



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
August 21, 2012**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Bobbie Jo Fawcett, Steel Valley Graduate of the Class of 2001; Joseph E. Serenka, Jr., former West Homestead and Steel Valley School Board member; and Leona Wrzesinski, aunt of Lori Mehalik, kindergarten teacher. It was moved by Mr. Natale and seconded by Mrs. Kiefer and seconded by Mrs. Kiefer to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Cannon wished everyone a good school year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer reported that the teachers and staff members finished two days of professional development, and he announced that Thursday, August 23, will be the first day of school for students.

Ninth grade students would begin school at 7:30 a.m. while 10th-12th grade students would arrive at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday. The Steel Center Vocational-Technical School students would report at 10:30 a.m. to the high school on Thursday and Friday.

Kindergarten students shall report at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Middle School students who are entering 6th grade and new 7th and 8th grade students will begin at 7:55 a.m. while the remaining 7th and 8th grade students report at 10:00 a.m.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced that there would be no school for students on Friday, August 31, due to an Act 80 Day for professional development. School will resume on Tuesday, September 4, following the Labor Day holiday.

She reported that an Open House for Franklin Primary Center parents is scheduled for September 5, and another for Barrett and Park parents would be held on September 12. These days will be early dismissals for students in those buildings. More information will be provided in the near future.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank reported that the staff and administrators have completed training for Keystone to Opportunity program, which included higher order thinking skills, building blocks, technology and HEAT training. He received a lot of positive feedback from the staff.

He reported that the district would begin work on a literacy plan. Every school district in Pennsylvania will be mandated to have a literacy plan in place within the next five years. We have received the Keystone to Opportunity grant to begin this process.

The AlertNow system has been activated and parents will be receiving automated calls on back to school information and upcoming activities. Mr. Colebank announced that if parents do now receive an automated

call, they should call the office to verify their directory information.

Mr. Colebank announced that registration for the Steel Valley Online Academy would be held on August 27-31. Classes will begin Tuesday, September 4.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Fetzko reported that a conciliation appeal hearing regarding numerous Waterfront properties would be held September 8.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

June 19, 2012 worksession meeting
June 26, 2012 regular meeting
July 17, 2012 worksession meeting
July 24, 2012 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$70,845.29
- General Fund invoices for August 2012 in the amount of \$143,736.82
- General Fund hand checks for July 2012 in the amount of \$482,728.70
- Cafeteria hand checks for July 2012 in the amount of \$170.00
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2012
- Food Service invoices for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$220.00
- Food Service invoices for August 2012 in the amount of \$793.04
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$7,415.96
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$225.00
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$1,964.74
- Real estate tax refund for year 2011, in the amount of \$330.79 to Ken and Thi Balch, for Lot & Block 131-A-47, as a result of a change in the assessment
- Real estate tax refund for year 2011, in the amount of \$1,855.86, to the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational Center, for Lot & Block 90-H-219, as a result of a change in the assessment
- Real estate tax refund for year 2011, in the amount of \$1,448.02 to the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational Center, for Lot & Block 90-H-221, as a result of a change in the assessment
- Proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, automobile, equipment breakdown and umbrella insurance for the 2012-2013 year at a total estimated premium of \$46,809
- Cafeteria budget for the 2012-2013 school year with revenue in the amount of \$859,000 and expenditures in the amount of \$846,300

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Bid for plumbing repair services for the district to Hruska Plumbing, per bid specifications, at a cost of \$25 per hour per plumber
- Bid for the purchase and installation of air conditioners at Park Elementary School to Hruska Plumbing, per bid specifications, at a cost of \$37,129.60

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted new Policy No. 123.1 Concussion Management

Educational Leadership

The Board accepted a \$500 donation from the Novotny family to improve the sound proofing in the music room at Park Elementary School. Superintendent Wehrer thanked his former high school classmate Bob Novotny and his wife for their generosity in helping to foster the love of music for our children.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Appointed Lauren Baughman to the position of Elementary Principal at Park Elementary School and Franklin Primary Center effective immediately
- Appointed Scott Meade to the position of Assistant Middle School Principal effective immediately
- Appointed Jill Fleming-Salopek to the position of Assistant High School Principal effective immediately
- Recalled Jessica Andzelik to an elementary teaching position effective immediately
- Recalled Matthew Simpson to a Secondary English position effective immediately
- Recalled Carrie Cope to an elementary teaching position effective immediately
- Day-to-day substitute teachers and a school nurse as presented for the 2012-2013 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Ashley Martin and Megan Desmond as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Accepted the resignations of Jared Grace from the position of middle school boys soccer coach and Katelyn Zilko from the position of middle school girls basketball coach effective immediately
- Staffing as presented for the Keystone to Opportunity (KtO) grant for the 2012-2013 school year
- Department head supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- Fall athletic supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- Activity supplementals as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- Activities volunteers as presented for the 2012-2013 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Denied Grievance #12-227
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- Tabled the motion to create a part-time secretarial position