



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
May 24, 2011**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Julius C. DePaolo, father of Vincent DePaolo, retired teacher; John Thomas Baker, uncle of Amber Thomas, school nurse; Velma Schcosky, aunt of Robert Capone, Park School Librarian; Mercedes R. Kinavey, aunt of Dr. Kinavey, Superintendent; and David Grace, father of middle school and high school students Alex, David, Nathan and Zachary Grace. It was moved by Mrs. Ballas and seconded by Mr. Olson to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon wished the senior class all the best in their future endeavors.

Student Representative_s Report

Senior School Board Representative Kaitlyn Baran reported that Park School students would be attending field trips throughout the month of May. Fifth grade students will participate in a Step-Up Day, which provides the students with an opportunity to tour the middle school and reconnect with 5th grade students from Barrett Elementary School.

Park Elementary will host its annual Merit Day celebration for 5th grade students at 9:00 a.m. on June 1.

Ms. Baran reported that the middle school held its annual Academic Awards Ceremony and awards were given to students with honors and perfect attendance.

She reported that the high school prom was a great event, and the annual Lawrence A. Griffin Senior Award Banquet was an outstanding dinner and awards ceremony. Seniors are taking their finals. The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held on May 6.

The Boys Baseball and Boys Volleyball teams made the WPIAL playoffs.

Commencement will be held on Friday, June 3, and high school students will be dismissed early. A Step-Up day for 8th graders will be held on June 3.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized Kaitlyn Baran's commitment to serving as the Student Representative to the School Board. She is the first student to serve all three years as Student Representative. On behalf of the School Board, Dr. Kinavey thanked Kaitlyn for her time in preparing the monthly reports to the School Board.

High School Principal Jeff Soles presented a report on the 9th Grade Initiative program that was developed this school year to help students transition from 8th to 9th grade. The team consisted of faculty members Ms. O'Toole, Mrs. Szott, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Gress, Ms. Luvara, Mr. Natale and team leader Mrs.

Reilly. Accomplishments included a 14% improvement in attendance, regular communications to parents on attendance and grades, students developed career goals, and the program united teachers, students, parents and the community.

Mrs. Reilly announced that it has been a pleasure to get to know all the 9th graders, and there is a unity among them as a class. Every month students were recognized for improving grades, completing homework, a positive attitude and contributions in class. The Students of the Month in May are as follows:

Math	Rykai Wright
History	Gabby Olson
Science	Derek Morrison
English	Dylan Balbach
Overall	Jennifer Brizes and Sharvel Pulliam

Dr. Kinavey presented a Certificate of Recognition to Andrew Chasko who achieved Top of the Shop distinction for the 2nd semester in Food Service at Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School.

Mrs. Jill Fleming-Salopek, Secondary Literacy Coach and English Department Head, presented Certificates of Recognition to the following middle school students who completed the Accelerated Reader goals. Their commitment has made a positive impact on their reading scores and earned them a field trip to Uno's to make their own pizza and to make an ice cream sundae. Recognition and thanks was also given to faculty members for their commitment to literacy—Coordinator Terrie Hoffman, Heather Huber, Rebecca Kristen, Jonathan Edwards, Susan Salapa, Melissa Walters, Bethany Fenyus and Steven Singer.

Ryan Rossey	Amanda Ruffing	Delaney Lewis
Betsy Novotny	Nick Borsch	Colby Templeton
Isis Cox	Serina Turner	Chyanne Sapien
Trevon Murtaza	Noah Alexandroff	Jake Eged
Derrick Wilkins	Adam Pasay	Luke Pasay
Savannah Merrill	Onjana Harrison	Karlana Lanza
Austin Riley	Elena Chaffin	Chyna Walker
Jessica Chau	Isaac Boehme	Cameron Brookins
Ryan Fossick	Matte Harmon	Isabelle Harris
Richmond Nguyen	Stephen Patsen	Imani Roberts
Michael Yano	Michael Spinnenweber	Tyaria Tomman
De Shell Fennell	Noah Lewkowicz	Isabella Coliainni
Krista Bayus	Alyxis Dunlevy	Lindsay Gratton
Jamaela Green	Tori Hunt	Aaron Kornacki
Evan Lasek	Reganne McMichael	Jolene Potoma
Annie Ribeau	Tomaiya Robinson	Nicole Scotillo
Gunnar Smith	Taraya Strother	Riley Tate
Nathan Tomasic	Daniel Urban	Haley McDonald

Also recognized were members of the *Steel Valley Literacy Team* consisting of parents, teachers, administrators, board members and community members. The Literacy Team under the direction of Mrs. Fleming-Salopek organized the annual literacy fair and kindergarten registration event held on April 28. One hundred fifty families attended and 50 students registered for kindergarten. This year a class for students transitioning from kindergarten to first grade was conducted. Literacy Team members recognized were:

Amy Ruffing	Susan Ballas	Beckie Campbell
Beth Stasik-Catterall	Bethany Fenyus	Bobbi Vargo
Bridget Ellis	Bryan Macuga	Christine Ruffing
Dan Condosta	Dee Lewis	Deirdre Kamauf
Denise Barron	Diana Borges	Dianne Cain
Ed Wehrer	Ellen Sabo	Jane Kulhanek
Jennifer Awenowicz	Jessica Andzelik	Julie Angelilli
Kim Gennari	Linda Croushore	Leisel Lengyel
Lori Kenavey	Lori Mehalik	Maria Heddleston
Mary Ann Wassel	Melissa Draganosky	Melissa Pentin
Michele Batch	Michelle Maddigan	Priscilla Jackman
Regina Takos	Patty Semenko	Tina Sapienza
Sharon Fisher	Sharon Kampe	Sherry Titmus
Terrie Hoffman	Vicki Deutsch	Vince Natale
William Edwards	Lisa Szczepankowski	Anne Davis
Lisa Logue	Crissi Furrick	Mary Lou McConnell
Betty Lyons	Mary Ellen Totin	

The Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) participate in a variety of activities presenting a positive message to students. Mrs. Fleming-Salopek and Mrs. Maddigan sponsor the group of students. Vice President of SADD, Jacque Joll, presented a plaque to the School Board recognizing SADD's participation in the annual conference. Mrs. Cannon recognized Mrs. Fleming-Salopek for her commitment and dedication to the students and programs in the district. The following members of SADD were recognized with Certificates of Recognition:

Kenny Baurle	Kelly Bennett	Keith Blasko
Ben Bobick	Lyric Brimage	Ariel Busche
Chelsea Cannon	Melissa Cerda	Chris Cerda
Mardeja Chapple	Samantha Clark	Jessica Coddington
Lindsay Connors	Jarred Copeland	Jacquelyn DiGiannurio
Madison Divers	Taylor Douglas	Lauren Drane
Kelli Findlay	Allie Fisher	Jaquinn Ford
Audrey Gardner	Chelsea Greenhow	Kelsey Haley
John Harrison	Julie Hebert	Scott Hinkle
Jacque Joll	Melissa Kelley	Corey Keyes
Miranda Ladik	Ashley McCallister	Sean McShane
Shannon McShane	Katie Miller	Paige Mitrik
Aarron Moore	Patrick Morrison	Allie Noll
Emily Olson	Sierra Harris	Cody Perlaky
Layla Phouthavong	Naomi Pollard	Mandy Potoma
Liz Pulkowski	Olivia Ridgway	Courtney Ross
Carley Rosso	Katy Ruffing	David Salapa
Nicole Salapa	Amber Scharding	Sydney Smith
James Spelman	Taylor Stevens	Erin Sullivan
Taylor Szczepankowski	Dylan Titmus	Rebecca Urban
Courtney Wallace	Angela Weir	Meghan Wolf
	Leena Zahir	

Dr. Kinavey recognized Senior Sydney Monkalis, this year's Chamber of Commerce Senior Scholarship winner.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced that Steel Valley is 1 of 12 districts participating in a grant with the AIU for transition from preschool to kindergarten. The grant will focus on parent engagement and smoothing the transition from early education to school age programming.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank announced the following events:

June 1	Senior Breakfast	8:00 am	High School Cafeteria
June 3	Commencement	7:00 pm	Campbell "A" Field
June 7	Kennywood Picnic		

Report cards will be mailed in June. Parents can check their child's EdLine account after June 10.

Solicitor's Report

The Board approved Gary R. Bodnar to appraise Macy's Department Store for an appraisal fee of \$5,800.00.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

April 19, 2011 board meeting
April 26, 2011 worksession

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for April and May 2011 in the amount of \$496,477.59
- General Fund hand checks for April 2011 in the amount of \$376,018.14
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2011
- Treasurer's Report for March 2011
- Food Service invoices for April 2011 in the amount of \$45,722.14
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$46,844.33
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$456.98
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$16,181.24
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$10,940.21
- Budget transfer adjustments made by the business manager to the 2010-2011 general fund budget
- Adopted the resolution to allow the business manager to make fund balance assignments in accordance with GASB Statement 54
- Proposed final General Fund Budget for 2011-2012 with revenue in the amount of \$25,524,957 and expenditures in the amount of \$24,210,750. This budget includes a 0.4573 mill increase in taxes bringing the total millage to 24.5273.

Operations

The Board approved the following requests as presented:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized the business manager to execute the First Amendment to the Full Requirements Service Agreement with Duquesne Light Energy
- Awarded bid to provide plumbing repair services for the district to Park Plumbing at the bid price of \$34.00 per hour/per man
- Awarded the bid to provide electrical services for the district to Canova Electrical Contracting at the bid price of \$55.00 per hour/per man
- Awarded the bid to provide pest control service for the district to Alpha Exterminating Company at the bid price of \$69.00 per month/per elementary building and \$64.50 per month/per middle and high school buildings

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved fundraising requests as presented.

Special Assignments

The Board held the following policy readings:

- Held a second reading and adopted new Policy No. 450 Credit for Salary Placement
- Held a first reading of revisions to Policy No. 237 Positive Behavior Support

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items as presented:

- Renewal of the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2011-2012 school year and authorized the proper officers to execute the agreement
- Authorized the refund to the Pittsburgh Foundation Project grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the proper agency
- Accepted the \$546.00 grant from the Edith and Albert Derzak Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation on behalf of the Office of Pupil Services for the PCIT Room at Barrett Elementary School
- Elementary Science Curriculum for grades 4 and 5 as presented

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Maria D_Ascenzo, Sarah Byerly, Gina Lasek, Lindsay Brandon, Jamie Stahl, Emily Hargenrader, Brianna Puder and Jena Bence as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year at the pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
- Family medical leave of absence for Amanda Olson commencing on May 26 through June 8, 2011
- Authorized proper officers of the district to execute the agreement with UPMC for the services of a certified athletic trainer effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, at a cost of \$25,000 for each year
- Furlough of professionals listed effective June 30, 2011