

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

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tim McCallister, President at 7:35 p.m.

In attendance: Mrs. Bartko, Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Ducar, Mr. Ed McCallister, Mr. Natale, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Terrick and Mr. Tim McCallister

Absent: Mrs. Kubancsek (Due to a medical reason, however, Mrs. Kubancsek was connected via telephone to cast her vote as items needing action were presented for the Board's approval.)

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

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

**Acknowledgements**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Olive M. Rock*, mother of Janet Brezicky, high school teacher; *Mary Penta*, grandmother of Dianne Cornetta, former secretary in the Superintendent's Office; *Irene E. Bodnar*; mother of Priscilla Jackman, Elementary Academic Literacy Coach; *Edward L. Wargo*, brother of Bob Wargo, former Board member; *Adam John Otlano*, former Steel Valley student.

**Mrs. Terrick moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed and to offer the condolences and sympathy of the Board and the Administration to the families of the deceased.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

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

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

- Ms. Donna Dreshman questioned if anyone checked the School Code on the procedure of call-in votes and asked for copies of the following Items: 1.1.07 (Capital Projects 2005 Statement for March 2008), 1.1.08 (Foundation for Education Statement for March 2008), 2.1 (Facility rental requests), 2.2 (Fundraising requests). Additional comments regarding the following items: Item 2.3 (Change in Board meeting dates for May and June), student choral concert will conflict with a May 13 worksession), Item 2.9 (Roof replacement at Park Elementary), a 20-year guarantee on the roof, Item 2.10 (Installation of CCTV system) will cameras be installed in all buildings? The answer was yes. Item 3.3 (Students attending Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio) will Park School be included? Item 6.4 (Additional substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year) are any relatives and are all certified? (Item 6.5) (Discussion only item on the position of Middle School Dean of Students) what is the item and why was it pulled from the agenda
- Mrs. Colleen Fedor questioned Mrs. Terrick on Dr. Kinavey's expenses, Mrs. Bartko on Canova Electric, why the wage tax position was not added to the agenda and why Item 6.6 (Educational Goals for 2008-2009) was moved to the Superintendent's Report, Item 2.10 (Installation of CCTV System) and will procedures be developed to govern who has access to cameras?  
The Board should reconsider tutoring during the day.

### **President's Comments**

No report

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Recognized the accomplishments of Sophomore Ajoura Gwinn, National Winner of the Young Adult Library Services Association Wrestlemania Reading Challenge. Ajoura won two tickets to Wrestlemania 24, an all-expense paid trip for two to Orlando, Florida, and \$2,000 for the Carnegie Library of Homestead. Miss Gwinn will also be competing this summer in the International Presentation for Performers. Mr. Ducar offered to ask Mr. Campbell to assist with expenses for this trip.
- Middle School Teachers Bryan Macuga and Larry McKern demonstrated the technology utilized in the middle school classrooms. A new textbook series was purchased for grades 6, 7 and 8, and students have access to the textbooks online. Teachers are using an integrated approach with the textbooks to address the science standards. Eight computers, an LCD projector, a DVD player and an airliner are used in the classrooms for lab videos, research, projects and reinforcement of the material.
- Third grade students from Park Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. Denise Blasko and Mr. William Gentile performed *What a Wonderful World* using sign language.
- Dr. Tully reported that the Parent Night Out/Literacy Fair coordinated by the Student Literacy Team (formerly Student Learning Team) was a tremendous success. Ninety families and over 100 children participated in parenting and CPR classes as well as age appropriate activities for the children. Sixty students were enrolled for Kindergarten for the 2008-2009 school year. Volunteers recognized for their work and dedication were: Bobbi Vargo, Maria Heddleston, Priscilla Jackman, Lori Kenavey, Kathy Grimm, Mary Lou McConnell, Bethany Fenyus, Lori Mehalik, Bill Edwards, Jen Awenowicz, Christy Ruffing, Deirdre Kamauf, Julie Angelilli, Bridget Ellis, Kim Gennari, Sue Kaufold, Dan Condosta, Dianne Cain, Leisel Lengyel, Dana White, Sherri Titmus, Chief Irvin Williams, Dr. Mary Cay Rojtas-Milliner, Michelle Maddigan, Terri Hoffman, Jill Fleming-Salopek, Lisa Szczepankowski, Amy Ruffing, Vicki Deutsch, Dee Lewis, Ed Wehrer, Vince Natale, Karen Bayus, Traci Riley, Dr. Linda Croushore, Sharon Fisher and Dr. Beth Tully.
- Dr. Kinavey shared his educational goals for the 2008-2009 school year: Enhance communication; continue school safety

practices; address requirements of No Child Left Behind; update and review curriculum; maintain financial integrity; improve graduation rate.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services**

No report

### **Student Representatives' Report**

Thomas Barefoot

Miriam MacBeth

- Christian Maola was voted Mr. Steel Valley. Seniors Carolyn Foley and AJ Breznai were recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizens Dinner and received \$500 scholarships.
- On Tuesday, April 29, students will be demonstrating the new science technology funded by the state through the Classrooms for the Future grant. The community is invited to attend.
- The Prom will be held May 23 at the Omni William Penn Hotel.
- Park School will hold its All School Musical Review on Friday. Park School students are also celebrating Earth Week and cleaning up the school grounds.
- Barrett School held a breakfast for Moms on Tuesday and over 300 moms and children participated.
- Kennywood ticket sales will be held in all buildings on May 7.
- Barrett and Park Elementary students will have their artwork on display at Artspace 105 Gallery from May 8-10.
- Thomas Barefoot thanked the Board for the opportunity to contribute as the Student Representative to the Board.

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

Mr. Colebank:

- A Parent Information Meeting regarding Dual Enrollment would be held on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school.

- The high school will be showcasing the latest science technology received thanks to the Classrooms for the Future grant. *Flip the Switch* event will be held Tuesday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. Students will provide demonstrations of the new equipment. The community is invited to attend.

### **Director of Elementary Education**

Dr. Policastro:

- Announced that Park School students would perform their All School Musical Review on Friday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

### **Solicitor's Report**

No report

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Tim McCallister moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to approve the worksession minutes of March 18, 2008, and the regular meeting minutes of March 25, 2008.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Abstain: Bartko and Ed McCallister on minutes of March 18, 2008. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Management**

Mr. Ed McCallister resigned from the Financial Management Committee.

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

- General Fund invoices for April 2008 in the amount of \$515,749.71

- General Fund hand checks for March 2008 in the amount of \$619,593.93
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for February 2008
- General Fund Expenditure Report for February 2008
- Food Service invoices for March 2008 in the amount of \$42,233.96
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2008
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2008
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$27,486.71
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$27,520.82
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$3,335.55
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$7,261.94

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bartko, Cannon, Ducar, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Terrick on invoice numbers 101773, 101941, 102655, 12052 from Fagan Sanitary Supply. Motion carried.

**Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve to open the position of solicitor and request proposals for the position of solicitor effective July 1, 2008.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Natale and Olson. Negative: Bartko, Cannon, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Motion failed.

**Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve to open the position of delinquent real estate tax collector and request proposals for the position of delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2008.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Natale and Olson. Negative: Bartko, Cannon, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Motion failed.

**Mr. Natale moved and Mr. Ducar seconded the motion to approve to open the position of special counsel and request proposals for such work effective July 1, 2008.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Natale, Olson, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Negative: Bartko, Cannon, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister. Motion carried.

**Mr. Ducar moved and Mr. Natale seconded the motion to approve to open the position of Act 511 tax collector and request proposals for the position of Act 511 tax collector.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ducar, Natale and Olson. Negative: Bartko, Cannon, Kubancsek, Ed McCallister, Terrick and Tim McCallister. Motion failed.

## **Operations**

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

- Facility rental request as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- The change and the advertisement of the Board meeting dates from May 20, 27 and June 30 to May 12, 20 and June 24, 2008, for the 2008-2009 budget adoption
- Award bid for renovation of the current sound system in the high school/middle school auditorium to CZ Sound at a price of \$23,526.50, to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Approve the renewal of the Software Maintenance Agreement with ProSoft Technologies, Inc., effective July 1, 2008, for the 2008-2009 school year at a monthly cost of \$1,585.00
- Award bid for installation of two (2) grease interceptors to Hruska Plumbing at a price of \$9,200.00, per specifications to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Award bid for enclosing the dock area of the middle school/high school complex to AB Specialties, Inc., per specifications at a price of \$48,740.00 to be paid from Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Award a three-year AHERA required re-inspection service to Environmental and Safety Training, Inc., at a cost of \$995.00
- Award bid for roof replacement at Park Elementary School to Phoenix Roofing per specifications at a price of \$449,000.00, to be paid from Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Award bid for installation of a closed circuit television system per specifications to Dagostino Electronics at the price of \$184,217.00, which includes equipment, installation and three

years of maintenance, 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: Terrick on Item 2.6 (Awarding bid for installation of grease interceptors to Hruska Plumbing). Item 2.3 (the proposal for change of dates for Board meetings was changed to May 12 from May 13). Motion carried.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

- The attendance of Park School's third grade students and chaperones to Laurel Caverns in Hopwood, Pennsylvania, on April 30, 2008, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of Barrett School's third grade students and chaperones to Laurel Caverns in Hopwood, Pennsylvania, on May 22, 2008, at no cost to the district
- The attendance of 30 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and 70 Middle School students to the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on May 15, 2008, at no cost to the school 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**

No report

### **Educational Leadership**

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

- To accept the donation of a Spinnet piano to the Senior High School from Mrs. Flo Barnett



- To adopt the resolution opposing the proposed state high school graduation competency assessments

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

- An unpaid family medical leave of absence for Beth Catterall 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 Mary Ellen Totin retroactive to March 25, 2008, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Kelly Luznar, Jamie Thompson, Danielle Sloan, Jessica Zuber, Erin Tisot as day-to-day substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year
- Stephanie Hilewick, Daniel Pomposelli, Rebecca Harrison, Amanda McCarthy, Melanie Tunney, Louis Colorito, Melissa Stump, Marc DiSilivio, Ashley Majernik as day-to-day substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year
- Traci L. Riley as a substitute in the food service department at \$7.15 per hour and no benefits contingent upon receipt of an acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days

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

### **Citizen Comments**

- Ms. Donna Dreshman commented on the following: Alternative schooling locations, razing Woodlawn and the cost projection, and one person down on the Finance Committee what will be done
- Mr. Rick Brennan had questions on the plumbing quotes and what are the next steps.

### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.