

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
April 28, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe 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
(phone), Mr. Natale and Mr. Ducar

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

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Victoria Savolskis*, aunt of Linda Terrick, Park School teacher; *Timothy Wade*, cousin of Jodi Geyer, high school teacher; *Dorothy Todd*, aunt of Susan Wright, high school teacher; *Norma Tarpey*, aunt of Kathy Grimm, instructional aide at Barrett Elementary; *Lenore "Betty" Hart*, grandmother of Brandi Chalus, guidance counselor for middle school and Park Elementary; *Joseph Porter*, cousin of Therese Safko, middle school instructional aide; *Dr. Robert Toner*, father of Dr. Ginny Minuto, former school board member; *Ruth L. Clegg*, retired Steel Valley teacher; *Helen Gombar*, grandmother of Lori Kenavey, elementary literacy coach; *Sekaira Mickens*, former Steel Valley student and daughter of Leslie Hairston, instructional aide at Franklin Primary; *Rebecca Beynon*, former Steel Valley teacher; *Mario Esposito*, grandfather of Patrick Loughran, high school teacher; *Cyril Bielek*, uncle of Sandy Fry, Park School teacher; *Ronna Smoot*, cousin of Sharon Fisher, principal at Barrett Elementary; *Donald Minchoff*, father-in-law of Vince Natale, Board Vice President; *Jo-Anne Hixson*, retired substitute caller.

Mr. Natale moved and Mrs. Ballas 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: None

Student Representatives to the Board

Miss Miriam Macbeth

Miss Kaitlyn Baran

- Announced that the kindergarten students planted bushes outside during Earth Week. All 3rd grade students at Park Elementary School participated in Borough Days. Elections were held for positions within the borough. On Wednesday, April 15, those selected 3rd graders attended the Munhall Borough Council meeting.
- The All School Revue concert was held at Park School and featured a barbershop quartet along with performances from Geppetto and Pinocchio. The musical performances included many musicals, including a solo from *Annie*.
- During Law Week, Judge Torkowsky and Officer Boehme officiated a mock trial, discussed Internet safety with students and did a drug dog demonstration with elementary students at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools.
- A Mom's Breakfast was held at Barrett on April 29. Fifth graders will take a field trip to the Carnegie Science Center's Wonder of Wonders program on April 30.
- Students are taking the PSSA Science tests this week in grades 4, 8 and 11.
- The Middle School spring concert will be held May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Eighth grade students will be taking a field trip to Washington, DC, on May 15-16. A middle school dance will be held on May 15.

- The high school hosted Flip the Switch showcasing the Classrooms for the Future activities taking place in the Science, English and Social Studies classrooms at the high school.
- The National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on May 1. The Pennsylvania Safety Bug DUI was held on May 4 in the student parking lot. On May 7, the Lawrence Griffin Senior Awards Banquet will take place at St. John's Cathedral Centre. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lynn Yanyo.
- The High School Choral concert will be held May 13, and the High School Band concert will be held on May 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. On May 22, the high school prom will be held at Stratigo's Banquet Centre.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced the district would celebrate Teacher & Staff Appreciation week from May 3-9, 2009. The theme is *You're An Essential Part of Our School*.
- The Rotary distributed dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools. Mr. Charlie Batch was present to hand them out.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that Community Task Force meeting would be held May 1.
- On Wednesday, April 29, a parent workshop to introduce the Starfish program was held. The program aims to stop the chain of events that can lead to violence, bullying or self-destruction. Mr. Barger shared life stories and experiences with parents.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- Planning for a Wellness Day on June 3 is occurring. All employees, board members and athletic coaches are invited to participate. CPR and first aid training will be available.
- The district is forming a committee to take the Title I survey on the Steel Valley website.
- On April 30, the Flip the Switch event will showcase what is being taught in the High School English, Science and Social Studies classes. This evening event is open to the public.

Director of Elementary Curriculum

Dr. Policastro:

- Kindergarten registration will be held on May 21 at Barrett Elementary School beginning at 5:00 p.m. and on May 28, at Park Elementary School at 5:00 p.m. All children will receive a *Ready Freddy* tee shirt.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling a minor female student from March 16, 2009, through and including March 15, 2010. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: McEnheimer.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 17, 2009 worksession and the March 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.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mrs. Sue Swinkle stated she is sorry to hear Mr. Schlanger is retiring and Nicole States Asson would be a good candidate.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman asked if there any bills being paid to Phoenix Roofing, what are the revisions to Items 2.1 (Fundraising Requests) and 2.2 (Facility Rental Requests), Item 3.4 (Attendance of Students to NFL Hall of Fame) how will students be selected, Item 6.0 (Personnel Management) is anyone related to members on the Board, Item 6.4 and what was deleted, Item 6.7 (Open various supplemental band positions) and what is the purpose of this proposal?
- Mr. Wayne Collins is speaking on behalf of Mr. Thompson (Item 6.7)

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for April 2009 in the amount of \$449,655.69
- General Fund hand checks for March 2009 in the amount of \$569,759.34
- Treasurer's Report for January and February 2009
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for February 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for February 2009
- Food Service invoices for March 2009 in the amount of \$49,323.55
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$20,858.83
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$3,472.80
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$3,829.96
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$1,100.92

- Re-appoint Citizens Bank as the district's depository and treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Abstain: McCallister. Negative: Terrick on Item 1.1.01 (Invoice #041009-N to Hruska Plumbing). Motion carried.

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented and waive the fees for permit No. 3778
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Software maintenance agreement with ProSoft Technologies, Inc., for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010
- Adopt the resolution to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association, Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Association and the Steel Valley Educational Support Association related to the use of video surveillance

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. McEnheimer seconded the motion to approve the following:

- The attendance of 10th grade students to participate in the Teen Institute Leadership Program at Linden Hall in Dawson, Pennsylvania, on May 28-29, 2009, at no cost to the district
- To authorize a two-year agreement with All-American Sports Poster to begin in the Fall of 2009 and end after Spring 2011

- The attendance of 11th and 12th grade students in Physics II, AP Chemistry and AP Biology classes on a field trip to Penn State in State College, Pennsylvania, on May 20, 2009, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of 90 6th and 8th grade middle school students to the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on May 22, 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. McCallister voted affirmatively on Item 3.4 (The attendance of students to the NFL Hall of Fame). Motion carried.

Mrs. Cannon wants to recognize Mayor Bodnar and Munhall Borough for work on West Field allowing the baseball team to use the facility.

Special Assignments

- Mrs. McEnheimer announced that two Steel Center students placed in the SkillsUSA competition. Jared Ducar placed 4th in electronics and Josh Gettig placed 5th in the sheet metal competition.

Educational Leadership

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

- To authorize the School Board President and the Superintendent to sign the Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs for the school year 2009-2012

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 Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- A family medical leave of absence for Janet Brezicky commencing May 5, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- A family medical leave of absence for Julie Doebereiner, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Accept, with regret, the letter of retirement from Leo Schlanger as Senior High School Principal effective July 31, 2009
- Brigid Laird, Emma Connolly, Kathleen Kraus, Cody Hickson, Maureen Archer, Ashley Haftl, Brian Blasko, April Ames, Alyssa Mazzocca and Stephanie Andes as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year
- Accept the supplemental resignations of David Emro as high school yearbook sponsor, Bryan Macuga as middle school boys soccer coach, Emilee Garcia as assistant girls volleyball coach and Susan Olsen as science department chair
- Open the supplemental positions of band director, band assistant director, band auxiliary unit coordinator, band operations manager and band support staff
- Approve Irene Connors as a substitute in food service contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Kubancsek, McEnheimer, Olson, Terrick, Natale and Ducar. Negative: McEnheimer, Terrick and Natale on Item 6.7 (To open the various supplemental band positions) and Kubancsek abstained on this item. McCallister abstained on all items. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman – would like the stimulus funds to be used for new sound system at Park Elementary, when will the Park roof be finished, how many commercial properties are delinquent, and is a letter sent prior to filing liens with delinquent taxpayers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by a motion of Mr. Ducar, seconded by Mrs. Cannon.