



## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting  
August 16, 2011**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Doris J. Hyde, retired principal of Barrett Elementary School; Anna Mae Roeper, mother of Gregg Roeper, retired high school teacher; and Ruth Bell, administrative assistant to the superintendent, South Fayette School District. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mr. Olson to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

### **President's Report**

Mrs. Cannon commented that we are about to begin another school year and she hopes everyone enjoyed their summer.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey announced the newly appointed high school principal would be Bryan Macuga and Park School's principal would be Diana Borges. He announced that elementary class size average is 23, 24 in the middle school and 25 at the high school.

Mrs. Cannon introduced Mr. Rodney Steele, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Head Football Coach, who shared a 2010 highlight film of the Ironmen Football season and a workout film from 2011.

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

Mrs. Borges announced the Meet the Staff and Principal Nights at both Barrett and Park Schools will be held Wednesday, August 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

She reported that the start and dismissal times have changed at Park and Barrett Schools. For the 2011-2012 school year elementary students in those buildings will start at 8:00 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:50 p.m.

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

Mr. Colebank announced that Meet the Principal Night at the middle school was held this evening, just prior to the board meeting, and it was well attended. The high school will hold its Meet the Principal Night on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

He announced that the PSSA results would be released to the public on September 17, and the results of the Keystone exams taken last school year will be released September 7. This year the district will participate in the Keystone and PSSA assessments. Students in grades 3-8 will also participate in Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT).

All middle school and high school student schedules will be released Friday. The high school counselor will be available on Monday.

## Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of July 19, 2011.

### Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for April and May 2011 in the amount of \$496,477.59
- General Fund hand checks for April 2011 in the amount of \$376,018.14
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2011
- Treasurer\_s Report for March 2011
- Food Service invoices for April 2011 in the amount of \$45,722.14
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$46,844.33
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$456.98
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$16,181.24
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$10,940.21
- Budget transfer adjustments made by the business manager to the 2010-2011 general fund budget
- Adopted the resolution to allow the business manager to make fund balance assignments in accordance with GASB Statement 54
- Proposed final General Fund Budget for 2011-2012 with revenue in the amount of \$25,524,957 and expenditures in the amount of \$24,210,750. This budget includes a 0.4573 mill increase in taxes bringing the total millage to 24.5273.

### Operations

The Board approved the following requests as presented:

- General Fund invoices for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$193,530.55
- General Fund invoices for August 2011 in the amount of \$216,418.62
- General Fund hand checks for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$3,544.08
- General Fund hand checks for July 2011 in the amount of \$254,115.92
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2011
- Food Service invoices for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$3,470.28
- Food Services invoices for August 2011 in the amount of \$689.98
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$2,078.17
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$423.84
- Proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, automobile, equipment breakdown and umbrella insurance for the 2011-2012 school year at a total estimated premium of \$44,621

### Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Shelter Agreement between the American Red Cross and the Steel Valley School District as revised

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington, D.C. on May 10-12, 2012, at no cost to the district

## **Special Assignments**

The Board held the following policy readings:

- Held a second reading and adopted new Policy No. 450 Credit for Salary Placement
- Held a first reading of revisions to Policy No. 237 Positive Behavior Support

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the Elementary Student Handbook and Faculty Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year.

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Claire Stitzell from the position of Family and Consumer Science teacher at the Senior High School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement
- Family medical leave of absence for Brandi Chalus beginning August 22, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Denied Grievance #2011-07-11 from the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Professionals due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Agreed to relief sought as stated in Grievance #10-211 from the SVEA
- Recalled Christina Szott from the furlough list to a full-time position for the vacancy in secondary math effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Recalled Emilee Garcia from the furlough list to a full-time position and Erin Noblet to a full-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Matthew Simpson to a long-term substitute position in Middle School English for the duration of Mrs. Hanson\_s child rearing leave of absence during the 2011-2012 school year
- Jonette Bost to a long-term substitute elementary teaching position for the duration of Mrs. Kenavey\_s first semester leave of absence during the 2011-2012 school year
- Substitute teachers and school nurses as presented for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Accepted the resignation of Cara Karstetter from the supplemental position of high school girls\_ assistant soccer coach effective immediately
- Supplemental position appointments as presented for the 2011-2012 school year
- List of activities volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Rescinded the action to re-instate seven (7) paraprofessional positions part-time and recall seven (7) paraprofessionals from the furlough list for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instated seven (7) paraprofessional positions to full-time status and recalled seven (7) paraprofessionals from the furlough list for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instated the supplemental positions of Safety Patrol Coordinator at Park and Barrett Schools