

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**May 20, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tim McCallister, President at 7:32 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Ducar, Mr. Ed McCallister, Mr. Natale,  
Mr. Olson, Mrs. Terrick and Mr. Tim McCallister

Absent: Mrs. Bartko (arrived at 7:45 p.m.) and Mrs. Kubancsek

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

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

**Acknowledgements**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Helen P. Farkal*, mother of George Farkal, retired elementary teacher; *Tina Lynn Carson*, cousin of Jill Fleming-Salopek, Secondary Literacy Coach; *John R. Spelman*, uncle of Dianne Cain, Attendance Residency Checker and Erin Noblet, middle school teacher; *Anna R. Giran*, mother of Jack Giran, retired Athletic/Activities Director; *Frank R. Riddle*, father of Rebecca Kristen, middle school teacher; *William Allen*, uncle of Wyona Rompala, Franklin Primary food service; *Marian Wilson*, mother-in-law of Gerri Wilson, Park School food service; *Sara Eleanor Burk*, grandmother of Bobbi Vargo, Barrett teacher; *Thomas Kenavey*, father-in-law of Lori Kenavey, Barrett teacher; *Albert Hawk*, cousin of Walt Baranowski, high school custodian; *Sigrid Rousher*, cousin of Bill Gentile, elementary music teacher, *Margaret Fetzko*, aunt of Donald Fetzko, district solicitor.

**Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed and to offer the condolences and sympathy of the Board and the Administration to the families of the deceased.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- Ms. Donna Dreshman commented on the following: Will there be phone votes tonight, asked for copies of the Foundation meeting minutes, facility rental requests and fundraising requests and had a question on Item 2.3 (bid for swimming pool replacement of filter and heating system project), what changed on Item 3.1 (increase in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2008-2009 school year), Item 5.1 (donation from the Adult Education Committee) and is the committee now defunct, Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) are any of the items presented relatives of the Board members and are all certified, item 6.6 (appointment of Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach) how many applicants were received for this position?
- Ms. Gina Lasek wants to talk to the board about scouting.

### **President's Comments**

Mr. Tim McCallister:

- An executive session will be held to discuss legal/personnel items following tonight's meeting.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized several middle school students for their achievement in the Accelerated Reader Book Challenge. The students presented with certificates were Jacque Joll, Meghan Wolf, Caitlin McConville, Leena Zahir, Katy Ruffing, DJ

Lewis, Julie Robson, Tu Duc Ho, Taylor Ferko, Logan Perry, Sara Pounds, Dominique Keyes, Shauna Ingraham, Ariel Busche, Bethany Neutrelle, Adeziah Hughes and Shane King.

- Presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting improvements in student test scores in the district. According to the *Pittsburgh Business Times* 2008 Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools, Steel Valley had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest test score improvement in the Western Pennsylvania Schools encompassing seven counties. Steel Valley also ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> out of 105 school districts as an Overachieving District. Our students have scored above the state average on the SAT. Dr. Kinavey attributed these improvements to a good team of educators, coaches, deans of students and administrators.
- Congratulated teachers for receiving Great Idea Grants this year. They are:
  - Opening Doors - Shanna Bradfield
  - Math and Science: It's for the Birds - Sara Bouton, Michael Hofbauer, Terri Hoffman, Steve Large, Albert Lesutis, Bryan Macuga and Beth McCallister
  - Chess Mates - Judy Stokes and Kevin Tomsic
- Science Department Chair Sue Olsen presented certificates to Kelly Rogan, Miriam McBeth and Chris Toth who were accepted into the Westinghouse Science Honors Institute. The students will attend 10 lectures interacting with other students on Saturdays.
- Ms. Ryan Dunmire introduced members of *The Future is Mine* team who presented a PowerPoint of their projects this school year. *The Future is Mine* team focused on career awareness and career exploration through peer-to-peer, peer-to-younger peer and individual projects. The team held an Opportunity Fair in March and took part in the annual conference winning a \$375 award for their Superior Peer-To-Younger Peer project entitled "The Future is Yours" day in collaboration with Steel Center. Fifth grade students from Barrett school went to Steel Center Vo-Tech to learn 15 different careers. *The Future is Mine* team includes Dan Rojtas, Tom Hanna, Nicole Corsi, Jared Grace, Mark McNeil, Christian Kamensky, Kyle Thomas, Drew Hruska, Christian Maola and AJ Breznai.

**Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services**

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that a special education team would be in the district.
- A group will meet June 13 to look at creating a community mapping for services in the area.
- A guidance department link is provided on the Steel Valley website ([www.svsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.svsd.k12.pa.us)) to assist students in finding scholarships, and the counselors can provide additional information. There is a lot of money available for student scholarships.

**Director of Academics, Information & Technology**

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced the upcoming end of the year events:  
June 2 at 9:00 a.m. Middle School Academic Awards Program  
June 3 Kennywood Picnic – No School for Students  
June 4 Wellness Inservice Day – No School for Students  
June 6 at 9:00 a.m. High School Senior Awards Program  
June 10 at 7:00 p.m. Commencement
- Student schedules will be distributed to students before the end of the school year. Guidance counselors will be available for two additional weeks in June
- Complimented the secondary staff for their exemplary performance analyzing student data with the academic coaches.

**Director of Elementary Education**

Dr. Policastro:

- Congratulated the elementary staff for their efforts in reaching high expectations. She reported that the Queen of Hearts would make her last visit to Franklin Primary Center on May 28. She is hopeful that we will receive a grant to continue this program next year.

- Is working with the Waterfront Development on a K-3 art and grades 4-7 essay contests. All work will be displayed at the Waterfront businesses.
- Is forming an RTI Committee to support all student needs and to meet the state standards.
- Reported that the K-5 Language Arts curriculum is being written this summer.

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

Mr. Thomas Barefoot:

- Introduced Miriam McBeth as the new senior student representative to the Board for the 2008-2009 school year. He announced the Senior Breakfast would be held on Thursday, June 5, at 8:00 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.
- Barrett Elementary School will hold a Family Night Carnival on May 21. On May 25, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be recognized at the Annual Doris Hyde Merit Day held at the Carnegie Library of Homestead. The band and chorus will also perform.

### **Solicitor**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of the April 15, 2008 worksession and the April 22, 2008 regular meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Abstain: Ed McCallister on minutes of April 15, 2008. Negative: None. Motion carried.

- Mrs. Cannon questioned Item 3.3 (attendance of students to the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio and did any Park School students go on the field trip?
- Mr. Charlie Batch spoke regarding his basketball league and the availability of the league for all Steel Valley children.

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to retain special legal counsel Andrews & Price.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar and Ed McCallister. Negative: Bartko, Cannon, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Motion failed.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for May 2008 in the amount of \$704,868.88
- General Fund hand checks for April 2008 in the amount of \$365,369.18
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2008
- Treasurers' Reports for January-March 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for March 2008
- General Fund Expenditure Report for March 2008
- Food Service invoices for April 2008 in the amount of \$55,921.25
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2008
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2008
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$3,833.67
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$3,952.10
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$1,112.67
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$206.45
- Authorize Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to Patricia McKeown for Lot & Block 179-J-157 for \$289.85

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to approve the proposed General Fund Budget for 2008-2009 with**

**revenue in the amount of \$27,969,003 and expenditures in the amount of \$27,958,751.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, and Tim McCallister. Negative: Terrick. Motion carried.

### **Operations**

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

- Facility rental requests as presented with approval of Permit Nos. 3656 and 3668 contingent upon receipt of proper insurance clearing Steel Valley School District of any liability.
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Award bid for replacement of the filter and heating system for the high school swimming pool to Ecol-O-Pack Systems, Inc., per specifications, for a total price of \$119,978 to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- To increase breakfast and lunch prices for elementary and secondary as presented for the 2008-2009 school year
- The renewal of the contract for student photography services to Primetime Shots, Inc., Munhall, PA, for the 2008-2009 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: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Special Assignments**

**Mrs. Bartko moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the Southeast Area Special School and Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School Administrative Budgets for the 2008-2009 school year.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- Accept the donation from the Adult Education Committee in the amount of \$7,224 to be used for the purchase of seven (7) SMART Technologies Smart Boards
- Award the 2008-2009 bid supply requests for general school, athletic, technology, health, art, library, science, music and physical education for a total amount of \$144,572.95
- The Educational Services Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley School District for the 2008-2009 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Personnel Management**

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

- An intermittent unpaid family medical leave of absence for John Strom retroactive to April 16, 2008, not to exceed 60 days (12 weeks)



- Sean-Paul Joseph Richman as a day-to-day substitute for the 2007-2008 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> day
- Ryan Cleary as a day-to-day substitute for the 2007-2008 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> day
- Lisa Lawson, Bridget Stright, Shanna Bradfield and Susan Fontanese as special education teachers and Melissa Ladik and Mary Jo Sklencar as special education paraeducators for the extended school year program from July 7-31, 2008, at a pay rate of \$30 per hour for teachers and regular hourly wages for the paraeducators
- Accept the resignation of Tim Vickers from the position of High School Golf Coach retroactive to April 14, 2008
- Appoint Bill Abraham to the supplemental position of Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2008-2009 school year
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Irene Connors from the position of food service worker in the high school, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Ducar on Item 6.6 (appointment of Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach). Abstain: Ed McCallister on Item 6.6. Motion carried.

### Citizens Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman had a question on price increases, where will our scores estimated for next year, any repercussions for children leaving early because of bomb threats?
- Ms. Gina Lasek commented she would like to visit Park and Barrett schools to talk about Cub Scouts in September.

### Adjournment

**Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.** On a voice vote all members present voted affirmatively.

Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.