

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
June 30, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kiefer, President, at 7:03 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Steele,
Mrs. Yuhas, Ms. Youngblood and Mrs. Kiefer

Absent: Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:05 p.m.)

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges and Mr. Zenone

Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Virginia Katz*, sister of Gerri Wilson, Park School cafeteria worker; *Frederick M. Lebeda*, retired middle school/high school math teacher; *Catherine D. Johnston*, retired high school custodian; Homestead and Steel Valley School Districts; *Anna Rose Perri*, cousin of John Zenone, Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary.

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to place an appropriate selection of books into the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Mrs. Kiefer:

- Welcomed John Zenone as the newly appointed Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary.
- Announced that the Steel Valley Ironmen Football Team would represent the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 7 on 7 tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Introduced Dr. Bethany Fenyus, Middle School Language Arts Teacher and coordinator of the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Dr. Fenyus thanked the School Board for providing the students with an opportunity for learning beyond the classroom, and she shared a PowerPoint presentation of the trip in May. Students Kelsey McCafferty and Bret Nowowiejski discussed their favorite memories of the trip. Bethany Fenyus added that the most memorable visits were of the memorials, monuments, museums and national zoo.
- She also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lienhardt for their donation, which allowed students to visit the American Indian museum and have lunch at the museum. Students experimented with entrees, such as fried octopus, buffalo and wild boar at the restaurant.
- Elementary Teacher Cindy Kortz, Middle School Teacher Larry McKern, Assistant Principal Tom Shaughnessy and Barbara Lease, Science Coordinator for the AIU, presented the new science curriculum. The Science Curriculum Team has developed a K-12 cohesive and developmentally appropriate science curriculum with project-based learning and hands-on activities and labs. The curriculum will be interactive with our SmartBoards and technology in the classroom. The Science Curriculum Team consists of Sue Olsen, Yvette Logan, Yvonne Smid, Jeff Deabner, Ben Lander, Larry McKern, Cindy Kortz, and Nicole States.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that Summer Reading Camp is going on at Barrett Elementary School this summer. Camp dates are July 7-17 and July 21-31 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Contact Alyson Fisher to register: afisher@steelvalleysd.org or 412-464-3600 ext.5521.
- Teachers from Park School, Barrett School and Middle School are working on professional development for the schoolwide behavior support program this summer.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Abigail Caspar – pool renovations and cost
- Michele Kinzel – 2.5/phys ed
- Joyce Kornacki and Terry Kraft – swim team
- Donna Dreshman
- Brandon Tomasic – Item 3.3

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adopt the proclamation that the school district desires to enter into a cooperative with West Mifflin Area School District for middle school wrestling. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of May 28, 2014, and May 29, 2014. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for May 2014 in the amount of \$345,449.55
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for May 2014 in the amount of \$275,670.13
- 1.1.03 Food Service invoices for May 2014 in the amount of \$34,965.57
- 1.1.04 Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2014
- 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for May 2014
- 1.1.06 General Fund Expenditure Report for May 2014
- 1.1.07 Treasurer's Report for May 2014
- 1.1.08 Cafeteria Revenue Report for May 2014
- 1.1.09 Cafeteria Expenditure Report for May 2014
- 1.1.10 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2014
- 1.1.11 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$8,445.84
- 1.1.12 Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$6,310.59
- 1.1.13 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,575.41
- 1.2 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$281.30, as a result of a change in assessment, to Ronald and Nellie Player, for Lot & Block 132-F-142
- 1.3 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$428.11, as a result of a change in assessment, to John S. Fitch, for Lot & Block 180-A-210
- 1.4 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$605.21, as a result of a change in assessment, to Dianne and Paul Cain, for Lot & Block 132-F-150
- 1.5 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$85.63, as a result of a change in assessment, to Harold L. and Elaine H. Phillips, for Lot & Block 180-B-265
- 1.6 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$256.87, as a result of a change in assessment, to Laurita Ann and Edward M. Churma, for Lot & Block 133-S-190
- 1.7 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$135.03, as a result of a change in assessment, to Patricia Sommers, for Lot & Block 181-A-043
- 1.8 Award bids for general school supplies for the 2014-2015 school year to vendors as presented at a total cost of \$9,110.85
- 1.9 The renewal of the district worker's compensation insurance coverage for the period July 1, 2014, through and including July 1, 2015, at a cost of

\$225,828 from Old Republic Insurance Company through PSBA Insurance Trust

- 1.10 The General Fund Budget for 2014-2015 with projected revenue of \$29,590,198 and projected expenditures of \$30,059,404 with no change in the millage rate, which is 21.31. The millage rate equates to a tax of \$2.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation, \$21.31 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$213.10 per \$10,000 of assessed valuation and \$2,131 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ballas thanked the Safety Committee for its efforts in reducing our workers' compensation insurance premium by \$5,000 this year.

2.0 Operations

Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Authorized CEOT (Center for Environmental & Occupational Training, Inc.) to perform the AHERA three-year re-inspection service at a total cost of \$1,000 and a cost of \$15.00 per sample if required
- 2.3 Replacement of carpet in five classrooms in the middle school and also carpet in the middle school office
- 2.4 Deleted
- 2.7 Retroactively approved advertising for bids for Park Elementary replacement of steam traps, heat exchanger and main boiler; DDC system throughout district buildings; and post frame metal building for storing district vehicles
- 2.8 Reject all bids for replacement of the DDC system
- 2.9 Award bid for steam trap replacement at Park School to Honeywell for \$17,852 payable from either Capital Projects 2005 account or Capital Projects 2014 account
- 2.10 Award bid for replacement of the main boiler at Park School to Honeywell for \$73,325 payable from either Capital Projects 2005 account or Capital Projects 2014 account

2.11 Award bid for replacement of the heat exchanger in the annex boiler room at Park School to Quality Mechanical for \$22,770 payable from either Capital Projects 2005 account or Capital Projects 2014 account

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.5

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to award bid proposal for pool renovations by Franjo Construction in the amount of \$236,000. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.6 **Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to award the bid proposal for high school roof replacement by Tremco in the amount of \$503,254.40 or to Garland in the amount of \$528,033.** Upon roll call the following members voted as follows:

Tremco: Ballas, Olson, Steele, Yuhas and Youngblood (5)

Garland: Bajus, Cannon, Terrick and Kiefer (4)

Negative: None. Motion carried. Tremco is awarded the bid in the amount of \$503,254.40.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

3.2 Primetime Shots as the student photographer for the 2014-2015 school year

3.3 Attendance of the Varsity Football Team and Coaches to the National 7 on 7 tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 13-16, 2014, at no cost to the district

3.4 Adopt a proclamation that the school district desires to enter into a cooperative with West Mifflin Area School District for middle school wrestling

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

4.0 Special Assignments

4.1 Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to adopt revisions to Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mrs. Ballas moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 5.1 The addition of an after high school course entitled “Creating Value” for the 2014-2015 school year
- 5.2 The Educational Services Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley School District for the 2014-2015 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement
- 5.3 The Local Education Agency Letter of agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and The Steel Valley School District to comply with Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program
- 5.4 The donation from the Campbell Educational and Community Foundation of turf shoes to the Varsity Baseball Team

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

6.0 Personnel Management

Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to table Item 6.8 to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for an early retirement

incentive for custodial staff. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Terrick, Yuhás, Youngblood. Negative: Bajus, Steele and Kiefer. Motion carried.

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Family medical leave of absence for Debra Wright beginning August 26, 2014, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- 6.2 Recall Julie Miller from the furlough list effective with the start of the 2014-2015 school year
- 6.3 Renew the agreement with Rudolph Antoncic, III, M.D., as the school physician
- 6.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jamie Dolton from the position of 8th grade middle school girls volleyball head coach for the 2014-2015 school year
- 6.5 Appoint Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins, Amy Selick, Kristin Vetro and Lisa Lawson as the 2014 Extended School Year special education teachers and appoint Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Mary Jo Craycraft, Melissa Ladik and Ashley Hanley as the special education paraeducators for the 2014 Extended School Year
- 6.6 Appoint Roy C. Mort to the position of full-time districtwide custodian at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$10.00 (\$8.50) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.7 Approve Toi White as a substitute secretary at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.9 Adopt the use of Form P-2 to review all support personnel

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhás, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative:

Citizen Comments

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.