

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
May 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President at 7:30 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Ducar, Mrs. Fedor, Mr. Heddleston, Mrs.
Kubancsek, Mr. Tim McCallister, Mrs. Sloan,
Mrs. Terrick and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Ed McCallister (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Colebank, Mrs. Borges,
Ms. Fenyus, Dr. Policastro, Ms. Sabo, Mr. Schlanger

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. Paul L. Cullen*, husband of Denise Cullen, Athletic/Activities Secretary and father of Michael and Kelly, High School students; *Mrs. Jean Koval*, former Homestead Crossing Guard; *Mr. David Edwards*, uncle of Leo Schlanger, High School Principal; *Mr. William M. Mangan, Sr.*, father and *Mr. Harry R. Szczypinski*, uncle of Luanne Szczypinski, Barrett Media Specialist; *Mrs. Mildred Rowe*, grandmother of Beth and Shawn McCallister, Math Coach and Athletic/Activities Director; *Mrs. Mary Hajduk*, grandmother of Brian Bungard, Middle School Teacher; *Mrs. Geraldine McKee*, stepmother of Ron McKee, High School Custodian.

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books in memory of the above departed to be placed into the district libraries and to extend sympathy and condolences of the Board and Administration to the families of the

deceased. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- MaryLou McConnell spoke about proposed changes at Franklin Primary Center
- Gina Lasik on changes at Barrett and Franklin
- Donna Dreshman on the Budget, the Facility Use Fee Schedule, the option for installment payments of real estate taxes
- Karen Bayus on Franklin Primary Center
- Regina Takos, Karen Catterall, Sue Little, Joyce Kornacki and Aimee Precopia commented on Franklin Primary Center and Barrett Elementary changes

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ed McCallister moved and Mr. Heddleston seconded the motion to readmit a minor male student to the Middle School for the start of the 2007-2008 school year. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that the Steel Valley School District will receive approximately \$16,300 from a Pennsylvania Department of Education Special Contingency Fund

Director of Secondary Education Report

Ms. Fenyus:

- Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by Ms. Fenyus and Mr. Schlanger:
 - Steel Center Extra Effort Award
 - Vanessa Beyer, Dana Clark, Joshua Gettig, John Sarraino
 - Steel Center Top of the Shop Award
 - Christina Brown, Jared Ducar, Brandon McCrum
 - Tribune Review Outstanding Young Citizens
 - Katherine Janocsko, Melissa Kaufold
 - The Future is Mine \$1,500 Scholarship
 - Sandra Lutka
 - Girl Scout Gold Award
 - Hayley Markoff
 - 2007 Youth Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition
 - Chris O'Neal
 - African-American Literature Course
 - Ebony Cunningham, Teacher, Traci Weaver, Terelle Weaver, Juliana Sampson, Ashley Evans, Sam Green and India Davis
 - Middle School Accelerated Reader Recognitions
 - Terri Hoffman, Teacher, Marissa Maddigan, Breanna Gardner, Emily Jones, Maria Morrison, Phong Chau, Jacque Joll, Meghan Wolf, Nicole Salapa, Tu Duc Ho
 - Steel Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholarships
 - Melissa Kaufold, Ian Mehok
- The Class of 1949 presented a \$1,075 check for the purchase of library books in memory of Mrs. Margaret Howat, former Librarian in the Munhall and Steel Valley School Districts

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Carole Policastro:

- Reported on Park Elementary's Celebration in Education, Barrett Family Night, the Elementary Academic Handbook, RTI Intervention and the curriculum teams that will meet throughout the summer.

Student Representatives' Report

No report

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Fedor moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to adopt a resolution expelling a minor female student beginning April 13, 2007, through April 12, 2008. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to adopt a resolution expelling a minor female student beginning April 13, 2007, through April 12, 2008. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Heddleston moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to adopt a resolution expelling a minor female student beginning April 13, 2007, through April 12, 2008. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to adopt a resolution expelling a minor female student beginning April 13, 2007, through April 12, 2008. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tim McCallister moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the April 17, 2007 worksession meeting minutes and the April 24, 2007 regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Abstain: Heddleston and Kubancsek on April 17 worksession meeting minutes and Fedor and Kubancsek on April 24, 2007 regular meeting minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

Mr. Tim McCallister moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to table Item 1.11 (approve revisions to the 2007-2008 Preliminary General Fund Budget as presented). Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- General Fund invoices for April 2007 in the amount of \$596,793.64
- General Fund hand checks for April 2007 in the amount of \$369,972.60
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2007
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$46,806.79
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2007
- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2007
- Custodial/Hand Checks in the amount of \$24,814.99
- Athletic/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,818.06
- Middle School/hand Checks in the amount of \$75.00
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2007
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2007
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses for the month ending April 30, 2007
- Authorize Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Waterfront Partnership LLC, Lot & Block No. 130-E-160, in the amount of \$72,785.24
- Authorize Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Waterfront Partnership LLC, Lot & Block No. 130-J-152, in the amount of \$11,376.60
- Authorize West Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Jack Cotter, Lot & Block No. 131-J-244, in the amount of \$618.68

- Authorize West Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Albert Ackermann, Lot & Block No. 131-J-306, in the amount of \$287.39
- Authorize West Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Wayne Kulis, Lot & Block No. 131-N-360, in the amount of \$155.76
- Re-appoint Citizens Bank as the district's depository and treasurer for the 2007-2008 school year
- The transfer of \$60,337.24 from the 2005 Capital Projects Account to the district's General Fund as reimbursement for payments made by the General Fund for various capital projects through June 30, 2006
- Adopt the resolution authorizing an option for installment payment of real estate taxes
- Accept the 2007-2008 bid supply requests for general school, athletic, audio-visual, technology, health, art, library, science, music and physical education for a total amount of \$141,720.18
- Exonerate the West Homestead Borough Real Estate Tax Collector for year 2006 in the amount of \$165,005.13

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Facility Use Fee Schedule as revised

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Renew the contract for photography services with Primetime Shots, Inc., of Munhall, PA, for the 2007-2008 school year, with an option to renew annually at the district's discretion and with the proviso that the "child find" photography and information be provided free of charge
- The field trip by the Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams to the Holiday Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Florida on December 26-31, 2007

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Educational Leadership

Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to accept the Lifelong Learning Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Personnel Management

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

- Accept, with regret the retirement of Joy Kardos from the position of Food Service Supervisor effective September 2, 2007, under the provisions set forth in the Administrative Compensation Plan
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Gary Stretavski from the position of High School Teacher effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, under the provisions set forth in the collective bargaining agreement

- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Rebecca Beynon from the position of Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2007, under the conditions of the agreement of settlement and release
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Carolina Guenther from the position of Secondary Teacher effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year
- A family medical leave of absence for Rebecca Kristen beginning May 17 through June 7, 2007
- Brandon DePhillips, Monica Rosenberger, Meredith Wisser, Pamela Black, Dustin Mounts, Liza Leonette, Cynthia Kalogeris, Erin Ebeck and Ryan Warner as day-to-day substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter, contingent upon receipt of federal criminal history records, receipt of current clearances from Ms. Wisser, Ms. Black and Ms. Leonette and receipt of temporary teaching certificates from Ms. Ebeck and Mr. Warner
- John Millburn as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter contingent upon receipt of federal criminal history record
- Nicole Rojtas as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Margaret Forsythe effective June 7, 2007, with all benefits as provided in the collective bargaining agreement

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- Barbara Hurley as a substitute secretary and instructional aide at the rate of \$6.50 per hour pending receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances, federal criminal history record and contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the

district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days

- Anitra Hughes and Tammy Treimer as substitute paraeducators at the rate of \$6.50 per hour pending receipt of mandated general physical examination and the district's screening for controlled substances and contingent upon receipt of federal criminal history record and current clearances
- An unpaid leave of absence for Dorothy Miller beginning May 14 through May 25, 2007
- An unpaid leave of absence for Mary Lebeda beginning May 18, 2007, through the end of the school year
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Fran Lutka from her respective supplemental position of Band Operations Manager
- Add a supplemental position of Rhythm Club sponsor for the 2007-2008 school year and negotiate a stipend with the Steel Valley Education Association
- Retain one 9th grade football coach on staff to attend to the needs of the 9th grade athletes who will be part of the junior varsity football team
- Establish a new student activity entitled Fly Fishing Club for the 2007-2008 school with Mike Hofbauer, Clay Karadus and Scott Manns as volunteer sponsor
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Bessie Phillips as Homestead Borough Tax Collector retroactive to April 26, 2007

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Ed McCallister moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote all members present voted affirmatively.

Meeting ended at 10:00 p.m.