



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
October 27, 2009**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Janice Fletcher Holyfield, retired elementary teacher; Dr. Carol McKenna, retired elementary teacher; Robert Kondas, father of Kim Weightman, public relations specialist and uncle of Denise Williams, high school teacher; Robert Milie, uncle of Jennifer Awenowicz, kindergarten teacher; Adam Fetcher, cousin of Tracy McGrew, middle school teacher; Genevieve Hallas, sister-in-law of Janet Brezicky, high school teacher; and Toni Coletta, aunt of Linda Terrick, Park School teacher. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mr. Olson to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Student Representative's Report

Senior Board Representative Kaitlyn Baran reported that homecoming was a success. Miss Selena Brown was crowned homecoming queen and Mr. Armani Davis was named homecoming king. A pep rally was held at all schools. The junior girls were the victors over the seniors this year in the powder puff football game. The varsity girls' soccer team made the playoffs.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized four individuals who assisted a high school student who was injured while walking home from school. Mrs. Betty Lyons, Mrs. Mary Lou McConnell, Mr. Matthew Simpson and Ms. Deborah Herriott all stopped to assist this young man, call 911 and notify his parents. Their extra effort on behalf of the student was greatly appreciated.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced that the annual Make-A-Wish parade would be held on October 30 by Park Elementary students and staff. The goal is to raise money to grant one child a wish.

The elementary schools will celebrate Veterans Day with programs on November 6 at Barrett Elementary School and November 13 at Park Elementary School. The local firemen and women taught all elementary students fire prevention measures.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank reported that 12th grade students are retaking the PSSA tests and make-up tests for 4Sight assessment are occurring this week. Grades are due Wednesday, November 4. Report cards will be distributed Monday, November 9. The official report card for the school district will be posted on the Steel Valley website.

Mr. Colebank invited community members, students and school board members to be part of the Middle States Evaluation committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Mr. Colebank.

He reported that additional hand sanitizers have been installed in all buildings, and special cleaners are being used on desks and other surfaces.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing for a limited period of time a compromise of interest due on delinquent real estate taxes, interest and penalty on 511 taxes, establishing standards to be eligible for said compromise allowing the delinquent tax collector or his designee to review the application to determine which application meets the standards required, and the authority to accept such compromise, or petition the Court of Common Pleas to accept a compromise where appropriate

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

- September 15, 2009 special board meeting
- September 15, 2009 worksession meeting
- September 22, 2009 board meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for October 2009 in the amount of \$673,740.74
- General Fund hand checks for September 2009 in the amount of \$438,642.17
- Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2009
- Treasurer's Reports for August 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for August 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for September 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for August 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for September 2009
- Food Service Invoices for October 2009 in the amount of \$61,213.46
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending September 30, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending September 30, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$19,991.35
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$18,062.50
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$7,787.79
- Authorized the Board Secretary to execute a Transportation Agreement between the school district and the parents of a student for reimbursement to be paid from the district at the current IRS approved rate per mile effective October 28, 2009
- Converted from the existing CMS SWAP to Basis SWAP with adjustments
- Authorized the administration to repay the \$2.7 million Tax Anticipation Note to Citizens Bank, contingent upon the district's receipt of the October 2009 subsidy payments
- Authorized a real estate tax refund to William Dolney in the amount of \$1,203.91 for year 2009 due to a change to tax exempt status

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- 2010 board meeting dates as presented

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Payment of \$800 for the services of Steve Maffei DJs at the prom to be held at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh in Greentree on May 28, 2010
- Creation of a new student activity of Architecture Club for high school students with Randy Zirkle as a volunteer sponsor
- Creation of The Future is Mine (TFIM) as a new supplemental student organization and grant the administration permission to negotiate a supplemental stipend with the Steel Valley Education Association for the 2009-2010 school year
- Recognized the Steel Valley Youth Wrestling Association as an active youth organization
- Retroactively approved attendance of the Marching Band in the Chapter Band Championship on October 24, 2009, at Connellsville Area High School
- Attendance of the Marching Band in the Atlantic Coast Band Championship on November 1, 2009, in Hershey, Pennsylvania
- Attendance of the History Club and chaperones to Boston, Massachusetts, to tour historic sites on May 28-31, 2010, at no cost to the district

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- Held second reading and adopted Policy No. 140 Title I Districtwide Parental Involvement and Policy No. 140.4 Title I Parent Involvement Park Elementary School Program
- Held second reading and adopted Policy No. 248 Unlawful Harassment
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy No. 121 Field Trips

Educational Leadership

- Authorized the Letter of Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide nonpublic school services in the amount of \$131,084 to low income students at St. Therese and Ascension Schools for the 2009-2010 school year

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Appointed Amy Gusky to the position of Chemistry teacher assigned to the Senior High School with salary and benefits based upon Master's step 1 retroactive to the start of the 2009-2010 school year
- Appointed Nicole Waters to a long-term substitute position of 5th grade elementary teacher assigned to Barrett Elementary School with salary and benefits based upon Bachelors' step 2 retroactive to the start of the 2009-2010 school year through the end of the first semester
- Appointed Brian Keesecker to a long-term substitute position in Kindergarten assigned to Franklin Primary Center with salary and benefits based upon Bachelor's step 2 retroactive to the start of the 2009-2010 school year
- Denied four (4) unpaid days of absence for Mary Ellen Totin from October 19-22, 2009, for the purpose of handling a family matter
- Approved Natalie Moreland and Erin Bryan-Reeder as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Appointed Sue Olsen to the supplemental position of Science Department Head effective October 28, 2009
- Approved Jake Hess as the 7th/8th grade boys basketball coach, Kevin Tomasic as the varsity boys assistant basketball coach, Mike Cullen as the varsity boys volleyball head coach, Shane Lucas as the varsity boys assistant volleyball coach and Lyndee Rozier as the middle school cheerleading coach for the 2009-2010 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances
- Approved a family medical leave of absence for Grace James retroactive to September 28, 2009,

and ending on or about October 26, 2009

- Approved Joshua Adams as a substitute instructional aide at an hourly rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Approved the school volunteers as listed for the 2009-2010 school year, contingent upon receipt of current Act 34 and 151 clearances on those noted

Mrs. Kubancsek announced that a replenishing blood drive and bone marrow testing will occur on Sunday, November 15, at St. Therese Church for 2000 Steel Valley graduate Jacqui Konop Buckley.