

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**January 24, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar, President at 7:33 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

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

Absent: Mrs. Kubancsek, Mr. Edward McCallister, Mr. O'Toole

Also present: Dr. Warren, Dr. Kianvey, Mr. Fetzko and Mr. Bichko

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

### **Acknowledgments**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. Richard Morris*, uncle of Linda Terrick, Park School teacher; *Mr. Dewey Secunda*, brother-in-law of Mary Lebeda, High School Food Service Department, *Mr. Louis Milke*, father of Sandy Fry, Park School teacher and grandfather of Shannon Homa-Fry, Middle School teacher; *Mr. Frank Mosholder*, grandfather of Rob Shoemaker, High School teacher; *Mrs. Margaret Urban*, aunt of Susan Salapa, Middle School teacher, *Mrs. Kathleen Rochford*, mother-in-law of Cathy Rochford, Barrett Elementary teacher; *Mrs. Denise Badanich*, former Steel Valley cafeteria worker.

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mrs. Sloan 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: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- Donna Dreshman questioned Minutes, Foundation statement, why Item 1.2 was removed and the following items:
  - 1.5,
  - 1.7,
  - 2.1,
  - 2.2,
  - 2.16.
  - 2.18
  - 6.6 - 6.8

### **President's Comments**

Mr. Ducar:

- Announced the receipt of a \$1 million donation to the Steel Valley Foundation for Education made by Mr. William Campbell for the construction of an auxiliary gymnasium. Mr. Campbell is a true friend of the Steel Valley community and continues to support his high school alma mater.

### **Student Representatives' Report**

Ms. Kim Hartnett:

- Park School students and parents enjoyed a day of ice skating, and the Middle School students attended a dance in January. The high school Environment Club will be taking a ski trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort, and the French Club students are headed for Quebec in February.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Fetzko:

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling a minor male student for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. Upon roll call the following

members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling an adult male student.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling a minor male student until December 13, 2006.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

#### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report**

Mrs. Borges: No report

#### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kihavey:

- Announced that Mr. Leo Schlanger began his duties as High School Principal on Friday, January 20, 2006.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Warren:

- Commended Mr. Mark Fallon, high school history teacher and the students in the history club, for their dedication in arranging for the three murals to be refurbished and mounted in the high school lobby area. Mr. Fallon is also working with Mr. David Conrad to display a mural on the outside of the high school building.
- A review of our lunch program was conducted by the Department of Education with good results.

- District employees are receiving training to use the Pentamion software being implemented for our student information and financial accounting systems.
- The district has contracted for the installation of fiber optics to connect all the buildings and provide faster Internet access.
- The Waterford Early Literacy program is being installed on new computers at Franklin primary, Barrett Elementary and Park Elementary Schools for students K-3.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Mrs. Sloan moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2005 Special Meeting, the November 7, 2005 Worksession Meeting, and the November 14, 2005, Regular Meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, T. McCallister, Sloan, Cannon and Ducar. Abstain: Terrick. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for January 2006 in the amount of \$658,446.06
- General Fund hand checks for December 2005 in the amount of \$615,004.77
- Payroll Funding Transfers for December 2005
- Revenue Report for November 2005
- Expenditure Report for November 2005
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$28,003.05
- Steel Valley Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$1,980.60
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$1,880.00
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$2,637.24
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$2,919.38
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$4,391.50

- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$8,795.11
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$6,444.25
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expense

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

**Mrs. Sloan moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- Exonerate the Homestead Borough real estate tax collector for year 2005 in the amount of \$229,988.70
- Authorize Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Wylie Holdings, LP, Lot & Block 130-K-279, for a total amount of \$980.85 as a result of a change in assessment
- Authorize the district's Business Manager to close the Exceptional Student Award account at First Commonwealth Bank and deposit the balance into the district's General Fund
- Authorize Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to Munhall Homestead Housing Association for a total amount of \$107,226.07
- Approve the forgiveness of the penalty and interest which has accumulated on unpaid property taxes on Lot & Block 133-G-128, as requested by a district resident who desires to purchase the property and return it to taxation
- Authorize the posting of the 2006-2007 tentative Preliminary Operating Budget of the Steel Valley School District in the amount of \$25,865,463.00

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: Fedor on Item 1.7 (Forgiveness of penalty and interest on Lot & Block 133-G-128). Motion carried.

### Operations

**Mrs. Fedor moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- Facility rental requests
- Fundraising requests
- Payment of \$12,305 to AB Specialties Inc. for Change Order No. 1 on the replacement doors at the Steel Valley High School
- Payment of \$12,818 to AB Specialties Inc. for Change Order No. 1 on the replacement doors at the Steel Valley High School
- Payment of \$11,329.60 to Right Electric Inc. as presented on Payment Application No. 6 for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$975.05 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$6,570 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 5 for the Middle School Science Classroom Project HVAC Contract
- Payment of \$2,700.82 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc. as presented on Payment Application No. 4 for the Middle School Classroom Project Plumbing Contract
- Payment of \$5,436.40 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$973.00 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the High School Kitchen Renovation Project
- Payment of \$2,888.22 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Payment of \$193.78 to Burt Hill as presented on their professional services billing for the Willis Building project
- Payment of \$1,455.50 to Burt Hill as presented on their professional services billing for the various miscellaneous projects
- Services of Burt Hill and Associates, Architect, to develop the necessary recommendations for the renovation of the High School Auditorium and Cafeteria, to develop bid specifications, to advertise for bids and present their recommendation to the Board of School Directors for the projects to begin at the end of the 2005-2006 school year
- Authorize the district Business Office to seek competitive bids for the removal of the three (3) modular classrooms at the Barrett Elementary School which are no longer needed for instructional purposes

- Payment of \$4,020.00 to Reliable Recycling Solutions, 399 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick, PA 15024, for the completion of the cleanout of the Woodlawn Building in accordance with the agreement previously approved by the Board of School Directors
- The attendance of the Steel Valley Board of School Directors and Administration at the testimonial dinner for the Campbell Brothers in June 2006 at a cost of \$1,000 and approve the purchase of an advertisement in the program booklet at a cost of \$750.00
- Authorize payment of the estimated \$255,000 site preparation costs for the new gymnasium from the district's 2005 Capital Projects Account

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

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- The field trip to Washington, D.C. by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 11-12, 2006
- The field trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort by the Environmental Club on February 25, 2006
- The field trip to Splash Lagoon by the High School Swimming/Diving Team on February 21, 2006
- The formation of the Middle School Anime Club with Ryan Brown as volunteer sponsor
- The formation of the Ironmaniacs Student Activity Club with Shawn McCallister as a volunteer sponsor

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

## **Special Assignments**

**Mrs. Sloan moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to hold first reading to adopt the PSBA recommended Standards for Effective School Governance and the revised Code of Conduct for Members of the Pennsylvania School Boards and authorize the Board Secretary to provide the PSBA with certification of this action. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.**

## **Educational Leadership**

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

- The renewal of the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2005-2006 school year and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement on the district's behalf
- Authorize the Administration to enter into an agreement with Dr. Corinne Eisenhart for consultation services of the full-day Kindergarten program at a cost of \$3,500
- Adopt the resolution petitioning the Pennsylvania State Legislature and Governor not to change Section 2PS 1316, such that the Board of School Directors would lose its discretionary authority in matters regarding the attendance of non-resident pupils in the Steel Valley School District, whether such request for admission of non-resident students is forthcoming from a parent or guardian, another school district of the Commonwealth, or from the Commonwealth itself

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

## **Personnel Management**

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



- Accept, with regret, the retirements of Jack Giran, Dan Bugel, Sharon Perun, Sharon Savolskis, Catherine Rochford, Hazel Hunt, Jo Ann Pisula, Chris Cortinovis, Eileen O'Toole and Marie Dithritch according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Spiker from a High School English teaching position effective January 14, 2006
- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Jennifer Awenowicz beginning on or about April 7, 2006, through May 22, 2006
- A one (1) day unpaid leave of absence for Amber Thomas on March 3, 2006
- Appoint Ebony Cunningham to a permanent full-time position in Secondary English with salary and benefits based on 1s step Bachelor's salary (\$35,938) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective January 25, 2006
- Appoint Matthew Simpson to a permanent full-time position in Secondary English effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year assigned to the Senior High with salary and benefits based upon 2nd step Bachelor's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement
- Appoint Steven Singer to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Maser's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appoint Melissa Capan to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Salary adjustment for Cafeteria Manager, Joy Kardos, to \$34,468.98 effective immediately and prorated for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year
- Authorize the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Allegheny Children's Initiative, Inc., for psychological services as required at \$35 per hour

- Approve Keith Golebie, Jonathan Edwards, Stacy Steinmeyer, Christian Randolph, Jeremiah Ochap, Deidre Garrity, Erin Moore and Matthew Kuney as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Accept the resignation of Ryan Brown, Mariann Scott and Al Lesutis from their respective supplemental positions of Drama Stage Production and Barrett Intramural Director
- Appoint Rebecca Kristen to the supplemental position of Middle School Academic Challenge sponsor at a stipend of \$217.18 and Debra Kostelnik to the supplemental position of Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach at a stipend of \$2,260.92 and contingent upon receipt of her current clearances for the 2005-2006 school year
- Authorize the administration to post all head and assistant varsity coaching positions for the spring and fall of 2006
- Appoint LeeAnn Doyle to the position of Personal Care/Special Education Aide effective on or about January 25, 2006, at a compensation of \$7.00 per hour including benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement and pending receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Appoint Melissa Ladik to the position of Personal Care/Special Education effective on or about January 25, 2006, at a compensation of \$7.00 per hour including benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement and pending receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Approve Sherry Ross as a substitute in the food service department contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances and her passing a general physical examination the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days, or the position will be re-opened
- Approve Jeffrey Allen as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$8.75 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances and his passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days, or the position will be re-opened

- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Patricia Keener, secretary in the Athletic/Activities office, effective April 14, 2006, according to the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: Fedor on Item 6.4. Motion carried.

### Citizen Comments

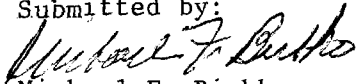
- Paula Borsch asked to speak for three minutes on educational concerns, budget concerns and agenda items.
- Donna Dreshman asked to speak for three minutes on Woodlawn School, other school districts and other matters brought up during the meeting.
- Jim Grise asked to speak for three minutes on a request for funds for the baseball teams' trip to South Carolina.
- Christine Marcone asked to speak for three minutes on Park School traffic safety.
- Becky Olson asked to speak for three minutes on Board policies, evacuation policies, Christmas formal gifts for students, Alternative Education program in the Middle School, Dual Enrollment program and taking students in from other areas.

### Adjournment

Mrs. Sloan moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote all members present voted affirmatively.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:



Michael F. Bichko  
Board Secretary