

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
August 17, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cannon, President at 7:05 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Ducar, Mr. Natale, Mr. Terrick,
Ms. Youngblood, Mrs. Kubancsek and Mrs. Cannon

Absent: Mr. Bajus and Mr. Olson

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Charlotte H. Kampe*, retired cafeteria worker and mother of Sharon Kampe, Barrett Music teacher; *Barbara A. Wellman*, mother of Ed Wellman, middle school teacher; *Rose Marie Habrat*, mother-in-law of Lois Habrat, secretary to the director of pupil personnel, special services and elementary education and *Father Patrick Francis Rager*, uncle of Carrie Cope, Barrett teacher.

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed in the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon:

- Thanked the staff for their efforts in getting the buildings ready for the start of school.
- Mr. Ducar announced that the new gym at Barrett Elementary School would be open for the start of school and the building looks great. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, August 20, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Mr. Bill Campbell.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced that school begins for students on Thursday, August 26. There will be a 10:15 a.m. start for kindergarten students on August 26 and 27. Students in grades 7 and 8 and 10-12 will begin school at 9:45 a.m. on August 26 only.
- Kindergarten teachers will be at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools on August 26 and 27 in the morning to help 1st graders have a smooth transition to their new schools.
- Additional Waterford computer labs were installed at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools. Students in grades 1 and 2 will work on the computers 30 minutes weekly. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be using new Social Studies curriculum and new textbooks this school year.
- Dr. Kinavey reported that the new addition to Barrett Elementary School includes five classrooms, two offices, a full size gym, production stage, bathrooms and an elevator to all three floors. Other new capital improvements include new carpeting in every classroom at Park Elementary School and new tile in the cafeteria and gym.
- All high school freshman will be taking classes in Reading, Careers and Computer Literacy as part of the Freshman Initiative. Teachers will have a common planning period to collaborate on individual student instruction and strategies. The high school is offering AP Physics this year through the College in High School Program. New physical education electives at the high school include classes in Fit for Life, Advanced Aquatics, Lifetime Sports Clinic, Strength Training and Advanced Fitness.
- A newly created Steel Valley Online Academy will provide a cyber school opportunity for families. All courses will be taught by Pennsylvania certified teachers through VLN Company. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Edward Colebank at 412-464-3600, ext. 1555.
- There is a new Varsity Football Coach, Rodney Steele, and Kristin Gregory is the new Marching Band Director.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced the Meet the Principal and Staff Nights:
August 18 6:00-7:00 p.m. Park Elementary School
August 19 5:30-6:30 p.m. Barrett Elementary School
August 19 7:00-8:00 p.m. Franklin Primary Center
- The Parent Support Group meeting will be held August 25 in the high school conference room beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Elementary staff members will have an overview of the state initiated E-SAP program and the RtII model.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced the Freshman Orientation will be held on August 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. This orientation program is also for new students to the high school.
- The individual scores from PSSA assessments will be available to teachers for gathering student data. The official building scores are not available yet.
- The VLN Cyber School will begin for high school students and some students in the middle school. The cyber school curriculum will also be used in the alternative education center during the 2nd semester.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Gerry Hawkins – why is orientation only for freshman and Item 2.3 (Additional security cameras) are we going to repair broken cameras too.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman – is anything about football being decided tonight, will Item 4.1 (Policy on Use of School Facilities) need to be revised in the future.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of July 20, 2010. Upon roll call the

following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Natale, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for August 2010 in the amount of \$354,806.11
- General Fund invoices for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$232,909.95
- General Fund hand checks for July 2010 in the amount of \$797,603.59
- General Fund hand checks for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$9,265.00
- Payroll Funding transfers for July 2010
- Treasurer's Reports for May and June 2010
- Food Service invoices for July 2010 in the amount of \$720.00
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$4,892.60
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$2,358.46
- Cafeteria budget for the 2010-2011 school year with revenue in the amount of \$811,400 and expenses in the amount of \$794,100
- Proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, automobile, equipment breakdown and umbrella insurance for the 2010-2011 year at a total estimated cost of \$49,517. Mr. Natale noted a 19% decrease in premiums for the insurance renewal.

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented (except permit numbers 3926 and 3927 pulled from the motion)
- Adding additional security cameras districtwide for the 2010-2011 school year not to exceed \$9,800.00 to be paid from the Capital Projects account
- Printer Maintenance Solution with ComDoc districtwide for the 2010-2011 school year

- Award bid for security services for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years to Victory Security per specifications of \$15.00 per hour, per guard and \$17.00 per hour, per supervisor

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

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to amend Facility Permit Nos. 3926 and 3927 with the addendum that MUSA pay a \$500 deposit for each building for the before and after school programs, to be refunded at the end of the academic year. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Leadership

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve the fundraising requests as presented. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Special Assignments

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

- Hold second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 707 Use of School Facilities
- Hold first reading of new Policy No. 218.1 Student Discipline Secondary School

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

Educational Leadership

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

- Letter of Agreement between Steel Valley School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide nonpublic services in the amount of \$67,906.00 to low income students at St. Therese School for the 2010-2011 school year
- Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and the High School Faculty Handbook for the 2010-2011 school year

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

Personnel Management

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

- Family medical leave of absence for Meagan O'Toole beginning September 27, 2010, through January 2, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Carrie Cope commencing August 26 through November 18, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Accept the resignation of Julie Doebereiner from the position of special education teacher at Barrett Elementary School effective immediately
- Substitute teachers and nurses as presented for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Diana Gibb, Michael Hart, Emilie Nottle, David Haslett and Christine Woodburn as day-to-day substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year
- Supplemental positions as presented for the 2010-2011 school year
- Kathy Ligeros as a general worker in the senior high school cafeteria, 3-1/4 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 August 26, 2010

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Ducar, Natale, Terrick, Youngblood, Kubancsek and Cannon. Abstain: Kubancsek on Item 6.6 (Appoint Kathy Ligeros as general worker in the cafeteria). Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman - Item 6.4 (Day-to-day substitutes) what rate are subs paid, where do we stand on the Act 93 contract, who is negotiating the Act 93 contract, will there be another meeting this month, thinks Rev. Jim should

have been notified before tonight and will there be another field to be rented at Woodlawn site.

- Ms. Mary Jobes – speaking about open baseball coaching position.
- Ms. Leslie Mitrik - speaking about open baseball coaching position, why were Spring positions opened, spoke on behalf of Coach Vickers, no chance to play in the Fall because there is no coach.
- Ms. Gerri Hawkins – spoke about student busing. Ms. Youngblood responded to her questions.

Adjournment

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