

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
April 25, 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, Mr. O'Toole, Mrs. Sloan,
Mrs. Terrick, Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Ducar

Absent: Mrs. Fedor

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

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

An executive session was held to discuss legal/personnel issues at 7:33 p.m.
and ended at 8:18 p.m.

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. John A. Yelenic*, uncle of Dianne Cornetta, Secretary to the Superintendent; *Mr. Clarence Kohrnak*, uncle of Gail Meister, High School instructor; *Mr. Luis Milke*, grandfather of Shannon Fry; *Mr. Jack Leskanic*, uncle of Ed Wellman, Middle School teacher; *Mrs. Mary Waratuke*, aunt of Shirley Feschuk, Kindergarten teacher; *Ms. Beverly Swanson*, aunt of Tameka Hutcherson, Barrett teacher; *Mrs. Joan Delldonne*, aunt of Jill Bakota, Park School teacher.

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the motion to purchase 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, O'Toole, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar.
Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar:

- On Wednesday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m., the Steel Valley School District will have a formal groundbreaking ceremony for the new Campbell Gymnasium behind the Senior High School. Mr. William Campbell, James' brother, and the district's benefactor for this project, will be in attendance.

Students Representatives' Reports

- The Barrett Gold Band and Chorus performed at the Mon Valley Education Consortium sponsored Steel Valley Community Breakfast, which was held at the Carnegie Library of Homestead.
- The weeks of April 17th and April 28th were designated as "Law Week" at schools in the district. Under the sponsorship of district Justice Thomas Torkowsky, and in coordination with the District Attorney's office, the Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead Police Departments, students at Park, Barrett and Franklin Primary received free fingerprints, a taped video and a DNA kit which will be sent home to parents. Other activities in the district included a Mock Trial, a field trip to the Coroner's Office, as well as, sessions on drugs, alcohol, bullying, safety, gang violence, gun violence, date rape and domestic violence.
- Various Steel Valley students and organizations participated in an Earth Day Clean Up on April 21.
- Congratulations to the Steel Valley Cheerleaders on their First Place finish during a recent competition in Maryland.
- On Wednesday, April 26, the Steel Valley faculty played the Pittsburgh Steelers in a basketball game fundraiser.
- Congratulations to Steel Valley Gifted students on taking First and Second Place at recent competitions.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. O'Toole moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to adopt the resolution expelling a minor female 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, O'Toole, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- An in-service day for teachers is scheduled on May 12. There will be no school for students.
- A video presentation was given by Mrs. Toni Besh, Mrs. Tracey Michalak and their French students on their recent trip to Quebec, Canada. The students spoke about their experiences at Winter Carnivale and other sights they visited.

Superintendent's Report

None

Board Secretary's Report

Mr. Bichko:

- Minutes of the Worksession and Regular Meetings are in the process of being placed on the website.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. O'Toole moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the following meeting minutes: February 28, 2006 Regular Meeting, March 21, 2006 Worksession Meeting, March 28, 2006 Regular Meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, O'Toole, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Abstain: Kubancsek on February 28; Edward McCallister and O'Toole on March 21, 2006, and Fedor, O'Toole and Cannon on March 28, 2006. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

Mr. O'Toole moved and Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the following:

- General Fund invoices for April 2006 in the amount of \$415,968.21
- General Fund hand checks for March 2006 in the amount of \$766,282.12
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2006
- Revenue Report for February 2006
- Expenditure Report for February 2006
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$31,129.61
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$553.59
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$1,070.00
- Middle School in the amount of \$430.56
- Hand checks/Custodial in the amount of \$2,032.96
- Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$4,480.41
- Hand Checks/Band Trip in the amount of \$28,930.44
- Steel Valley Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expenses
- Capital Projects Funds Monthly Statement of Income and Expenses
- The 2000-2001 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Report
- The waiver of penalty and interest due on property 132-F-98 in the amount of \$210.77 with the proviso that the decedent's personal representative remits the tax due of \$2,107.69 within thirty (30) days of notification of this action

- The resolution prepared by Board Solicitor Donald Fetzko accepting the proposal for ProSoft Technologies to upgrade the district's systems applications software to windows-based application as follows: at a cost not to exceed \$12,481.64 for the server, license and configuration; a cost not to exceed \$67,745 for the upgrade of the ten programs currently in use and including data conversion; new application for personnel at a cost not to exceed \$12,170; including data conversion; new student applications at a cost not to exceed \$14,723; Jackson Software's GradeQuick at a cost not to exceed \$15,005; EdLine Web Service at an annual cost not to exceed \$7,296; and monthly maintenance fees not to exceed \$1,381 beginning 90 days after conversion
- Adopt the resolution proposed by Maiello Brungo and Maiello regarding PF Chang property tax assessment appeal

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

Operations

Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mr. O'Toole seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests
- Accept the donation of 25 cornets from the Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music for the Barrett Beginning Band program
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0116763 in the amount of \$9,203.95 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0116764 in the amount of \$7,104.30 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Kitchen Renovation Project
- Payment of \$7,966 to Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 1 for the district's new telephone system

- Payment of \$425 to Burt Hill as presented on their professional services billing for services provided on the Middle School Corridor Lockers project

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- The attendance of The Future is Mine Student Project Team to the Student Leadership Conference held on April 27-28 in Pittsburgh
- Payment of at least \$2,500 for the Senior Reception/Breakfast committee to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast to be held on May 18 for the Class of 2006

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

Special Assignments

Mrs. Sloan moved and Mr. O'Toole seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Hold second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 216 Student Records
- Hold second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 217 Graduation Requirements
- Hold second reading and adopt the revisions to Policy No. 237 Behavior Support for Exceptional Children
- The Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School Operating Budget and Adult Education Program Budget as presented for the 2006-2007 school year

- The Southeastern Area Special School and Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School Administrative Budgets for the 2006-2007 school year

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

Educational Leadership

Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to adopt the 2006-2007 Academic Handbook for the Senior High School. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, O'Toole, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Personnel Management

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

- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Maureen Gemeinhart according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective on the day before the first scheduled day of the 2006-2007 school year
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Daniel Pietrowski according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective on the day before the first scheduled day of 2006-2007 school year
- An unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Carol Resko retroactive to March 7, 2006, through the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- An unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Julie Doebereiner retroactive to April 3 through April 9, 2006
- Sara M. Bouton to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor

collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year

- Jennifer L. Sowa to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the High School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year and contingent upon receipt of current clearances and her passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Hampton Conway to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Michael E. Hofbauer to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 1st Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year and contingent upon receipt of current clearances and his passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Richard J. Pireaux to a long-term substitute position in Mathematics, assigned to the High School with salary and benefits based on 1st Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year and contingent upon receipt of current clearances and his passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Clint Carpenter to the position of Assistant Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,217.44 for the 2005-2006 school year; Russ Gill, Dennis Hornak, Mark Rider, Tony Berger and Bob Kitchen to the position of Assistant Football Coach for the 2006-2007 school year
- Michelle R. Tomcik, Elizabeth A. Whiteman, Mary Jo Pasay, Peggy Price and Brenda W. O'Neale as substitute secretaries for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$6.50 per hour

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

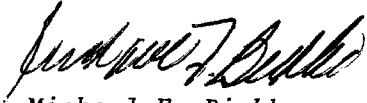
Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Paula Borsch thanked Mr. Bichko for having the meeting minutes placed on the district's website.
In response to Mrs. Borsch's questions relative to having the Board Policy placed on the website, Mr. Bichko replied that inquiry has been made to the PA School Boards Association which assembled the original policy. The district is hoping to receive the policy on a CD which will allow it to be loaded onto the website rather than do manual entry.
Mrs. Borsch also commented to the Board on their legal obligation to provide time for citizen's comments at each public meeting. She acknowledged that the Board has established this opportunity for public comment and encourages the Board to continue allowing the public to comment at each meeting.
- Mr. Charles Houser read a statement to the Board expressing his opinion that the district had been unfair in its hiring practices. He stated the length of time he has served the district as a substitute teacher by has not yet been selected for a permanent position.
- Mrs. Lisa Guckes thanked the Board for the recent improvements to Griffin Field which included the fence and backstop and new bleachers. Mr. Ducar responded that these improvements were completed largely through the efforts of the district's Activities/Athletic Director, Mr. Shawn McCallister.
- Mrs. Terrick presented an update on the TIF program and the individual borough's position in regard to the bridge project contractor seeking a bonus payment for early completion. It is generally understood that the individual boroughs would desire that the debt service be reduced with any available funds. The reduction of the debt service would expedite the flow of tax revenues to municipalities and the school district and provide approximately

\$190,000 in additional revenue to the school district over the next ten-year period. Mrs. Terrick commented that the district's position should be made known to the individual boroughs and the county.

Meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael F. Bichko".

Michael F. Bichko
Board Secretary