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## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting  
June 28, 2011**

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The Board acknowledged the passing of John Rapach, grandfather of Ann Totin, mother of Mary Ellen Totin, school nurse, and grandmother of Louis Colorito, substitute teacher; Helen Oldham, aunt of Bobbi Vargo, elementary teacher; Betty Munizza, aunt of Melissa Pentin, middle school teacher; Arlene E. Firestone, mother of Russell Firestone, high school teacher and Bonita Carmack, grandmother of Jill Callahan, elementary teacher. 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.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey announced that the average class size would be 23 in the elementary schools, 24 in the middle school and 22-27 in the high school for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Mrs. Borges announced that a team of Barrett and Park School teachers attended training for a new Tier 1/Universal Team and a Tier 2/Tier 3 training for more intensive supports. This training was part of the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support grant.

### **Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report**

Mr. Colebank announced that the district would lock down its wireless network. Therefore, residents in close proximity will not be able to access our network and slow it down.

Staff may pick up their computers from Mr. Colebank.

### **Solicitor's Report**

The Board accepted a bid from Kelly Rielly Nell Barna for the appraisals of ten tax appeals on the Waterfront Town Center at a total cost of \$15,000 plus \$175 per hour for preparation, testimony and updates.

The Board adopted a resolution to terminate employment of a professional employee.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

May 18, 2011 worksession  
May 24, 2011 regular meeting

## **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May and June 2011 in the amount of \$735,489.65
- General Fund hand checks for May 2011 in the amount of \$321,874.97
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2011
- Treasurer\_s Report for April 2011
- Food Service invoices for May 2011 in the amount of \$31,342.60
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$18,761.75
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$587.88
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$7,329.94
- Adopted the resolution to accept the homestead/farmstead exclusion for the school district for the 2011-2012 school year
- Authorized a real estate tax refund as a result of an overpayment to Davco Real Estate Enterprises for year 2010, in the amount of \$1,254.82, for Lot & Block 133-G-52
- Adopted the resolution to authorize the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note and all terms of the agreement from Citizens Bank in the amount of \$1.5 million
- District\_s workers\_ compensation insurance coverage through PSBA for the 2011-2012 year at an annual premium of \$208,515
- 2011-2012 General Fund Budget with revenue in the amount of \$25,649,164 and expenditures in the amount of \$24,467,184 with the millage rate to be set at 24.1686. This equates to \$2,416 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, \$24.16 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$2.41 per \$100 of assessed valuation

## **Operations**

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board held a second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 237 Positive Behavior Support.

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following items:

- Re-instated a fifth grade elementary position at Park Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instated part-time districtwide music position for the 2011-2012 school year
- Recalled Rebecca Russell from the furlough list to a half-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Recalled Mark Fallon from the furlough list to a full-time position and Brandi Chalus from the furlough list to a half-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Furloughed Beth Catterall from a half-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Memorandum of Understanding as presented
- Appointed Susan Wilder, Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins and Lisa Lawson as the special education teachers at a pay rate of \$30.00 per hour and Vicki Deutsch, Dianne Cain and

Karen Barabas as the special education paraeducators at their regular hourly rates for the Extended School Year Program

- Concurrent family medical leave of absence and a one-year child rearing leave of absence for Amber Thomas retroactive to May 31, 2011
- Authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to grant tenure to Jonathan Edwards, Jamie Fleck, Shari Fetzko, Edward Tozzi and Julie Miller
- Authorized the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Steel City Therapy, LLC for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for the school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013
- Joy Kardos as a consultant to assist the district with food service operations at a mutually agreed upon rate of \$20 per hour at 8 to 10 hours per week
- Denied Grievance #10-209 from the Steel Valley Education Association due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Accepted the resignations of J.J. Knabb from the supplemental position of Assistant Football Coach, Erik Jabs from the supplemental positions of Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball Coach and Christina Szott from the supplemental position of fitness center co-sponsor
- Retroactively approved the request from Michael Mulligan, high school custodian, for a family medical leave of absence to commence on or about June 13, 2011, for about 4 to 6 weeks, not to exceed 12 weeks
- Rescinded the furlough of the security guard at Barrett Elementary School from the May 24, 2011 board meeting, effective for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year

