

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
May 23, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar at 7: 34 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mr. O'Toole

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

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. Clarence Kohrnak*, uncle of Gail Meister, High School teacher; *Mr. Louis Milke*, grandfather of Shannon Fry, Middle School teacher; *Mr. Jack Leskanic*; uncle of Ed Wellman, Middle School teacher, *Mrs. Mary Waratuke*, aunt of Shirley, Feschuk, Kindergarten teacher; *Mrs. Beverly Swanson*, aunt of Tameka Hutcherson, Barrett teacher; *Mrs. Joan Delldonne*, aunt of Jill Bakota, Park School teacher; *Mrs. Mary Evanko*, grandmother of Debra Hrabosky, Middle School teacher; *Mrs. Mary Condosta*; grandmother of Daniel Condosta, Middle and High School teacher; *Mr. Daniel Ross*; uncle of Brandi Chalus, Park/Franklin guidance counselor; *Mrs. Patricia Reddecliff*, aunt of Lori Kenavey, Barrett teacher; *Mr. Timothy Tarpey*, uncle of Kathy Grimm, Barrett instructional aide; *Mr. Albert Tyler*, father-in-law of Rosemary Tyler, High School Math teacher; *Mrs. Erma Holup*, aunt of Donna Kiefer, Middle School custodian; *Dr. Samuel A. Baker*, cousin of Amber Thomas, school nurse; *Mrs. Bernadette Godec*; aunt of Mary Cay Rojtas-Milliner, High School librarian; *Mr. Myron Strothers*, uncle of Wanda Burwell,

Barrett instructional aide; *Mr. John A. Yelenci*; cousin of Dianne Cornetta, Secretary to the Superintendent.

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

An executive session to discuss legal/personnel items was called at 7:38 p.m. and ended at 8:15 p.m.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mrs. Paula Borsch
Items 2.10 and 3.2 pulled
4/18/06 Worksession Item 2.8 and 6.17 Yaklich
- Ms. Donna Dreshman: Foundation
Items 1.2 - 3/23/06, 1.5 and 1.6, copy of 2.1 and 2.2, 6.13 Keith, 6.15 Tennis Courts, 5.2 Services to students and other schools

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar:

- Thanked Mr. William V. Campbell for his generous donation to the school district for construction of a new Middle School gymnasium. At a recent groundbreaking for the new gym Mr. Campbell informed Mr. Ducar that he will be donating an additional \$15,000 for the district's football program. Mr. Campbell is also investigating a new program in conjunction with the National Football League for 9th graders.
- Also thanked Activities/Athletic Director Shawn McCallister and Secretary Denise Cullen for coordinating the event as well as members of the media and community who were in attendance.

Solicitor's Report

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

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to expel a minor male student from April 5, 2006, through April 4, 2007. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to expel a minor male student permanently. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to expel a minor female student from April 19, 2006, until June 30, 2007. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Introduced Ms. Alice Mahler and Mr. Douglas Spencer from the Allegheny Children's Initiative, Inc., who has been working with students and families in the district. The Allegheny Children's Initiative provides behavioral health services including academics, peer or family relationships, depression, anger and bullying. The initiative also provides educational workshops for parents, guardians, teachers and other school personnel and finds programs and services most suited to a child's individual need.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Congratulations to the Girls' Softball team and the Boys' Baseball team and their coaches on successful seasons.
- Park and Barrett Elementary Schools will present their Merit Awards on June 8.
- Commencement will be held on June 9th at Campbell Field.
- Congratulations to the Varsity Cheerleaders who presented the School Board with two First Place trophies won during their recent competition in Baltimore, Maryland.

Board Secretary's Report

Mr. Bichko:

- Reported on the Residency Office's new enrollment and re-registration initiative taking place in the district.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 Worksession Meeting and the April 25, 2006 Regular Meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, (Abstain on April 25), Kubancsek (Abstain on April 18), Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for May 2006 in the amount of \$523,648.18
- General Fund hand checks for April 2006 in the amount of \$418,428.08
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2006
- Revenue Report for March 2006

- Expenditure Report for March 2006
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$20,914.71
- Steel Valley Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expenses
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Hand Checks/custodial in the amount of \$20,305.19
- Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks in the amount of \$210.00
- Middle School /Hand Checks in the amount of \$7,507.00
- Hand Checks/Band Trip in the amount of \$2,155.87
- Reimbursement of \$13.00 to John Ackermann for parking fees he incurred while attending a court hearing
- Real estate tax refund in the amount of \$751.99 to Edward J. & Lawrence J. McNeilis for Lot & Block 179-P-212
- Retroactively approve the transfer of \$208,878.38 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund to the district's General Fund as reimbursement for payments made by the General Fund for various capital projects for the period of February 24, 2006, through April 30, 2006
- The transfer of \$795,532.82 (principal of \$791,121.62 and interest of \$4,411.20) from the district's General Fund to the district's 2005 Capital Projects Account
- The request from Maiello Brungo and Maiello for a preliminary evaluation of Lot and Block No. 89-S-100 at a cost not to exceed \$500

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

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented

- Fundraising request as presented
- Authorize the Business Office to advertise for bids for refuse hauling and exterminator services for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years
- Renew the contract for photography services to Primetime Shots, Inc. of Munhall, PA for the 2006-2007 school year, with an option to renew annually at the district's discretion with the proviso that the "child find" photograph and information be provided free of charge
- Accept the donation of an Ivory Silk Lilac tree to be planted professionally on Park School grounds
- Award the bid for the construction of a handicapped accessible ramp at the rear of the Barrett Elementary school to Marvana Construction Company of Munhall, PA, in the amount of \$3,200 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- The employment of up to three (3) student summer workers from the CISCO IT class, per Mr. Colebank's recommendation, for the period June 19 to August 18, 2006, at the rate of \$7.00 per hour for six hours per day. Benefits and duty-free non-compensation lunch hour are excluded
- A lease-to-own agreement with Apple Computer to obtain 151 staff computers as per the contract to be spread over three years at 0% for the replacement of computers and related equipment for the 2006-2007 school year
- Authorize the Business Office to advertise for competitive bids for the replacement of the steamers, walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer in the High School Cafeteria
- Authorize the Business Office to advertise for bids for painting the High School Gymnasium and refurbish the High School tile floor.

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented. Upon roll call the

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

Special Assignments

Mrs. Sloan:

- Reported on the Commencement Program.

Educational Leadership

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

- To adopt and purchase the textbook entitled, Elementary Statistics – Picturing the World, by Larson & Farber and published by Prentice Hall for the 2006-2007 school year at an approximate cost of \$1,986.75 plus 10% shipping costs.
- The 2006-2007 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Educational Services Agreement and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement

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

Personnel Management

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

- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Karen Catterall retroactive to April 17 through on or about May 15,2006, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration

- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Amber Thomas effective at the start of the 2006-2007 school year not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Appoint Heather Pfeifer to a permanent full-time position in Biology with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year and contingent upon 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
- Appoint Jessica Joseph to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts 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 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
- Appoint Jennifer Clugsten to a permanent full-time position in Secondary Art 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 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
- Appoint Todd Rasbach as a long-term substitute in Social Studies 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 and contingent upon 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
- Appoint Emilee Bedillion to a permanent full-time position in Special Education 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

- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Emma Bugel from her position as a general worker in the cafeteria at Park Elementary school effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year
- Accept, with regret, the retirement of Thomas Donaldson from his position as custodian at Franklin Primary Center effective at the close of business on August 5, 2006
- Authorize the proper officers to execute the agreement with UPMC Health Service for athletic training services at a cost of \$18,000 for the 2006-2007 school year, \$19,000 for the 2007-2008 school year and \$20,000 for the 2008-2008 school year
- Approve Jeff Catterall to the supplemental position of 9th Grade Head Football Coach, Steve Molnar to the supplemental position of 9th Grade Assistant Football Coach and Dan Drane, Justin Reichert, Jeff Pingor and Scott Pisula football volunteers for the fall 2006 season and contingent upon receipt of current clearances with the exception of Jeff Catterall and Dan Drane
- Accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Keith O'Toole from the elected position of Member of the Steel Valley Board of School Directors effective May 31, 2006
- Approve Joshua Andreyo as a substitute custodian at \$8.75 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances and passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances which must be completed within 30 days
- Approve the employment for up to six (6) student summer workers at the rate of \$7.25 per hour for a ten-week period commencing June 12, 2006, through and including August 25, 2006, as needed
- Appoint Maria Heddleston, John Strom and Steven singer to the positions of Summer Tutoring Facilitators beginning June 19 through July 27, 2006, at a rate of \$25 per current collective bargaining agreement
- Approve the services of John Yaklich at the rate of \$225 per diem not to exceed 20 days
- Approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Education Association and the Steel Valley School District for the 2006-2007 through 2010-2011 school years

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar.

Negative: Fedor on Item 6.18 (collective bargaining agreement). Abstain:
Edward McCallister on Item 6.11 (Item 6.18 (collective bargaining agreement).

Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Paula Borsch questioned the beginning of paid leave? When did it start and when was it approved?
- Ms. Donna Dreshman questioned Woodlawn
- Ms. Ligeros – Orientation
- Ms. Redpath

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:20 p.m.


Submitted by:


Michael F. Bichko
Board Secretary

Correction to Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2006
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors

Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded to approve the district's formal response to the report of the Pennsylvania Auditor General for the fiscal school years ending June 30, 2001 and 2002. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Note: This correction to the minutes of the May 23, 2006, regular meeting was approved at the September 26, 2006, regular meeting.


Michael F. Bichko
Board Secretary