Kosko, Barrett custodian; *Lance Hayward*, cousin of Amanda Olson, middle school teacher; *Steven Fetchen*, cousin of Tracy McGrew, middle school teacher; *Joseph Veslany, Sr.*, uncle of Linda Terrick, Park School teachers; *Henry Rogowski*, uncle of Amy Gusky, Chemistry teacher; *Betty Rosinski*, aunt of Kristie Spotti, speech teacher; *Edward Muse*, uncle of Debbie Woolley, middle school secretary and Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary; *Elaine Youger*, aunt of Jodi Geyer, high school teacher, *Elizabeth Valko*, mother of Betty Ann Orkis, retired high school secretary; *Robert A. Woolley*, grandfather of Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary, *Opal Robert Colebank*, grandmother of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology.

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

### **President's Comments**

Mrs. Cannon:

- Mr. Fetzko will be absent. All legal questions will be noted and addressed at the next meeting.

### **Student Representatives to the Board**

Mr. Lance Miller

Ms. Katelyn Baran

- Announced the following events held at Park Elementary School in February: Character Education assembly on February 2; Chick-fil-A Night raised \$234.03 for the school; school assembly with Ion Jones was provided by Carnegie Science Center; Ice Skating Party on February 24 at Schenley Ice rink from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Middle school teachers completed a video on Tips for Test Taking.
- On March 11, Barrett students will complete their schedules for middle school and on March 19 the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Park School will fill out their schedules.
- High school held a blood drive on February 3. A Financial Aid Night was held to assist parents and students with completing FAFSA forms.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Congratulated the Steel Center students who achieved the Extra Effort Award in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of the 2009-2010 school year. The Extra Effort award recipients were chosen by shop instructors each quarter for their demonstration of outstanding attitude, work ethics, attendance and dependability.

Elizabeth Bristol

Terrell Hart

Jaelynn Kirksey

Health Assistant

Computer Aided Drafting

Food Service

Shalonda Davis Health Assistant

- Recognized Teacher Ryan Dunmire and The Future is Mine students who initiated a *Pay it Forward* class project to help Kindergarten student Emily Hyland and her family purchase a service dog. Students Ian Bennett, Jen Guicardo, Mike Pavasko, Emily Doyle, Kasey Churilla, and Danyelle Haddad played a vital role in the success of this project. The students and staff raised money through two fundraising events – *Pennies for Emily* and *Denim Day for Emily*. Ms. Dunmire thanked the students, staff and community for contributing and supporting this important cause.
- A check in the amount of \$7,850.65 was presented to the Hyland Family for the purchase of a service dog for Emily. In addition, Mr. Ducar announced that the Steel Valley Education Foundation and benefactor Mr. Bill Campbell would donate \$5,000 to the Hyland Family for costs associated with the service dog.
- Ms. Dunmire announced that the high school has an opportunity for a \$15,000 grant through Pittsburgh Voices of Youth. She asked everyone to vote for Steel Valley’s Extreme Home Makeover project by logging on to <http://www.pghvoicesofyouth.com/view>.

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

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that students at Barrett Elementary School performed a musical celebration as part of Black History Month on Friday, February 19. Students participated in a game show and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students performed a “Tribute to the Stars of Motown.”
- On March 2, Barrett will celebrate Read Across America Day with guest readers and a Title I Family Night. Franklin Primary Center will hold its Title I Family Night on March 18.
- The Allegheny Family Network and the school district will hold a Parent Support Group meeting on February 24 for parents of children with emotional and behavioral issues. The meeting will be held in Room 113 of the middle school.

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that student health screenings would occur in the high school.

- The Steel Valley Drama Club will present its musical performance of *Anyone Can Whistle* on March 11-14.
- Three teams of physics students coached by Physics Teacher Ben Lander competed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovated Design Competition held on February 19 at the University of Pittsburgh. Students Katie Bennett, Samantha Clark, Cassidy Emery and Nicole Black won *Best Science* medals for their work on a device to assist bilateral upper arm amputees in wearing corrective lenses.

### **Solicitor's Report**

None

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

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – no statements for the Foundation or Capital Projects, Item 2.1 (Facility rental requests), Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) is anyone related to Administration or Board members.

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of the January 19, 2010 worksession meeting and the January 26, 2010 regular meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Natale, Terrick and Youngblood on January 19, 2010 worksession minutes and Ducar, Natale and Youngblood on January 26, 2010 regular meeting. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for February 2010 in the amount of \$418,481.98
- General Fund hand checks for January 2010 in the amount of \$386,382.48
- Payroll Funding Transfers for January 2010
- Treasurer's Report for December 2009

- Food Service invoices for January 2010 in the amount of \$6,974.58
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$18,972.96
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$2,349.50
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$6,925.81
- Exonerate the Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead tax collectors for year 2009 for uncollected amounts of \$349,142.63, \$654,329.53 and \$223,487.67 respectively

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

### **Operations**

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Advertising of bids for art, athletic, general school and office supplies, health, home economics, library, music, science, physical education and technology supplies for the 2010-2011 school year
- Authorize the advertisement of bids for refuse hauling, security services and transportation of students for the 2010 through 2012 school year
- Additional days as make-up days for use of facilities by the Community Basketball League, retroactively for February 20 and February 27 and 28, 2010

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

### **Special Assignments**

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

- Hold first reading of revised Board Policy No. 113 Special Education
- Vote for President, Vice President and Depository/Treasurer of the Southeastern Area Special School Board and the Steel Center Advisory Board for the 2010 calendar year

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

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- The Inclusive Practices Mini Grant Agreement in the amount \$14,999.95 and authorize the Board Secretary and Board President to execute said agreement
- Accept the PA CARES Safe Schools Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to implement the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program model at Park Elementary School
- Accept the Title II D technology grant Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) in the amount of \$53,000 for the 2009-2010 school year

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

Mrs. Ballas thanked the staff and administration for getting grants for the district.

### **Personnel Management**

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

- Accept, with deep regret, the retirement of Susan Little from the position of 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Barrett Elementary School effective at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year
- Approve Nanci Valko as a day-to-day substitute for the 2009-2010 school year retroactive to February 15, 2010
- Beverly Loadman and Nicole Andres as day-to-day substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Donna Kiefer from the position of middle school custodian effective May 31, 2010

- Appoint Erik Jabs to the supplemental position of head varsity boys' volleyball coach and Jaquan McNeil to the supplemental position of Assistant Varsity Boys' Volleyball coach for the 2009-2010 school year per the collective bargaining agreement
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ray Braszo from the position of high school physical education teacher and the supplemental position of varsity football coach effective at the close of business February 23, 2010
- The request from Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary, for a family medical leave of absence, for a period not to exceed 12 weeks, to commence retroactive to January 26, 2010

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Kubancsek on Item 6.7 (Request for family medical leave of absence) Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – thanked Mr. Campbell for donation, thanked Board members for how they are reading the motion, thanked Dr. Kinavey and Mr. Keesecker for cleaning area at Park School, how many delinquencies are businesses, and during bomb threat, did children return to their existing classes.
- Ms. Colleen Fedor – questions on the budget, sorry to see Mr. Braszo leave, questions about advertisement for football coach, and what buildings did not make AYP.
- Ms. Gerry Hawkins – the 55M bus will be discontinued on September 4, 2010; the 61F bus will be discontinued in April, the 53F will now be the only bus available and wants something addressed regarding this issue; why are sporting events being changed at the last minute; and there were sidewalks at Barrett no cleaned from snow.
- Ms. Brigit Wissinger and Ms. Michelle Tomcik – why does the money raised for band have to be used only for band; what is happening with band director; and what is the process for requesting use of facilities.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by a motion of Mr. Ducar, seconded by Mrs. Ballas.

