

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
March 25, 2008

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Ducar (arrived at 7:31 p.m.)

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

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Charles Robert Hogg, Sr.*, grandfather of Amy Hogg, Barrett teacher and husband of Agnes Patterson Hogg, former Steel Valley employee; *Elaine Smid*, mother of Vonnie Smid, high school teacher; *Jane Fetcho*, 1977 Steel Valley graduate; *Edward Fetcho*, 1976 Steel Valley graduate; *Phillip Sandlin, Sr.*, uncle of Larry McKern, middle school teacher; *Jessie Patterson*, grandmother of Maribeth Meals, Barrett teacher; *Jeff Fletchen*, uncle of Tracey McGrew, high school teacher; *Robert Septak*, uncle of Mickey Pavasko, Barrett custodian; *Dorothy Blahut*, aunt of Sharon Ellis, high school teacher; *Art Munizza*, uncle of Melissa Pentin; middle school teacher; *Rosemary Davis*, aunt of Tammy Law, Park School teacher; *Mary Ann Sanbura*, cousin of Tammy Law, Park School teacher and *Ray M. Kosko*, brother of Norm Kosko, Barrett custodian.

Mrs. Terrick 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: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

An executive session was called at 7:35 p.m. by Tim McCallister and the regular session was called back to order at 7:50 p.m.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mrs. Paula Borsch questioned the following: Why the executive session was called, why a motion to adopt a resolution for Board members to vote by telephone at public meetings, what is the criteria for Board members to vote by phone and how will this impact the role of Board members missing two consecutive meetings?
Regarding the following agenda items: Item 1.1.07 (Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expense for February), this will be the last statement, Item 2.0 (Operations) is installation included in bid prices and Item 6.10 (Wrestling Club as a new student activity) how many wrestling candidates?
Regarding the following personnel items on the agenda: Item 6.6 (day-to-day substitutes), Item 6.7 (day-to-day substitutes), Item 6.8 (tutor for the EAP Tutoring program), Item 6.13 (long-term substitute French instructor), are any relatives and are all certified in Pennsylvania? Regarding Item 6.9 (appointing School Board Trustee for Southeastern Region of ACSHIC) there is confusion on the motion and a question was asked where are these people from?
- Mrs. Colleen Fedor asked what is the criteria for Board members to call in to vote, why the French teachers were changed three times this year, AYP at the high school is not being met and what in the budget will address this, and thanked the Board for adding a bowling team and band parents are eager to hire a director.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman asked for copies of Items 1.1.09 (Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense

for February 2008), Item 2.1 and 2.2 (Facility rental and fundraising requests). Regarding Item 5.1 (2008-2009 school calendar) the first day of school is August 28, 2008 and the last day is June 9, 2009, Item 6.7 (day-to-day substitutes), do all individuals live in this area? The answer is yes.

Additional questions: Any other things discussed in executive session that should not have been and how will votes be handled on phones?

President's Comments

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- Announced the annual Family Night Out Literacy Fair event would be held on Wednesday, April 9, at Franklin Primary Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Parents and their children will have the opportunity to register for Kindergarten and meet the principal, teachers and staff. Dr. Kinavey encouraged families that have children ages 0 to 5 to attend and receive a free copy of *A Guide to Your Child's Literacy*.
- There will be no school for students on Friday, April 4.
- Announced that the School Action Committee awarded Great Idea grants to Park School teachers Judith Stokes and Kevin Tomasic for *Chess Mates* in the amount of \$790 and to Barrett teacher Shanna Bradfield in the amount of \$406 for *Opening Doors*. The district has received 127 Great Idea grants over 12 years.
- PSSA Math and Reading tests will be administered next week in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11.
- Congratulations to Thomas Barefoot, Katie Bennett and Michael Terrick who competed on KDKA's Hometown High Q in March.
- The annual Community Meet and Mingle will be held Wednesday, April 23, from 8:30-10:30a.m. in the high school cafeteria. The Steel Valley Middle School will be in the spotlight featuring the 8th grade chorus and a special piano

performance by Aaron Faux. Dr. Kinavey will provide an overview of the district's accomplishments with special emphasis on the middle school achievements.

- The Chamber of Commerce will recognize two middle school students and two senior students at the Outstanding Citizens Dinner being held Thursday, April 17, at the Westwood Golf Club. Elementary Academic Literacy Coach Priscilla Jackman will be recognized as the Educator of the Year, and Bill Campbell will receive the Lifetime achievement Award.
- The middle school students raised \$2,788.60 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital for the 17th consecutive year. Sixty students participated in a Math-A-thon and Student Council members sold hearts for \$1 each. Dr. Kinavey thanked Mrs. Beth McCallister and Mrs. Denise Williams for their commitment for this fundraiser.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that the Bureau of Special Education would perform a Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) monitoring during the week of May 19. Letters will be mailed to all parents of special needs students regarding this monitoring.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology

Mr. Colebank:

- After school tutoring has been available for 11th grade students prior to the PSSA next week. The PSSA Science testing of students in grades 4, 8 and 11 will begin April 28.
- Report cards will be distributed the week of April 7.
- The Dual Enrollment Committee is holding an informational meeting for parents of sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium to address the parents about the benefits of attending college while still in high school.

- Asked parents to complete the Middle States Accreditation surveys found on the Steel Valley Website (www.svsd.k12.pa.us).
- A new Activities/Athletic link has been added to the SV Website. The link includes information about Steel Valley sports and clubs. Mr. Colebank will also be adding a guidance department link in the near future. The daily game times and locations will be added to the Athletic/Activities Office telephone system.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro:

- Announced that Charlie Batch and local dignitaries would be at Franklin Primary Center to kick off a *Live with Vision* endeavor. Kindergarten students will receive free vision screenings on Friday, March 28.

Student Representatives to the Board

No report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ducar moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to adopt the resolution permanently expelling a minor female student. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Terrick moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to adopt a resolution that allows members of the Steel Valley Board of School Directors to cast votes by telephone at a public meeting when School Board members are unable to attend the meeting due to personal or family emergencies, sickness or work related commitments. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Kubancsek, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Ducar, Ed McCallister, Natale and Olson. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tim McCallister moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the worksession minutes of February 19, 2008, and the regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2008. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Abstain: Ducar on February 26 minutes and Ed McCallister on February 19 and 26, 2008, minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

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

- General Fund invoices for March 2008 in the amount of \$625,193.53
- General Fund hand checks for February 2008 in the amount of \$390,101.21
- Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for January 2008
- General Fund Expenditure Report for January 2008
- Food Service invoices for February 2008 in the amount of \$60,970.86
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses for the month ending February 29, 2008
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 29, 2008
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 29, 2008
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$9,990.04
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$1,426.23
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$330.00
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$24,620.08

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Terrick on Item 1.1.01 (payments to Dobosh Service Center for purchase of a spreader for \$139.99 and a snow blower for \$349.99, and repairs for equipment for \$110.50). Motion carried.

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests
- Fundraising requests
- Award bid for 54 wall mounted clocks, which includes materials, installation, support and maintenance to Simplex Grinnel at their bid price of \$22,600, to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Award bid for weapons detectors, installation, support, maintenance and training to CEIA-USA at their bid price of \$16,328.70 contingent upon satisfactory demonstration of operation in the high school facility
- Award bid for the purchase of a 2008 Econoline Ford truck to Davies Ford, Inc., at the quoted price of \$23,382, to be paid from the general fund
- Reject bids received in November 2007 for security services for school year 2008-2009 and authorize the Board Secretary to re-advertise for security services for the 2008-2009 school year
- Authorize the Board Secretary to advertise for bids for replacement of the filter and heating system for the high school swimming pool to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Award bid for replacement cafeteria equipment, which includes two convection steamers, two fryers, two proofing/holding cabinets and the appropriate peripheral equipment to B&J Peerless Restaurant Supply at their price of \$38,679.29 including installation, to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund

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

Co-Curricular Leadership

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

- The attendance of students and chaperones to The Future is Mine Conference in Pittsburgh on April 24 & 25, 2008, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of six students and Mrs. Kapolka to the Teen Institute Leadership Training at Linden Hall on April 24 & 25, 2008, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of the Steel Valley Swim Team, coaches and chaperones to Splash Lagoon in Erie, Pennsylvania, on March 26, 2008, at a cost of \$250 for transportation to be paid from the Swim Team account
- Payment of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to support the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2008
- The attendance of the members of the Fly Fishing Club and chaperones to Warwick Pond in Greene County on April 19, 2008, at no cost to the district

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

Special Assignments

- Mr. Natale has a copy of the minutes from the Enterprise Zone meeting.
- Mrs. Bartko will be the representative on the vocational technical schools.

Educational Leadership

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

- Adopt the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented
- The Allegheny Intermediate Unit's 2008-2009 Program of Services Budget totaling \$3,782,025

- Adopt the K-5 Science Curriculum Guides for the Steel Valley Elementary Schools
- Adopt the K-5 Math Curriculum Guides for the Steel Valley Elementary Schools
- A 5-year Master Agreement between the school district and the Pennsylvania Department of Education from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013

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

Personnel Management

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

- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for LuAnne Szczypinski commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave days through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Brandi Chalus commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave and personal days through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Michelle Blasko commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave and personal days through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Amy Hogg commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave and personal days through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- Retroactively accept the resignation of Danielle Rutkowski from the position of Special Education teacher effective March 7, 2008
- Retroactively accept the resignation of Jenny Walker from the position of long-term substitute in the area of French effective March 14, 2008

- Amie Erickson, Meredith Andrus and Loren Faulx as day-to-day substitutes for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year

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

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

- Joseph Vozza, Claudia Marcello, Rachael Zenobi, Wendi Weller, Jessica Wade and Luke Stedrak as day-to-day substitutes for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- Retroactively appoint Jill Wassell to the position of tutor at a rate of \$30 per hour for the EAP Tutoring program
- To vote for John Schmotzer as a School Board Trustee for the Southeastern Region of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for a two-year period effective April 8, 2008
- Approve a Middle School Wrestling Club as a new student activity for the 2008-2009 school year
- Appoint Drew Vautier to the supplemental position of Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2008-2009 school year
- Approve a supplemental stipend for the High School Visual Arts Club sponsor of \$977.88 for the 2007-2008 school year and a 5% increase each year of the current collective bargaining agreement
- Appoint Anita Weisel to the position of long-term substitute French instructor assigned to the Senior High School retroactive to March 18, 2008, contingent upon passing the screening for controlled substances within 30 days or the position will be re-opened.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative on Item 6.11 (Appointment of Drew Vautier as Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach.): Bartko, Cannon, Kubancsek, Natale, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Abstain: Olson. Motion carried, except Item 6.11 failed.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.