



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 24, 2008**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Cara Lian Lebedda, niece of Adam Piscitelli, school photographer, and Tonya Piscitelli, school insurance agent; Anna D. Ankrom, mother of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services; William Anderson, brother-in-law of Patricia DeGore, Food Service Supervisor; Frank J. Mosallem Sr., grandfather of Deirdre Kamauf, kindergarten teacher, and father-in-law of Mike Mulligan, Barrett custodian; and Dorothy Waldo, mother-in-law of Anita Crawford, high school food service worker. It was moved by Mrs. Bartko and seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Vice President_s Comments

Mrs. Terrick reported that Mr. Tim McCallister would be leaving the School Board and that agenda item 6.7 would be tabled at this time.

In a vote of confidence, the School Board approved a three-year extension to Dr. Kinavey_s employment contract through July 2012.

Superintendent_s Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized Munhall Mayor Ray Bodnar, Police Chief Campbell, School Resource Officer Smoley, the Munhall Police Department, the Steel Valley Crisis Team, Edward Colebank, Andrew Vettel, Diana Borges, Administrators, Faculty and Staff Members for their dedication and perseverance during the evacuations in May.

Congratulations to 2008 graduate Paige Ford on her second place award in the Pittsburgh Art Institute_s Teen Chef competition. She received a \$2,500 scholarship to attend the culinary arts program at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, which she is enrolled.

Middle School student Phong Chau earned a place in the Top Ten in the Nation for the First in Math Online Program. Phong accessed the online program to improve and build his math skills earning stickers based on the amount of problems he completes. He has earned 25,012 stickers placing him 8th in the nation.

Miss Kyra Mangold, 2008 drum major for the marching band, thanked the School Board for allowing the band to participate in the Disney Magic Music Days celebration in Orlando, Florida. She presented a framed photo of the marching band for Mr. William Campbell.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges recognized the Allegheny Children_s Initiative for their partnership and collaboration for the school-based behavior health grant supporting needs of all students. She also recognized several committee members, School Psychologist Amy DiLiscia, Parent Terri Davis and Student Cory Davis.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank invited all teachers and administrators to the I-TEAM_s Strategic Teaching Conference in the

high school this week. He reported that the student report cards have been mailed to parents and/or guardians. The district would be installing a new wireless network to increase the speed of the teachers' computers.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro announced that first and second grade students would receive additional help to meet their academic needs through a PSSA preparation program during the school day.

Solicitor's Report

The Board permanently expelled a minor female student and two minor male students.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of the May 12 and 20, 2008 board meetings.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for June 2008 in the amount of \$434,844.08
- General Fund hand checks for May 2008 in the amount of \$345,194.09
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2008
- Treasurer's Report for April 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2008
- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2008
- Food Service invoices for May 2008 in the amount of \$42,891.29
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2008
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2008
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$22,760.35
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$1,307.47
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$6,099.75
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$100.00
- Authorized Munhall Borough real estate tax refunds to Robert E. Kalan, Jr. for Lot & Block 181-A-207 in the amount of \$446.85 for year 2006 and \$511.16 for year 2007 as a result of a change in assessment
- Authorized Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to Billy J. Marzec for Lot & Block 132-P-272 in the amount of \$650.60 as a result of a change in assessment
- Renewed the district's workers' compensation insurance through School Boards Insurance Company and Cusumano Insurance Agency, Inc., at a cost of \$138,609 for the 2008-2009 school year
- Accepted the homestead/farmstead exclusion for the school district for the 2008-2009 school year
- 2008-2009 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$27,961,804 setting the 2008-2009 real estate millage. Currently, the millage is set at 21.21 and will remain the same. One mill is equal to \$2,121 per \$100,000.00 of assessed valuation, \$212.10 per \$10,000.00 of assessed valuation, \$21.21 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and \$2.12 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation

Mr. Ducar announced that Mr. Campbell contributed \$44,000 to the Steel Valley Foundation for Education to purchase football uniforms, equipment, and a new ultrasound unit to be placed in the athletic trainer's room.

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Victory Security as the provider of security services for the district for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years as per their quoted price
- Authorized the Business Manager to follow the bidding process and accept the lowest reasonable bid for each item (10 HS science tables, 28 student desktop workstation tables, 150 MS/HS student chairs, 7 elementary lunch tables, 64 elementary lunch table replacement seats and networking equipment upgrade and other equipment needed to open the 2008-2009 school year), with the payment to be taken from Capital Projects 2005 to confirm installation before the start of the 2008-2009 school year

Co-Curricular Leadership

- The Board approved the following items:
- Field trip requests for the high school marching band to IUP on October 11, 2008; Hershey, PA on October 18, 2008; Annapolis, Maryland on November 7-8, 2008; and Orlando, Florida April 9-16, 2010, at no cost to the school district
- Creation of the SV Jumpers Club for middle school students for the 2008-2009 school year with Nicole Adams as a volunteer sponsor

Mrs. Cannon announced that the Golf Outing to support the Steel Valley Football program begins at Noon on Friday, June 27, at Westwood Golf Club.

Special Assignments

The Board approved the 2008-2009 Steel Center Operating and Adult Education Budgets as presented.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Elementary Parent Handbook, the Elementary Faculty Handbook and the Elementary Academic Handbook for the 2008-2009 school year
- Title I summer camp to be held at Franklin Primary Center from August 4-14, 2008, from 9:00 _ 12:00 am. Hours for teachers and paraprofessionals will be 8:30 _ 12:00 am to be paid from Title I funds

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted the resignation of James Dauray, high school Science teacher, effective June 12, 2008, due to family relocation
- Intermittent unpaid family medical leave of absence for Jennifer Smith retroactive to January 28, 2008, not to exceed 60 days (12 weeks) in duration
- Two (2) additional paid bereavement days for Rebecca Kristen on May 6 and 7, 2008
- Posting of positions of Tutoring Facilitators at a rate of \$30 per hour as per the collective bargaining agreement. The program will begin September 2, 2008 and end May 29, 2009
- Posting of positions of Tutors at a rate of \$30 per hour and Paraprofessionals at a rate of \$15 per hour per the EAP Tutoring grant. The program will begin September 2, 2008 and end May 29, 2009
- Attendance of Pat DeGore to the School Nutrition Association Annual National Conference from July 20-23, 2008, in Philadelphia, PA, with \$188 to be paid for the registration from the SNA and the district to pay the additional expenses of approximately \$713
- Accepted the resignation of Sara Bouton from the supplemental position of Varsity Girls_ Assistant Soccer Coach effective immediately
- Accepted the resignation of Michael Woodburn from the supplemental position of Assistant Band Director effective immediately
- Accepted the resignation of William Abraham from the supplemental position of Middle School

Soccer Coach effective immediately

- Appointed Bradley Thompson to the supplemental position of Band Director and appointed Michael Hofbauer to the supplemental position of Varsity Golf Coach for the 2008-2009 school year
- Unpaid family medical leave of absence for Sherri Titmus commencing after the exhaustion of her accumulated sick leave days not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- 2008-2009 salary increases for the two confidential secretaries as listed
- Bruce Nguyen as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Sandra L. Ardale as a substitute secretary, instructional aide and food service worker at the rate of \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 114 clearance, passing a general physical examination and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Mary Jo Craycraft as a substitute instructional aide and food service worker at the rate of \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Jean Fedak as a substitute in the food service department at the rate of \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Denied a request for reimbursement from Anthony Natale in the amount of \$83.75 for one right front tire