



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
April 24, 2012**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Andrew Zivinsky, cousin of Carole Sekura, website manager and Mary Jane Romesburg, aunt of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology. It was moved by Mr. Natale and seconded by Mr. Ducar to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Cannon congratulated the Middle School Drama Club on their performance of Cinderella. Mrs. Salapa directed the students in this comedy twist on the fairy tale. She also noted that the Bite of Broadway performed by the High School Drama Club was a great show.

Student Representatives' Reports

Miss Kacey Hartnett reported that the middle school students met with former police officer George Pumbo to discuss the importance of good decision-making, abstaining from drugs and alcohol and not bullying people who are different.

The middle school students are finishing up the PSSA Science assessments; the writing assessment was administered last week.

The middle school academic ceremony will be held on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium. The ceremony honors the middle school students who have maintained honor roll status throughout the year.

Senior Student Representative Meghan Wolf reported that the Student Government would be cleaning up the memorial garden at the high school on April 27.

The National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on May 4. The Prom will be held on May 11 at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville.

Seniors will begin finals week on May 14 through May 18. The freshmen, sophomore and junior classes will take their final exams the week of May 21.

On May 17, the Dr. Griffin Honor Awards Banquet will be held at St. John's Cathedral Center to honor the graduating seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

The baseball, softball and boys volleyball teams are having great seasons and it looks like all of the teams will make the playoffs.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized Steel Center student Daniel Smock for earning the Extra Effort Award in Computer Programming for the 3rd grading period. Board Member Tom Olson added that the instructors choose one student who demonstrates outstanding attitude, work ethic, attendance and dependability for this award. This honor reflects Daniel's achievement and success.

The school district is one of six districts in Allegheny County who was awarded a Keystones to Opportunities Grant to create a comprehensive literacy plan for ages birth through 12th grade. Steel Valley was awarded \$620,870 for Year 1 of the initiative. This was a collaborative effort between the school district, the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley Family Center to provide literacy programs and skills to all children. Dr. Kinavey recognized the following team members with a Certificate of Appreciation: Ed Colebank, Jodi Geyer, Beth McCallister, Bryan Macuga, Kevin Walsh, Maria Heddleston, Rob Shoemaker, Ellen Sabo, Dr. Linda Croushore, Pat Hein and Mary Paull.

Principal Sharon Fisher and Paraeducator Betty Lyons highlighted the Waterford Early Learning Labs located in the Franklin Primary Center, Park Elementary School and Barrett Elementary School. Students in kindergarten, first and second grades use the computer labs for one-half hour every day. The goal of these learning activities is to increase the reading scores of the children and expose them to technology.

Board Member Joseph Ducar reminded the audience that Mr. Bill Campbell provided the district with 85% of the funds to purchase the technology used throughout the school district.

Dr. Kinavey recognized the volunteers from each building. He distributed 'Steel Valley Volunteer' tote bags to each volunteer. Volunteers perform tasks, such as, chaperoning, fundraising, copying, decorating the buildings, working in the classroom, and tutoring.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced the dates and times of the following elementary activities and events:

- May 4 Kindergarten Move-Up Day
- May 9 Park School All School Revue High School Auditorium 1:00 p.m.
- May 10 Q & U Wedding Franklin Primary Center 9:00 a.m.
- May 10 Title I Family Night Carnival Barrett Elementary School 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- May 17 Borough Days Park Elementary School 1:00 p.m.
- May 17 Merit Day Barrett Elementary School 1:30 p.m.
- May 17 Big Box of Books Franklin Primary Center 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- May 23 Band & Choral Concert Park Elementary School 9:30 & 1:00
- May 24 Merit Day Park Elementary School 9:00 a.m.
- May 25 5th Grade Step Up Day
- May 30 Celebration in Education Park Elementary School

Board President Beth Cannon thanked the Park PTO for providing funds for the transportation of the students and staff to the high school for the All School Revue on May 9.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank announced the Promenade would be held on May 11 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The Prom will follow at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

The final progress reports will be distributed next week.

Mr. Colebank is finalizing the projected schedules for middle school and high school students for the 2012-2013 school year.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a resolution to expel a minor student from March 20, 2012, through March 19, 2013.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of the March 12, 2012 special meeting; March 20, 2012 worksession and the March 27, 2012 board meeting.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for April 2012 in the amount of \$461,335.73
- General Fund hand checks for March 2012 in the amount of \$480,995.26
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2012
- Food Service invoices for April 2012 in the amount of \$32,035.43
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$19,225.66
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,620.88
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,711.67
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$1,884.11

Operations

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Field trip for The Future is Mine students and chaperone to attend the annual conference at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center on April 26 & 27, 2012

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Keystones to Opportunities Grant in the amount of \$620,870 for Year 1 of the Initiative
- Ed Colebank, Jodi Geyer and two additional staff members to attend the Keystones to Opportunities New Grantee Conference in Gettysburg on May 14-16, 2012, as required

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for Kristie Spotti effective May 18, 2012, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Kasey Poorman and Nicole McClellan as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day

- Supplemental resignations of Jena Bence as cheerleading coach, Nicole Strom as assistant cheerleading coach, Gary Goga as girls volleyball coach and Kristen Gregory as marching band director
- Denied Grievance #12-221 from the Steel Valley Education Association due to its untimeliness and no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged

