



Steel Valley School District

Board Brief

Board Meeting
August 13, 2013

The Board acknowledged the passing of **Kimberly J. Havrilla**, mother of Barbara Hurley, substitute teacher and AIM tutor; **Clara Pusey**, grandmother of Debbie Wright, Park School teacher; **David Savolskis**, brother-in-law of Fran Savolskis, Drama Club choreographer; **Stephen C. Stulga**, father-in-law of Roslyn Stulga, elementary art teacher; **Edward J. Hood**, member of the 1950 Homestead HS State Basketball Championship Team; and **Margaret Thomas**, grandmother of Sharon Fisher, former Barrett Principal. It was moved by **Mr. Natale** and seconded by **Mr. Olson** to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent **Edward Wehrer** announced the start dates for the 2013-2014 school year. On Tuesday, August 27, only 1st, 6th and 9th grade students will attend classes. It will be a Transition Day for these students to lessen their anxiety in a new building. All students will report on Wednesday, August 28, at regular start times.

Another difference in this year's school calendar--early dismissals will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. This professional development for the staff is very valuable. The first early dismissal will be September 10.

Mr. Wehrer recognized High School Junior **Brandon Tomasic** for creating a documentary entitled "Why Invest in Steel Valley." Through The Future is Mine leadership program, students explore career fields, and Mr. Tomasic worked with Hear Me 101 and the Pittsburgh Filmmakers to create this documentary. The film showed what is good about the schools and communities as well as its rich history.

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Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Ed Colebank noted that new security cameras would be installed in the Campbell Educational and Recreational Center at Barrett Elementary School.

He will be conducting a test of the Alert Now telephone system.

Solicitor's Report

The Board approved the reimbursement of unused sick days in the amount of \$23,000 to retired employee #286.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- June 18, 2013 worksession meeting
- June 25, 2013 regular meeting
- June 28, 2013 special meeting
- July 17, 2013 special meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$536,755.48
- General Fund invoices for July 2013 in the amount of \$301,000.08
- General Fund hand checks for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$831.50
- General Fund hand checks for June 2013 in the amount of \$662,926.77
- General Fund hand checks for July 2013 in the amount of \$4,182,233.18
- Food Service invoices for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$2,574.93
- Food Service invoices for July 2013 in the amount of \$1,495.72
- Payroll Funding Transfers for June and July 2013
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2013
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2013
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2013
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$6,131.23
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$721.71
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$375.00
- Band invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$3,487.95
- Accepted the Single Audit for year ending 2012
- Services of Maher Duessel to perform the audit for the school year ending 2013, at a total cost of \$21,020
- Real estate tax refund for 2012 in the amount of \$386.70 as a result of a change in assessment to Mario J. Vendetti, Jr. for Lot & Block #179-J-271
- Real estate tax refund for 2011 in the amount of \$2,401.68, as a result of a change in

- assessment, to Heritage Court Elderly Housing, L.P., for Lot & Block #130K-266-2
- Cafeteria operating budget for 2013-2014 school year, with revenue in the amount of \$888,816 and expenditures in the amount of \$879,194
 - Proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, reduced deductible, automobile, equipment breakdown, umbrella, and data/ID insurance for the 2013-2014 school year at a total estimated premium of \$49,940
 - Capital projects transfer of \$83,114.51 from year 200
 - Payment of attached invoices totaling \$7,413.45

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Purchase of 20 VX-350 series portable radios from Mobile Radio Service Inc. at a cost of \$5,665.40
- Disposal of items located in the storage trailers behind the high school
- Disposal of four typewriters, one projector, three student tables and ten student chairs as damaged equipment

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board renewed the agreement with Primetime Shots for student photography for the 2013-2014 school year.

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- Held second reading and adopted the revisions to Policy No. 916 School Volunteers
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Elementary Student Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2013-2014 school year
- Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and EduLink to manage the teacher evaluation process at a cost of \$3,186 for the annual licensing fee
- Adopted and approved the purchase of the McGraw Hill "Wonders" elementary reading series for students in kindergarten through grade 5 at a cost of \$94,350.21 plus shipping/handling to be paid out of district funds and KtO grant funds
- Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and Senior High Faculty Handbook for the 2013-2014 school year

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Sharon Fisher from the position of Elementary Principal retroactive to July 8, 2013
- Family medical leave of absence for Bridget Ellis effective August 21, 2013 through approximately November 19, 2013, and a one-year child rearing leave of absence to commence with the birth of her child and run concurrently with the family medical leave of absence
- Family medical leave of absence for Rebecca O'Shell beginning August 21, 2013, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Created the following permanent positions: Full-time Elementary Assistant Principal Two (2) Full-time Elementary Teachers Full-time Districtwide Librarian Half-time Middle School Guidance Counselor Half-time Barrett Guidance Counselor Half-time Secondary Science Teacher Half-time Secondary Technology Teacher
- Appointed Kevin Walsh to the position of Elementary Principal at Barrett Elementary School effective immediately
- Appointed Erin Dawso as a long-term substitute special education teacher at the high school for the 2013-2014 school year at a salary of \$42,683 plus benefits according to the SVEA collective bargaining agreement
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Kelly Sabo from the position of High School Head Girls Basketball Coach and the resignation of Faith Keesecker from the position of Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- Fall and winter supplemental position appointments as listed for the 2013-2014 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Substitute teachers and school nurses as listed for the 2013-2014 school year at the approved pay rate
- Savanna Leninsky, Mary Scherer, Crystalee Calderwood, Sara Manis, Susan Siegert and Crystal Sachs as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year at the approved substitute teacher pay rate
- Staffing for the 2013-2014 KtO program as listed
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley Educational Support Personnel Association and the Steel Valley School District and authorize the Board President to execute the agreement
- Created three (3) districtwide paraprofessional positions for the 2013-2014 school term 4
- Recalled the most senior paraprofessional from the furlough list for the start of the 2013- 2014 school term
- Recalled Joyce Kornacki from furlough status to the full-time secretarial position in the offices of the middle school and pupil services, with all benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement, retroactive to August 7, 2013
- Denied grievance 2013.07.01 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association
- Denied grievance 2013.07.02 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association
- Appointed Bryan Macuga to the position of Title IX Compliance Officer
- Retained the services of John Yaklich as business office consultant at the rate of \$50.00 per hour retroactive to May 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014

- Created a supplemental position for an after school class of Mandarin Chinese with a stipend of \$2,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year
- List of volunteers for the 2013-2014 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- **Special Meeting: August 23, 2013**
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jill Fleming-Salopek from the position of High School Assistant Principal effective August 21, 2013
- Appointed Michael Sisley to the position of half-time music teacher at prorated Step 1 Bachelor's salary and prorated fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement effective August 26, 2013
- Appointed Mary Ellen Totin as a part-time, long-term substitute districtwide school nurse as needed for the 2013-2014 school year
- Appointed Barb Hurley as a part-time, long-term substitute secondary teacher for the duration of a leave of absence at prorated Step 1 Bachelor's salary and prorated fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement effective August 26, 2013
- Approved an intermittent family medical leave of absence for Chad Kanz effective September 5, 2013, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Appointed Vicki Deutsch and Stephen Thompkins to the full-time positions of districtwide paraeducators and appointed Angela Hafen to the position of part-time districtwide paraeducator at a rate of \$7.25 per hour plus fringe benefits as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days, effective August 26, 2013
- Adopted the Interim Tax Resolution as presented
- Appointed John Strom to the position of High School Assistant Principal effective at the annual salary of \$57,981 effective August 26, 2013
- Appointed David Krakoff to the position of Middle School Principal at the annual salary of \$79,000
- Appointed Thomas Shaughnessy to the position of Elementary Assistant Principal at the annual salary of \$55,000 effective August 26, 2013
- Approved Jeffrey Pingor as a day-to-day substitute teacher at the approved daily substitute rate