



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
September 25, 2012**

The Board acknowledged the passing of John Sabatula, uncle of Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology; Irene Natale, grandmother of Anthony Natale, middle school Social Studies teacher; Patricia Lloyd, mother of Mary Lou McConnell, retired paraprofessional; Norman R. Wise, father of Debbie Woolley, middle school secretary; Joyce Barefoot, mother of Erin Barefoot, high school senior; Sean A. Bobick, nephew of Holli Bobick, Park School paraprofessional; Anna Alexandroff, grandmother of Dorothy Alexandroff, high school cafeteria worker; William C. Linkhauer, retired custodian; and James B. Hay, interim principal and assistant 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.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Cannon introduced Senior Melissa Cerda, the new Student Representative to the School Board.

Student Representative's Report

Senior Melissa Cerda reported that high school students are taking the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) in Math, Science and English to prepare for the Keystone exams.

Progress reports will be distributed on October 2.

The fall varsity sports are all midway through their season and performing well.

In the middle school, the Second Step Program to prevent bullying is occurring at the end of the school day. Assemblies to address bullying were held on September 5 with Robin Cole, former Steelers All-Pro Linebacker and Two-Time Super Bowl Champion. On September 11, one of the world's strongest men and Guinness Book of World Record Holder John Pritikin visited with the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to address bullying, peer pressure at school and the benefits of good character.

The middle school staff is participating in Bully-Free Fridays by wearing Anti-Bully shirts and discussing issues during homeroom.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer welcomed Student Representative to the School Board Melissa Cerda to the board meeting, and noted that Sophomore Kristen Moten will also serve along side Melissa this year.

He congratulated Sixth Grade Student Jaylin Brown for her 2nd runner up status in the National American Miss Pennsylvania Pre-Teen Pageant held in Harrisburg on August 11-12. She also won the casual wear modeling competition for her age division. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Jaylin.

Patrick O_Malley, the Ironmen_s starting quarterback, was named the PPG-AIM Student Athlete of the Week. He and a guest were invited to the opening Steelers game against the Jets where he was recognized on the scoreboard and on the public address announcements. AIM Tutor Ms. Barb Hurley nominated Patrick for this honor. Mr. Wehrer congratulated Patrick_s performance and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

Assistant High School Principal Jill Fleming-Salopek reported that with funds from the KtO grant, a district committee will create a Comprehensive Literacy Plan this year. In an effort to involve the community in the

Keystone to Opportunity program, the KtO team will present initiatives and achievements each month at the board meetings.

Mr. Jason Cendroski of the YMCA presented the highlights of the Starfish After School Program for students in grades 2 and 3. Fifty students from Barrett and Park Elementary Schools will participate in this literacy program from October through May at no cost to the school district.

Mr. Hairston, Executive Director of the YMCA, proposed onsite after school programs for school-age children in the school district. The YMCA would provide social, recreational and tutorial services at no cost to the district. .

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced that there would be no school for students on October 25 and 26. The staff will participate in an Act 80 Day of professional development training on October 25, and the staff will participate in Journey to Learn during the morning of October 26.

Administrators have begun using the HEAT walk through classroom observations in each building as part of the KtO grant.

Park School is beginning implementation of the School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program and the official Kick-Off will be during the Halloween Parade. Barrett_s School Wide Positive Behavior Support team is moving to Tier II and III.

The special education teachers are getting ready to use the iPads donated by Mr. Campbell.

Solicitor's Report

The Board hired Anthony Barna to appraise Costco's realty at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

August 14, 2012 worksession meeting
August 21, 2012 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for September 2012 in the amount of \$573,630.40
- General Fund hand checks for August 2012 in the amount of \$493,753.25
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2012
- Food Service invoices for September 2012 in the amount of \$6,450.98
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending August 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$9,913.74
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$95.56
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$5,285.76
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$290.00

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized the business manager to advertise for the sale of a 1995 Chevy van and a 1994 Ford dump truck in _as-is_ condition

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Field trip request to Washington, D.C. by the 8th grade class

Special Assignments

The Board held a first reading on the following policies:

- Policy No. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- Policy No. 611 Purchases Budgeted
- Policy 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Policy No. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Recalled Deirdre Kamauf as a long-term substitute to an elementary position retroactive to September 10, 2012, through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school term
- Brittany Allen, Marissa Deasy and Terance Spencer as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year at a pay rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 beginning with the 31st day contingent on receipt of current clearances and certifications
- Patti Semenko, Joyce Senich and Amy Lewkowicz as substitute staff for the KtO grant for the 2012-2013 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Accepted the resignation of Vicki Deutsch from the position of Middle School Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- Fall and Winter supplemental positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year
- Created a half-time secretarial position in the business office
- Recalled two paraprofessionals from furlough
- Created an elementary teaching position retroactive to August 22, 2012
- The collective bargaining agreement between the Board of School Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association was pulled from the agenda to give the School Board members sufficient time to review the agreement.