



## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting**  
December 6, 2011

### **Re-organization**

Meeting Munhall Mayor Raymond Bodnar conducted the swearing in ceremony of the re-elected and newly elected board members: Donald Bajus, Beth Cannon, Donna Kiefer, Vincent Natale and Thomas Olson. Congratulations to Mrs. Cannon who was elected President and Mr. Natale who was elected Vice President of the Board of School Directors for 2012. This is Mrs. Cannon's 3rd term as President and Mr. Natale's 1st term as Vice President.

The Board acknowledged the passing of John J. Ellis, grandfather of Bridget Ellis, high school teacher; Francis J. Haley, Jr., uncle of LuAnne Szczypinski, Barrett teacher; Fred Warnik, brother of Kathy Marzec, Barrett teacher; Elizabeth Dindak, wife of West Homestead Mayor John Dindak and mother of West Homestead Tax Collector Lisa Guckes; James R. Andrews, Sr., uncle of Marilyn Zabelsky, Park School teacher; Raymond Bands, father-in-law of Mike Hofbauer, middle school teacher; Dorothy Miner, grandmother of Patty Semenko, substitute secretary and Park PTO President; George Goga, grandfather of Kelly Sabo, high school math teacher; and Alison Stright, sister-in-law of Kim Gennari, Park School teacher and mother of Alex and Bridget Stright, former Steel Valley teachers. It was moved by Mr. Natale and seconded by Mr. Olson place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

### **President's Comments**

Mrs. Cannon recognized Mayor Esper for her efforts organizing the Steel Valley Historic Parade on December 3. The Steel Valley School District was represented in the parade by the School Board, Homecoming Queen, Steel Valley Marching Band and Cheerleaders.

She also thanked Munhall Borough Public Works Director Larry Billy for filling the pothole at the top of the high school driveway.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Senior Student Representative Meghan Wolf reported that the winter sports—Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Swimming—have started their seasons. The high school choirs will be performing at the Allegheny County Courthouse, Pittsburgh International Airport, PPG Wintergarden and Phipps Conservatory this holiday season. Students will be dismissed early on December 23.

At Barrett Elementary School, Ms. States 3rd grade class is writing to their pen pals in a school in Paris, France. Mrs. Wilder's class is cooking every Wednesday to practice vowel sounds. Also, Pitt students are volunteering to tutor Barrett students.

## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized Board President Beth Cannon for 8 years of service on the School Board and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

He also recognized outgoing School Board Member Kim Kubancsek for 8 years of service on the School Board. In honor and recognition of her distinguished service to the children and citizens of the Steel Valley School District, library books have been placed into the elementary libraries in her honor. She will also receive an Honorary Steel Valley Gold Card for her Meritorious Service to the school community.

Mrs. Kubancsek served as Vice President of the School Board, a member of the Educational Leadership Committee, the Co-Curricular Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Negotiations Committee and on the Veterans Day Committee. Thank you to Mrs. Kubancsek for her dedication and contributions to the Steel Valley Schools.

Last month some of our elementary students and Art Teacher Roslyn Stulga participated in the creation and unveiling of a mosaic mural at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Mrs. Borges presented certificates to the following student participants: Tristan Wargo, Brett Forrester, Adelina Grusca, Ella Kornacki, Isabella Furrick, Natalya Butcher, Mark O'Leary, Monte Marshall, and Carlayjah Brookins.

Dr. Kinavey recognized the success of Michael Sniegocki who achieved the Extra Effort award for the 1st quarter from Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School in the area of Diesel Mechanics. Each quarter, instructors choose one student who demonstrates outstanding attitude, work ethic, attendance and dependability.

High School Principal Bryan Macuga recognized the outstanding students and fall sports teams for the 2011-2012 school year with Certificates of Recognition. The teams recognized were Varsity Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and the Marching Band. The Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer and Varsity Football teams earned spots in the WPIAL playoffs this season.

Mr. Colebank announced that parents and students may review student information on a daily basis through the EdLine Student Management System ([www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)). Teachers post grades, progress reports, attendance and discipline records on the system. There are also links for other resources and teacher notes.

### Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced the schedule for the elementary holiday concerts:

December 21	Park Elementary School	9:30 am and 1:00 pm
	Barrett Elementary School	1:30 pm
December 22	Franklin Primary Center	12:30 pm
	HS Auditorium	

The student early dismissal schedule on Friday, December 23, for the elementary schools is as follows:

Franklin Primary Center	12:00 noon
Barrett and Park Elementary Schools	12:30 pm

## Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that progress reports would be released on Friday, December 9. He announced the scheduled performances by the high school choirs as follows:

December 13	High School Choral Concert	7:00 pm
December 8	Allegheny County Courthouse	12:30 pm
December 14	PPG Wintergarden	12:00 noon
December 15	Pittsburgh International Airport	10:00 am
December 21	Phipps Conservator	6:00 pm

### Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of October 18 and 25, 2011.

### Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for November 2011 in the amount of \$598,065.42 with the exception of the Canova Electric bills
- General Fund hand checks for October 2011 in the amount of \$126,369.72
- Payroll Funding Transfers for October 2011
- Food Service invoices for November 2011 in the amount of \$192,237.89
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending October 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending October 31, 2011
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$15,813.13
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$2,308.50
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$22,088.08
- Authorized a real estate tax refund for year 2006, in the amount of \$12,871.81 to Inland American (First Commercial Real Estate), Lot & Block No. 89-R-226, because the taxes were paid on the wrong lot and block number
- Authorized a real estate tax refund for year 2007, in the amount of \$9,218.51 to Moody National Companies, Lot & Block No. 89-R-226, because the taxes were paid on the wrong lot and block number
- Authorized a real estate tax refund for year 2008, in the amount of \$9,218.51 to Moody National Companies, Lot & Block No. 89-R-226, because the taxes were paid on the wrong lot and block number
- Authorized a real estate tax refund for year 2010, as a result of a change in assessment, in the amount of \$1,646.26, to Steven Krasne for Homestead Properties LLC, Lot & Block No. 130-N-270
- Accepted the Performance Audit Report dated March 2011 /font>

### Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized district officials to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the school district and the three boroughs effective for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years presented.

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

## **Special Assignments**

The Board held a first reading of revisions to Policy No. 707 Use of School Facilities.  
The Board held a first reading of new Policy No. 836 Contracted Services.

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the schedule of dates and authorized the advertising of school board meetings for the upcoming 2012 year.

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following items:

- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Toni Besh retroactive to October 21, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Janet Brezicky retroactive to November 21, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Michael Altman beginning December 9, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Supplemental appointments as presented for the 2011-2012 school year retroactive to November 4, 2011
- Resolved Grievance #11-218 from the Steel Valley Education Association to pay a prorated supplemental stipend of \$754.69 as outlined in Appendix B of the supplemental contract
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Lois Habrat from the position of part-time secretary in the Office of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mary Lou McConnell from the position of paraprofessional at Franklin Primary Center effective at the close of business on January 13, 2012
- School volunteers listed for the 2011-2012 school year contingent upon receipt of appropriate Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Michelle Sniegocki as a substitute secretary and a substitute cafeteria worker for the 2011-2012 school year
- Accepted the retirement of Dr. William H. Kinavey effective July 24, 2012, according to the terms and conditions of his current employment contract
- Appointed Mary Jo Smith to the part-time secretary position in the Office of Pupil Services at an annual salary of \$8,000 with prorated fringe benefits per the current collective bargaining agreement effective on or about December 7, 2011, contingent upon receipt of Act 34, Act 151 and Act 114 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district\_s mandated screening for controlled substances which must be completed within 30 days