

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
March 28, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar at 7:30 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Kubancsek, Mr. Edward McCallister,
Mr. Tim McCallister, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Terrick and
Mr. Ducar

Absent: Mrs. Fedor, Mr. O'Toole and Mrs. Cannon

Also present: Dr. Warren, Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges
and Mr. Bichko

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Mrs. Cannon now present at 7:45 p.m.

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. Robert Doebereiner*, grandfather of Julie Doebereiner, Barrett Elementary teacher; *Mrs. Elizabeth Zekany*, mother of Lee Ann Zekany (Doyle), instructional aide and aunt of Nancy Fenner, cafeteria monitor; *Mr. John Volk*, uncle of Gwen Berchok, High School teacher; *Mrs. Rena R. Lenze*, mother of Adrienne Miller, retired teacher; *Paul Jay Glunk*; son of Dr. Janice Glunk, retired superintendent; *Mr. Joseph Szekely*, father of Dr. Janice Glunk; *Mr. Chal Uplinger*, father of Kim Watkins, Secretary to the Superintendent; and *Mr. Thomas F. McCarthy*, former Board Member.

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Kubancsek 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: Kubancsek, Edward McCallister,

Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None.
Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

- Paula Borsch on Item 6.5 (Megan Davern and Amber Nassan's certifications in education) requested and received clarification on the classes offered through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for individuals desiring to be substitute teachers. Dr. Kinavey explained that the primary requirement for these candidates is that they possess a four-year college degree
- Item 2.4 - the payment of \$4,830.01 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund to Canova Electric, for the high school gymnasium lighting system
- Item 2.9 - Capital Projects Funds Statement of Income and Expenses
- Item 4.0 - Second reading of Policy Nos. 202, 202.1 and 202.2, relating to eligibility of non-resident students, proof of residence and court orders, and would appreciate copies
- Donna Dreshman commented on Item 1.6 – the resolution to authorize Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to expand its services and activities in real estate tax assessment matters, etc. and that the item was pulled from the agenda and requested copies of facility rental requests, the bid for tree and brush removal at Campbell Field and the Capital Projects Funds Statement of Income and Expenses
- Lee Ann Natale commented on item 5.3 – High School course descriptions for the 2006-2007 school year
- Beth McCallister commented on Item 2.12 the purchase of 16 SmartBoards, etc. and the advanced placement curriculum.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar:

- Announced his acquittal on four charges.

Solicitor's Comments

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling a minor male student for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and for the entire 2006-2007 school year. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced there would be no school for students from April 10-14 due to the scheduled Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, April 17.
- The Barrett Elementary School will be presenting an All School Musical Revue "Education Rocks" on April 7 in the school's gym. Two performances will be conducted at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Warren:

- Introduced Barrett Elementary School Library Medial Specialist, LuAnn Szczypinski, who was instrumental in organizing Read Across America Day at Barrett on March 2. First grade students, selected staff and Officer Meals were highlighted on WQED's OnQ program showing the importance of Reading to children. Mrs. Szczypinski showed the video of the program at the Board Meeting. She also shared an Alphabet

book created by Mrs. William's 3rd grade class made for the manager of Barnes & Noble. Mrs. Szczypinski also highlighted some of the new partnerships in the community, which were made during Read Across America Day.

- The High School held a Career Fair for students to talk with over 60 professionals about a variety of careers in the arts, medicine, business, criminology, politics, theology, and the military. Thanks to Michelle Maddigan and the Mon Valley Education Consortium for making this a successful event. The district received a donation of \$5,000 from the Mon Valley Education Consortium Mini Grant program for the creation of a piano lab in the Senior High School.
- Thanked Mrs. Diana Borges for orchestrating savings in special education costs by taking over two additional classes for the 2006-2007 school year.
- Student attendance was excellent during the taking of the PSSA tests.
- The district received a donation of \$2,500 from Big Lots at its grand opening celebration.
- The Senate and House are close to an agreement on property tax reform.

Director of Operational Services' Report

Mr. Bichko:

- Reported that the balance of the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Fund is \$40,497.76, and the loan was paid in full in 2003.
- The salvage and sale of items in the Woodlawn building amounted to a profit of \$1,309 to date.
- Noted that the wrong lights were installed into the emergency lighting system in the high school gym. He is working with the company to correct this problem.

An executive session to discuss legal/personnel items was held at 8:40 p.m. and ended at 9:37 p.m.

Mrs. Cannon left the meeting due to an emergency.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2006, and the Worksession Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2006. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for March 2006 in the amount of \$340,501.12
- General Fund hand checks for February 2006 in the amount of \$422,377.95
- Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2006
- Revenue Report for January 2006
- Expenditure Report for January 2006
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$37,604.62
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$7,143.44
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$1,630.00
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$456.68
- Hand Checks/Custodial in the amount of \$3,935.09
- Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,181.76
- Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$170.96
- Hand Checks/Band Trip in the amount of \$1,770.40
- Exonerate the Munhall Borough real estate tax collector for year 2005 in the amount of \$577,597.39
- Adopt the resolution that the school district agrees that the assessment appeal shall be settled and discontinued at the attached assessed values for years 2003 through 2006 and authorizes Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to execute a Tax Appeal Stipulation

- Adopt the resolution authorizing Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to reject any forthcoming offer of settlement which would grant TGI Fridays an assessment reduction or which would sustain the current assessment of \$2,200,000.00; further Maiello, Brungo and Maiello is authorized to obtain an appraisal update for years 2004, 2005 and 2006 to be used in the litigation of the appeal docketed by BV 04-0989.

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests with the exception of Permit No. 3422
- Fundraising requests
- Disposal of 686 obsolete textbooks as requested by High School Principal, Leo Schlanger
- Retroactively the sale of 14 additional shooting jackets to the Woodland Hills High School Rifle Team for the amount of \$490 (\$35 per individual jacket)
- Award of the bid for two (2) sets of outdoor aluminum bleachers to C.M. Eichenlaub Co., of Pittsburgh, PA, in the amount of \$2,652.00 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- Retroactively the award of the bid for installation of fencing at Griffin Field and the replacement of the backstop to McGuire Fence, 120 West Marietta Street, Munhall, PA, at a cost of \$5,660 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- Retroactively the award of the bid for tree and brush removal at the Campbell Athletic field to Bowman Landscaping and Tree Service, 4920 Interboro Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207, in the amount of \$5,725 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- Approve the Capital Projects Funds Statement of Income and Expenses

- Award the auditorium project general contractor's bid to FranJo Construction including base bid plus all four (4) alternatives in the amount of \$476,500; the electrical bid to Right Electric including base bid and one (1) alternative in the amount of \$104,700; and authorize the submission of PDE-3074(a) to the Department of Education for non-reimbursable work
- The Termination Settlement Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and SunGard Pentamation, Inc.
- Award the purchase of 16 SmartBoards, 16 Smart Airliner Wireless Slates, 27 LCD Projectors, 27 Ceiling Mounts and 2 Floor Stands at the State PEPPM pricing total of \$55,055 from SmartEd Services, 1821 East 40th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and for the payment to be made from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

No report

Special Assignments

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

- Hold second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 202 Eligibility of Non-Resident Students, Policy No. 202.1 Proof of Residence and Policy No. 202.2 Court Orders
- Hold first reading of revision to Policy No. 216 Student Records
- Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 237 Behavior Support for Exceptional Children
- Hold first reading of revisions to Policy No. 217 Graduation Requirements

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

Educational Leadership

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

- The proposed 2006-2007 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget totaling \$2,503,000
- Authorize the Administration to notify the AIU that the district intends to take over one or both of the Secondary Learning Support programs at the Middle School and Senior High School effective for the 2006-2007 school year consistent with "Transfer of Entity" state legislation
- The list of High School course descriptions for the 2006-2007 school year
- Authorize the Superintendent to work with officials of Communities in Schools to develop an educational program to service selected students as consistent with the conditions stated in the letter of February 28 from Morton D. Stanfield, Executive Director, Communities in Schools
- Appoint Martha Sloan and Keith O'Toole as the Board Representatives to the e-Strategic Planning Committee

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried. Please check hand written notes

Personnel Management

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

- Authorize the creation of a half-time Speech and Language Pathologist position effective immediately

- Appoint Jonette Bost to a permanent full-time position in Elementary Education with salary and benefits based on 5th step Master's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Grant Yvette Logan two (2) days of unpaid leave of absence on September 28-29, 2006
- An unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Mrs. Katie Pugh retroactive to November 21, 2005, through the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- Megan Davern, Amber Nassan, Patricia Gruber and Catherine Hughes as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$75/day for the first 30 days and \$100/day thereafter
- The attendance of Diana Borges to the PA Association of Pupil Services Administrators Conference in Lancaster, PA, from April 23-25, 2006
- Authorize the Administration to post the position of Barrett Elementary Principal for the 2006-2007 school year
- The sports and activities supplemental appointments and volunteers as listed for the Spring and Fall 2006 season
- The employment of Thomas Masley, Denise Hayes, Barbara Miller, Grace James, Daniel Karas and Donald Foulks for the 4-hour cleaner positions and subject to the district's determined need for these positions and the applicant's passing of the required physical and mandatory drug screening
- Jennifer Woolley as a substitute secretary and instructional aide for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$6.50 per hour
- Deny Grievance No. 06-01 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association by stating there was no violation of the collective bargaining agreement
- Deny Grievance No. 06-02 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association by stating there was no violation of the collective bargaining agreement
- To respond to Grievance No. 06-03 by reposting the position of Secretary in the Athletic/Activities Office at a minimum annual salary of \$15,000

- Authorize the business Office to prepare a training session for the 4-hour cleaners to be conducted by Fagan Sanitary Supply at no cost to the district beyond the wages of the participants
- Retroactively approve, the request for a leave of absence for the period of March 24, 2006, until on or about April 24, 2006, under the Family Medical Leave Act for Loren Ford

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

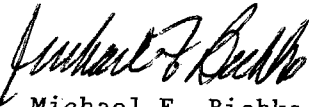
Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Paula Borsch commented on MUSA's rental request, the renovations at Barrett Elementary and kindergarten classes.
- Budget on the Middle School Science Classrooms by next public meeting.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman asked the status of Woodlawn, why not pull MUSA and explain CP costs site preparation, and asked for a Foundation for Education Report.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by:


Michael F. Bichko
Board Secretary