

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
April 27, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President, at 7:02 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: *Daniel Kolton*, retired high school teacher; *Marion Kolton*, wife of Daniel Kolton; *Stephen G. Gress*, father of Eric Gress, high school teacher; *Maria D. Pido*, sister-in-law of Holli Bobick, Park instructional aide; *Richard D. Olasz*, former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; *John V. Popovich*, uncle of Mary Arovits, Barrett food service and Clay Karadus, middle school teacher; *Michael Pascarella*, cousin of Grace James, high school custodian; *Anthony Paci*, cousin of Randy Zirkle, high school teacher; *Janet T. Burkholder*, mother of Tracy Findlay, elementary substitute teacher; *Karen Smith*, instructional aide at Park and Franklin Schools; *William E. Zapf*, Class of 2000 graduate; *Helen Ostrowski*, mother of Pat Keener, retired secretary; *Santo Cordinale*, grandfather of Richard Pireaux, high school teacher; *Joyce A. McPherson*, mother of senior Leslie McPherson; *William Bouton*, grandfather of Sara Sullivan, middle school teacher; *Herbert McKinney*, grandfather of Brian Bungard, middle school teacher; *James Strain*, uncle of Katie Pugh, Park School teacher; *Bill Gordon*, uncle of Rebecca Kristen, middle school teacher; *Thomas Kristen*, father-in-law of Rebecca Kristen,

middle school teacher; *Walter Wentzel, Jr.*, brother of Winifred Stegena, Barrett food service and *John R. Bost*, father of Jonette Bost, Barrett teacher.

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:

- Announced that April is National Volunteer Recognition Month and the school district is happy to recognize our school volunteers tonight.

Student Representative's Report

Mr. Lance Miller:

- Announced that Charlie Batch will be taking 90 middle school students to the Football Hall of Fame. The 8th grade students will be touring Washington, DC from May 13-15.
- The girls' softball team is having a good season and will hopefully be in the playoffs. The boys' baseball team traveled to Florida for spring training.
- Prom tickets are on sale for \$45 each. Senior Ryan Brennan was voted Mr. Steel Valley. High school student government members attended the District 3 Spring Conference at the Dorseyville Middle High School. High school students will be participating in the March of Dimes Walk-A-thon.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized the many school volunteers for their dedication and support of the children of the community. Volunteers make a difference every day in the school district. Some of the ways these volunteers serve our students are through mentoring, coaching sports and activities, being a member of the PTO, fundraising, chaperoning dances, field trips, parties and other events. Community members also serve on the Literacy Team, Community Crisis

Team, District Leadership Team, Parent Advisory, Veterans Day Committee and Calendar Committee.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Mrs. Borges and Mrs. Hiegel, ACI School Community Coordinator, presented an overview of the prevention programs in place in every grade level of the school district. As part of the School Based Behavioral Health grant, the district has a solid base of preventative mental health programs, such as, safe boundaries, bullying prevention, girls circle groups, 2nd step, cyberbullying, prevention, sister-to-sister mentoring and healthy relationships. At Park School, students are encouraged to wear their anti-bullying T-shirts on Fridays. Girls Circle groups are occurring between 6th grade girls with positive results.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that the National Honor Society Induction would be held on Friday, May 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- The middle school spring band and chorale concert will be held May 11 and the high school chorale concert will be held on May 12 in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- Students have completed the PSSA Reading, Math and Writing assessments. They will finish the Science assessments this week.
- Announced that the Middle States Accreditation Team is in the school district this week and will present an oral report on Thursday. This is the same organization that accredits colleges and universities. In 2017, the school district will undergo a districtwide accreditation.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mr. Larry Retger of 2408 Perry Street - questions on Item 1.4 (Parking tax for businesses). Mr. Terrick addressed the questions.

- Mr. Andy Vittari of 201 W. Waterfront Drive - questions on Item 1.4 and voiced a complaint on taxes being too high at the Waterfront already. Mr. Terrick addressed the concerns.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman - what are the salary increases in Mr. Cherpak's new contract; on Item 1.2 (Resolution to approve HB 2135) what does this relate to; how much money will this raise and how long will it last; Item 4.7 (Revision to Policy No. 707 Use of School Facilities) why was this deleted; Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) are any teachers on emergency certification; Item 6.4 (Appoint band director) how long does this run; Item 6.6 (Consulting Services of Andy Vettel) will anything be paid for from the general fund; Item 6.9 (Termination of an employee) who is this?
- Ms. Mary Moser of 3910 Harvey Street - Item 1.4 (Parking tax) complaints about the parking tax; Item 4.4 (Revision to Policy No. 250 Electronic Devices) complaint about the severity of the punishment in this policy.
- Ms. Colleen Fedor - Item 1.4 - will the Allegheny Intermediate Unit be exempt from the tax; who will collect this tax; questions about discipline policy and why is it being passed?

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the resolution and authorize the Board President to execute the contract between the school district and the Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary, retroactive to January 13, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2016. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of the March 16, 2010 worksession and the March 23, 2010 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar on minutes of March 16, 2010. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to table Item 1.4 (Parking tax for businesses). Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Ducar, Olson, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: Bajus, Natale and Terrick. Motion carried.

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

- General Fund invoices for April 2010 in the amount of \$908,068.26
- General Fund hand checks for March 2010 in the amount of \$527,790.13
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2010
- Treasurer's Report for February 2010
- Food Service invoices for March 2010 in the amount of \$58,565.51
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31,2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2010
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$45,400.43
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$2,843.00
- Middle school hand checks in the amount of \$12,869.36
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$645.84
- To adopt the resolution to approve HB 2135 or SB 1185
- Re-appoint Citizen's Bank as the district's depository and treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year

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. Natale seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented

- Authorize the proper officers of the district to sign the Equitable Gas Delivery Service Agreements, effective September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015
- The disposal of old and unusable band equipment

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- The renewal of the contract for student photography services to Primetime Shots, Inc., of Munhall, PA, for the 2010-2011 school year, with an option to renew annually at the district's discretion, and with the proviso that the "child find" photograph and information be provided free of charge

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

Special Assignments

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to table Item 4.1 (First reading of New Policy No. 218.1 Student Discipline/High School). Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Olson, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 222 Smoking
- Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 225 Relation with Law Enforcement Agencies
- Hold first reading of new Policy No. 250 Electronic Devices
- Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 832 Internet Safe and Responsible Use

- Motion to hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 907 School Visitors

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. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the following:

- The Concurrent Enrollment Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and Community College of Allegheny County for the 2010-2011 school year
- To accept the School District Entity Demonstration Grant for the Music Technology project in the amount of \$15,000
- To accept a \$15,000 grant through the Pittsburgh Voices of Youth Competition to continue the Extreme Home Makeover project

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 those in the district that are responsible for obtaining grants for the district.

Personnel Management

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

- Family medical leave of absence for Susan Wright commencing May 7, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Karen Catterall, retroactively, for April 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2010
- Unpaid leave of absence for Bobbi Vargo for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year
- Jamie Stahl, Amy Scholl, Nicole Dembski, Jaylynn Sapsara, Philip Biondo as day-to-day substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year

- Kristen Gregory to the supplemental position of Band Director for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year
- Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as school dentist for the 2010-2011 school year
- The consulting services of Andy Vettel at a rate of \$200 per day for a maximum of 190 days for the 2010-2011 school year to be paid from the Steel Valley Foundation-Technology Account
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Elva Cherep, food service worker at the high school, effective June 11, 2010
- An unpaid leave of absence for Donna Kiefer, retroactively, from April 26 through May 14, 2010
- The termination of employee #344
- Two (2) additional paid bereavement days for Holli Bobick, paraprofessional at Park Elementary School
- Christian Maola as a substitute custodian at a 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
- Michael Voit as a substitute custodian at a 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
- Lisa Vehec as a substitute instructional aide at an hourly rate of \$7.25 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.

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

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – will there be a general furlough letter in the employee's paychecks, did teachers agree to take a pay freeze, is anything happening with the tennis courts, do all back taxes have to be paid when the property is sold, when Barrett took PSSA tests was construction on the addition stopped?
- Ms. Sharon Ford – concerns about student safety, questions about how to get items on the Board's agenda.

- Mr. Larry Retger – concerns about vandalism along Perry and Vondera Streets in Munhall, looking for solutions to problems that have been occurring for the past five years.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. by a motion of Mrs. Ballas, seconded by Mr. Ducar.