



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 23, 2009**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Donald Patrick, brother of Leslie Hairston, Franklin instructional aide; Edward Slava, brother-in-law of Mary Arovits, Barrett food service worker; Edward R. Hritz, grandfather of Cara Hritz, High School teacher; Bonnie Kearns, sister-in-law of Jean Kearns, Park food service worker; and William A. Konecheck Sr., grandfather of Mary Ann Wassel, Elementary Math Coach. It was moved by Mr. Natale and seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that the I-TEAM is sponsoring a teaching conference this week for all teachers and administrators on the topics of curriculum analysis, behavior support and differentiated instruction. The summer camp for students will be held July 13-31, 2009, in the Steel Valley Middle School.

A school readiness program will be held for eligible Kindergarten students from July 27 _ August 7 at the Franklin Primary Center.

He announced that the demolition of the Woodlawn building is occurring and two homes across the street from Barrett Elementary School have already been demolished. Mr. Cherpak added that the program manager for the demolition of Woodlawn verified that all necessary paperwork has been completed.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges announced that an Extended School Year program would occur July 6-30 at Barrett Elementary School, Middle School and Senior High School.

Training was held this week with a core team for a schoolwide support plan at Barrett Elementary School.

A school nurse will be reviewing immunizations and calling families over the summer regarding student immunizations.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank reported that the secondary report cards and student schedules have been mailed home. The middle school and high school students who have not fulfilled the immunization requirements have not received their schedules for 2009-2010.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro reported that the student assessments for Kindergarten through 3rd grade have been completed. She will meet with the social studies teachers to begin curriculum writing.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

May 18, 2009 worksession meeting
May 26, 2009 regular meetings

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for June 2009 in the amount of \$521,984.84
- General Fund hand checks for May 2009 in the amount of \$348,263.01
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2009
- Treasurer's Reports for March and April 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for May 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for May 2009
- Food Service invoices for May 2009 in the amount of \$35,792.60
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$10,976.54
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$136.35
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$223.35
- Band Trip/Hand Checks in the amount of \$1,638.71
- Appointed Legal Tax Service, Inc., as the district's Act 511 Special Tax Collector
- Corrective action plan for the Auditor General's Performance Audit Report for fiscal years ending June 30, 2004 and 2003
- Renewed the district's school leaders liability insurance for the 2009-2010 policy period through School Boards Insurance Company of PA and Cusumano Insurance Agency, Inc., at an annual premium of \$15,227
- Renewed the district's worker's compensation insurance through School Boards Insurance Company of PA and Cusumano Insurance Agency, Inc., at an annual premium of \$183,990 for the 2009-2010 school year

A special meeting to adopt the 2009-2010 general fund budget will be held Tuesday, June 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented, contingent upon receipt of insurance certificates from the vendors providing a moon bounce for the Gridiron Club and a dunking booth for the Hardball Club
- Authorized proper officers of the district to execute the agreement with Equitable Energy for the purchase and sale of natural gas, effective September 1, 2010, and ending August 31, 2012
- Permitted the middle school band director to dispose of six identified instruments to the scrap yard and the value will be deposited into the middle school band account

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the attendance of the Varsity and Junior Varsity baseball team to the Tampa Bay Spring Training Camp on March 31 through April 3, 2010, and will cover the cost of the bus to and from the airport

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- 2009-2010 Steel Center AVTS Operating and Adult Education budgets
- 2009-2010 Southeast Area Special School and Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School administrative budgets
- Held a first reading of new Policy Nos. 248, 348, 448 and 548 Unlawful Harassments

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the K-5 Language Arts Curriculum Guides

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Adopted the resolution eliminating the administrative position of Director of Elementary Education
- Adopted the resolution eliminating the administrative position of Director of Secondary Education
- Adopted the resolution eliminating the administrative position of Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services and established an administrative position of Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services/Elementary Education
- Eliminated the Food Service Supervisor position effective June 30, 2009
- Appointed Jeffrey T. Soles to the position of Senior High School Principal effective on a mutually agreed upon date between the districts at a yearly salary of \$92,000 prorated for the 2009-2010 school year and fringe benefits based upon the Act 93 Agreement
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Shanna Bradfield from the position of Autistic Support Teacher effective August 1, 2009
- Family medical leave of absence for Jessica Andzelik not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Posting the Kindergarten Title I Summer Camp positions at a rate of \$30 per hour for teachers and \$15 per hour for paraprofessionals per the collective bargaining agreements for the program beginning July 27 through August 7, 2009
- Extension of the contract with Dr. Rudolph Antoncic III for physician services, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012, at an annual rate of \$17,000
- Authorized the proper officers of the district to execute the agreement with UPMC for the services of a certified athletic trainer effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, at a cost of \$24,000 for year 2009-2010 and \$25,000 for year 2010-2011
- Accepted, with regret, the resignations of Edmond Tozzi from the boys_ volleyball head coaching position and Lindsay Ellis from the middle school cheerleading coaching position
- 2009-2010 salary increase and annual salaries for two confidential secretaries
- Involuntary termination of employment of Anita Crawford from her position in the Senior High School cafeteria effective immediately