

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Auditorium**  
**January 22, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by President Mr. Tim McCallister at 7:30 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Bartko, Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Ducar, Mr. Ed  
McCallister, Mr. Natale, Mrs. Terrick and Mr. Tim  
McCallister

Absent: Mrs. Kubancsek and Mr. Olson

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Ms. Sabo, Mr. Colebank, Dr. Policastro,  
Mr. Cherpak and Mr. Yaklich

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

**Acknowledgements**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Gavin Robert Thomas*, son of Amber Thomas, school nurse; *John F. "Bucky" Skeels, Jr.*, father of Beth Cannon, Board member; *Amanda Lynn Faux*; former Steel Valley student; *Sally H. Barabas*, mother-in-law of Karen Barabas; Barrett secretary; *Alfred F. Schwoeble*, father-in-law of Natalie Schoweble, retired Director of Pupil Services; *James. F. Frank*, cousin of Susan Kaufold, Park School teacher; *Nancy Lee Watkins*, aunt of Bobbi Vargo, Barrett teacher; *Dennis M. Hornak*, SV Ironmen Football Coach, cousin of Denise Blasko, paraeducator at Park School; *Margaret Griffin*, aunt of Denise Blasko and sister-in-law of Dr. Griffin, retired superintendent.

**Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Natale 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: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

- Paula Borsch, Roberta Drive, Munhall, commented on Item 1.4 (Entering into the board meeting minutes Department of Education letter regarding PlanCon Part K); Item 1.5 (2008-09 Preliminary Budget); Item 3.5 (Marching Band to Orlando, Florida in April 2008); is there any cost to the district; Items 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.8, and 6.10 (personnel items) and questioned if any member of the Board of Directors is related to anyone within the personnel items listed above.
- Donna Dreshman, Forest Avenue, Munhall, commented on Item 1.1.11 (Foundation for Education Statement for November 2007); Item 2.1 and 2.2 (Facility and fundraising requests) and asked for copies; Item 2.6 (Approval to advertise for bids for wall clocks) Item 2.4 (Approval to advertise for bids for cafeteria clocks) and is it new equipment, Item 6.8 (approval of substitute secretary) and asked if the substitute secretary will be able to work in all buildings.

### **President's Comments**

Mr. Tim McCallister:

- Thanked everyone for attending.
- Introduced Mark Cherpak, the Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary, and welcomed him to Steel Valley.
- Thanked the Campbell family for their continued contributions to the students in the Steel Valley community and the Bandbackers for their invitation to Vegas Night.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Reported the following student achievements:

*Steel Center Extra Effort Awards for the 1st Quarter:* Dana Clark, Cullen Bugel, Chanel Pamplin, Paris Green

*Membership into the National Technical Honor Society:* Andrew Breznai, Jared Ducar, Alyson Gamble

*2007 Marching Band Trophies and Awards:* Seniors: Kyra Mangold, Shante Garner, Tyler Gennari, Kevin Dilworth, James Keenan, Adam Kagemann, Justin Ringeisen, Marie Hanus, Cassi Dobnak, Brittany Hanus, Scott Wallace

*Why Families Matter Essay Award Winners sponsored by Green's Funeral Home:* Megan Moore-Senior High School, Meghan Wolf-Middle School, Cole Eged-Park School; Alyssa Mackey-Barrett School.

- Dr. Kinavey recognized the Steel Valley Board Members for their hours of work and dedication to the children and citizens of the school district. January is School Director Recognition Month and the theme for 2008 is "School Directors Achieve for Public Education." School governance is the foundation of a strong public education system. Dr. Kinavey asked the citizens to give a special thank you to the men and women who serve.

### **Director of Academics, Information & Technology**

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported the schedule for the upcoming PSSA: February 11 PSSA Writing Grades 5, 8 and 11.
- There will be no school for students on Friday, February 15, due to a teacher professional development day. The district will host classroom teachers from other school districts on February 14-15 for "Out of the Box" technology training sponsored by Apple Computer and the Department of Education. Steel Valley's science teachers involved in the *Classrooms For The Future* grant will also participate.
- The district is in the beginning stages of making application for Middle States Accreditation by gathering data, creating a portfolio and surveying students, parents and the public. The district is collecting data through web surveys. There is one student survey, 13 parent surveys and 12 non-parenting

household surveys on the Steel Valley website ([www.svsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.svsd.k12.pa.us)).

- Reported he has been approached by Mr. William Campbell's associates to begin Phase 2 of the district technology plan. Phase 2 will have an emphasis on the secondary schools and academic improvement.

### **Director of Elementary Education**

Dr. Policastro:

- Announced that the Queen of Hearts would be reading to the Franklin Primary students on February 6. WQED will be filming this session, and Dr. Policastro is hoping that Steel Valley receives the grant for next year. Mrs. Cannon thanked Dr. Policastro for acquiring the grant from WQED this school year.
- At the February 15 inservice day, K-2 teachers will be learning Reading strategies and teachers in grades 3-5 will receive training on SuccessMaker.
- Reported that the K-5 science curriculum is available, and the teachers continue their work on the pacing guides.

### **Solicitor's Report**

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to authorize readmission of a minor male student to the Senior High School effective January 23, 2008.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Tim McCallister moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the following: November 27, 2007 Worksession Meeting, December 4, 2007 Reorganization Meeting, December 4, 2007 Regular Meeting and the December 18, 2007 Special Meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Abstain: Ducar, Ed McCallister and Natale on minutes of November 27, 2007. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Student Representatives to the School Board**

No report

### **Financial Management**

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

- General Fund invoices for December 2007 in the amount of \$835,487.62
- General Fund hand checks for November 2007 in the amount of \$388,501.15
- General Fund hand checks for December 2007 in the amount of \$896,915.36
- Payroll Funding Transfers for November and December 2007
- Treasurer's Report for October 2007
- General Fund Revenue Report for November 2007
- General Fund Expenditure Report for November 2007
- Food Service invoices for December 2007 in the amount of \$52,402.66
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses for the month ending November 30, 2007
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending November 30, 2007
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending November 30, 2007
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$38,324.43
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$10,263.45
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$1,104.59
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$1,025.80
- Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to Munhall Ventures I LP for Lot & Block 130-H-10 and 130-H-75 for years 2006 and

2007, in the amount of \$9,003.25 as a result of a change in assessment

- Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to LandAmerica Loancare Servicing Center for year 2007 in the amount of \$1,444.39 erroneously paid by Loancare Servicing Center for Lot & Block 182-K-162
- Enter into the board meeting minutes letters from the Department of Education regarding PlanCon Part K (Lease 034543) General Obligation Bonds Series B of 2003 to refund a portion of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1993 (Lease 933543)

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Bartko on Item 1.1.10 (Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense). Motion carried.

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

- The 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget as presented and authorize the Director of Operational Services to advertise that the district will be seeking approval from the Department of Education for any referendum exceptions which are applicable to the district
- The renewal of the district's School Leaders' Legal Liability Insurance coverage for the period February 8, 2008, through and including February 8, 2009, at a cost of \$16,781 through School Boards Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **Operations**

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented

- Payment of \$1,410.72 to Sunray Electric due to increased cost of the purchase of hand dryers
- Authorize the Board Secretary to advertise for bids for the replacement of cafeteria equipment
- Authorize the Board Secretary to advertise for bids for the purchase of weapons detectors that are in compliance with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards 0601.02
- Authorize the Board Secretary to advertise for bids for the purchase of wall mounted clocks for the middle school/high school complex to be funded from Capital Projects 2005 fund not to exceed \$24,000

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Bartko on Item 2.3 (Payment to Sunray Electric) and Item 2.6 (Authorization to advertise for bids for purchase of wall clocks). Abstain: Ed McCallister on Item 2.1 (Facility rental requests) and Item 2.2 (Fundraising requests) Motion carried.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- Attendance of High School History Club members and chaperones to Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, Jamestown and Yorktown in Virginia on May 24-26, 2008, at no cost to the school district
- Attendance of High School Applied Science students to compete in the Envirothon at the Family Retreat Center in Mars, PA, on April 25, 2008, with transportation costs paid by the school district
- Attendance of High School Applied Science students to tour the Jennings Environmental Education Center on May 9, 2008, at no cost to the school district
- Authorize establishing a Steel Valley High School Bowling Club Team to compete in the WPIBL and authorize the administration to negotiate a supplemental stipend beginning with the 2007-2008 school year with the Steel Valley Education

Association under the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

- Attendance of the Marching Band to Magic Music Days in Orlando, Florida, from April 3-10, 2008
- Attendance of the High School Baseball team grades 10-12 to Cocoa Expo in Cocoa, Florida, from March 18-22, 2008

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Special Assignments**

No report

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- The donation of \$250 from Michael and Jill Callahan for use in the five school buildings as needed
- The donation of elementary library books from John and Judy Merisko for Park Elementary School Library in memory of their son John Merisko

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Personnel Management**

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- Unpaid family medical leave of absence for Karen Catterall commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave days and Sick Leave Bank Days, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration



- Unpaid family medical leave of absence for Tracy McGrew beginning on January 23 through February 13, 2008
- Appoint Jenny Marie Walker to a long-term substitute position prorated upon Step 1 Bachelor's salary retroactive to January 7, 2008, contingent upon receipt of health examination form and screening for controlled substances
- James Nemeth, Shari Koroly-Fetzko, Stephanie Maskiewicz, Molli Brown, KyLee Parson, Jill Wassell, Ryan Siniawski, Benjamin Laughton and Kristin Slemmer as day-to-day substitutes at \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> day
- Retroactively appoint Vonnie Smid and Katie Pugh to the position of tutor at a rate of \$30 per hour according to the EAP Tutoring grant
- Vincent Natale as the Steel Valley Board of Directors' representative to the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation Board of Directors through December 31, 2008
- Retroactively approve a family medical leave of absence for Joel Tatrai commencing November 14, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Alicia Fonos as a substitute secretary at the rate of \$7.15 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, Act 114 and Act 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Accept the resignation of Bill Thomas from the Head Coach Girls' High School Varsity Soccer position and Anthony Natale from the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball coaching position
- Susan Salapa, Tim Vickers, Pat Loughran, Brian Neal, Patrick Connelly, Katie Pugh, Matt Janov, Glenn Guckes, Edward Tozzi, Matt Kuney, Eric Jabs, Emilee Bedillion, and Mike Hofbauer to the supplemental positions

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Natale on Item 6.4 (KyLee Parson as day-to-day substitute). Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Paula Borsch asked questions on the audit findings, PSSA scores, (Jill Fleming-Salopek addressed questions), are all

administrators certified and asked if there is a list of teachers/administrators and their certifications.

- Donna Dreshman asked about the \$790,000 tax refund and what is the process for other taxing authorities to be notified when an appeal is filed. Mr. Cherpak will check with Mr. Fetzko.
- Tera Haley commented that her child left a coat in a classroom on January 3, 3008, and the guards did not permit her to get it. Ms. Denise Williams and Mr. Walsh assisted the student.

### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Tim McCallister moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.