

**Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
March 24, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ducar, President at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Kubancsek, Mr.
McCallister, Mrs. McEnheimer, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Terrick,
Mr. Natale and Mr. Ducar

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

Absent: Mrs. Borges

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Della Proden*, aunt of Ed Colebank; *Aggie Butcher*, aunt of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology; *Sarah Burwell*, mother of Wanda Burwell, Barrett cafeteria monitor; *William J. Miller*, husband of Shirley Miller, retired teacher; *Edgar F. Aiello*, retired music teacher; *Ronald Reinerth*, uncle of Rick Owston, middle school teacher; *Richard Russell*, uncle of Rebecca Russell, middle school teacher; *Dolly Fetchen*, aunt of Tracy McGrew, middle school teacher; *Roslyn Farbarik*, cousin of Karen Catterall, Barrett Elementary teacher; and *Eugene Fawcett*, grandfather of Rebecca O'Shell, Park Elementary teacher.

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Cannon 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: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar:

- Update on Barrett Gymnasium project
- Mr. Campbell donated \$500,000 to Duquesne University to be used only by Steel Valley graduates.

Student Representatives to the Board

Miss Miriam MacBeth:

- Spring musical “Anything Goes” was held at the high school on March 12-15.
- All juniors took their PSSA Reading and Math assessments during the month of March.
- A Career Fair, open to all students in grades 9-12, was held at the high school on Friday, March 20. A total of nine guest speakers from various organizations visited all Social Studies classrooms throughout the day and spoke to students about such career topics as interviewing, the job application process, understanding team dynamics, budgeting, career awareness, and being a responsible citizen.
- March 30 is a clerical day. There is no school for students.
- The annual “Mr. Steel Valley Pageant” is scheduled for April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Report cards will be distributed to all students on April 6.
- Spring break is scheduled from April 9-13.
- The Queen of Hearts and the Pittsburgh Zoo visited Franklin Primary.
- Students in grades 3-5 completed the PSSA Reading and Math assessment test. Attendance and behavior during the week of testing was outstanding and students were awarded incentive prizes for their hard work throughout the week. A PSSA reward movie and pizza party is scheduled for Friday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m.
- Park Elementary held a Dr. Seuss Night with students and parents attending. Stories by Dr. Seuss were read and students also created their own stories to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday.
- A social for fifth grade students from both Barrett and Park Elementary is scheduled.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Three Steel Center Vo-Tech students qualified for a trip to Hershey, PA.
- Bryan Macuga presented an overview of Park Elementary School and Great Idea Grants.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

No report

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- PSSA's were completed last week.
- New library software is being implemented in all libraries.
- New copiers will be installed starting tomorrow.
- Submitted grant for \$9,000 for PSSA supplies.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro:

- Ready Freddy Program paid for 100 literacy manuals for the kindergarten literacy fair.
- Met with architects on pond renovation projects and investigating additional Waterford software.
- PSSA's were completed in elementary last week.

Solicitor

No report

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman on revisions to Items 1.1.01 (General Fund invoices) and 1.1.06 (Capital Projects 2005 Statement) and how long is the lease for new copiers, Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) anyone related to a board member or an administrator

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 17, 2009 special meeting, February 17, 2009 worksession and the February 24, 2009 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for March 2009 in the amount of \$337,138.18
- General Fund hand checks for February 2009 in the amount of \$842,714.68
- Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2009
- Treasurer's Report for December 2008
- Food Service invoices for January 2009 in the amount of \$44,102.90
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and expense for the month ending February 28, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 28, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$10,259.25
- Athletic hand checks in the amount \$1,608.50
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$1,304.71
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$746.00
- Adopt the resolution to accept new lease terms for copier services

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- Payment of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2009
- The attendance of The Future is Mine students and chaperones to the annual conference at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center on April 23-24, 2009, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of 6th grade students and chaperones to Idlewild Park Adventure Days on May 21, 2009, at no cost to the district

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

Special Assignments

Mrs. McEnheimer moved and Mr. McCallister seconded the motion to hold a second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 140

Title I Districtwide Parental Involvement and new Policy No. 140.3 Title I Parent Involvement Middle School Program. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McCallister, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Educational Leadership

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

- Adopt the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented
- The Middle School Academic Handbook for the 2009-2010 school year
- The Allegheny Intermediate Unit's 2009-2010 Program of Services Budget totaling \$3,807,900

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

Personnel Management

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

- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Heather Huber, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Christine Davis, Nicole Lucas and Emily Huey as day-to-day substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year
- Dr. Zabelsky as school dentist for the 2009-2010 school year
- Attendance of Ellen Sabo to the Federal Programs Conference on April 6, 2009, at a cost of \$200 plus mileage
- Randy Zirkle to the shared supplemental position of Fitness Center sponsor
- Justin Shuckhart, Mitch Graham and Jared Masley as sports volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year, contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances

- Retroactively approve an unpaid family medical leave of absence for Jennifer Woolley from February 9 to March 6, 2009
- Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman - Item 1.2 (new copiers) is toner included and on Item 6.3 (appointment of dentist) how much per student.
- Ms. Sue Swinkle - how was she paid out of Adult Education funds and complained about losing hours. Mr. McCallister recommends she put in writing her concerns.
- Mr. Chuck Olson questions how students are treated at the high school and is disappointed Dr. Kinavey did not acknowledge students at a meeting last week.
- Mrs. Becky Olson questioned how Title I funds are spent and what is eligible for funding and questioned about treatment of students/parents at hearing conducted by PDE.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. by a motion of Mr. McCallister, seconded by Mr. Olson.