



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
September 27, 2010**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Caroline Lockaton, aunt of Jeff Deabner, high school teacher; Patricia Borkowski, grandmother of Jeff Deabner, high school teacher; James Andres, grandfather of Cara Hritz, high school teacher; Kayla Rush, cousin of Traci Riley, Park School food service; Walter C. Wetzel, father of Winnie Stegena, Barrett food service and crossing guard; Carolyn Radonivic, aunt of Traci Churilla, high school teacher; Robert Chambers, cousin of Leslie Hairston, Franklin paraprofessional and John Dobo, father of Carole Smart, retired Park School teacher. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mrs. Ballas to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon announced that motivational speaker Bill Sanders will present *_Building Successful Families_* on Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the William Campbell Education & Recreation Center at Barrett Elementary School. All families are invited to attend, and childcare will be available.

Student Representative_s Report

Student Representative Lance Miller reported that there would be a strong emphasis on writing for 6th grade students. Middle school students created a *_good luck_* banner for Charlie Batch.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey introduced Randy Frederick of H-T Capital Markets who explained refunding of the 2003 bonds.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report

Mrs. Borges announced that the Queen of Hearts would be reading to kindergarten students on Wednesday, October 13.

Jump Start to Reading is a national program to promote early education and literacy. On October 7, the elementary schools will participate in reading *The Snowy Day* as part of a record-setting event. Last year, 2.4 million children participated in this reading initiative. To learn more about the program and participate this year, please go to www.readfortherecord.org.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that the AlertNow system has been used to remind parents of the immunization requirements for their children. Students who do not meet the state health department requirements will be

disenrolled from school on October 1.

Mr. Colebank announced that the PSSA report card information is available. All Steel Valley schools made Average Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics. The high school, middle school and Park Elementary School made AYP in Reading; however, Barrett Elementary School has been placed on the warning list.

Mr. Colebank reported that two families are enrolled in Steel Valley Cyber School, which will begin soon. The benefits to an inhouse cyber school are that it provides Steel Valley curriculum and test strategies. If students choose to return to the classroom, they will be on target with the coursework. There is also a cost savings to the school district.

Soliciter's Report

The Board rejected the proposed mediation settlement agreement on Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-00191.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

- August 10 worksession meeting
- August 17 board meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for September 2010 in the amount of \$525,374.35
- General Fund hand checks for August 2010 in the amount of \$1,079,046.37
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2010
- Treasurer's Report for July 2010
- Food Service invoices for August 2010 in the amount of \$50,161.97
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2010
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- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2010
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- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending July 31, 2010
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- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$10,890.05
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$8,803.89
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$220.69
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$1,755.58
- Authorized a real estate tax refund to David Glumac for various Lot & Block numbers listed in the amount of \$1,448.17 as a result of a change in assessment value for years 2004 and 2008
- Real estate tax refund to Mary Ann Gardner for Lot & Block 131-F-336 in the amount of \$20.00 due to an error in the payment made
- Real estate tax refund to Hugh and Suellen McShane for Lot & Block 133-H-10 in the amount of \$848.80 as a result of a change in assessment value for year 2009
- Solicit bids for the purchase of a new dump truck equipped with a plow and heavy-duty towing package to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Authorized the business manager to begin the process to refund the Series 2003 A, B and C Bonds

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented waiving the rental fee on Permit No. 3928
- Solicitor to begin the process of selling the district's unused property
- Business manager to bid the electrical work for Franklin Primary Center and Park Elementary School to allow for additional air conditioning units to be used in the buildings

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- 8th grade field trip request to Washington, D.C., on May 12-14, 2011, at no cost to the district
- Payment of \$800 for disc jockey services of Steve Maffei at the prom to be held on May 13, 2011

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted new Policy No. 218.1 Student Discipline Secondary Schools.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Amended the school district calendar to add an early dismissal for Park Elementary School students on October 13, 2010
- Elementary Faculty Handbook for the 2010-2011 school year
- Accepted grant of \$14,782 from The Grable Foundation for the Alice computer software
- Accepted grant of \$500 from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to the Steel Valley High School for the Tobacco Free Allegheny Busted Program
- Mrs. Cannon recognized Mrs. Fleming-Salopek for her efforts on the tobacco free program held at Trautman Field this past summer by the SADD student group.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Retroactively approved a child rearing leave of absence concurrently with a family medical leave of absence for Dawn Kunca-Kapolka for the 2010-2011 school year
- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Jeffrey Deabner commencing on or about November 16, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Substitute teachers as listed for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Cheryl Chapman, Samantha Droznek, Julia Jones and Alissa Mercuri as day-to-day substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Susan Ballas to apply for the Federal Relations Network Liaison for 2011 and cover all costs for her participation for a one-year period
- Bethany Fenyus and Heather Huber to attend and present at the National Council of Teachers of English on November 18-19, 2010, in Orlando, Florida, at the cost of \$903.00
- Supplemental appointments as presented for the 2010-2011 school year
- Activities volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 & 151 clearances

- Retroactively approved a family medical leave of absence for Grace James, high school custodian, beginning September 20 until on or about October 4, 2010
- Unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary, to last no longer than January 19, 2011
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Andrew Strobel, custodian at the high school, effective immediately
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Michele Batch, special education paraprofessional, effective September 20, 2010
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Nancy Fenner, copy clerk, effective September 15, 2010
- Job description for a part-time school secretary
- Appointed Joyce Kornacki as the part-time secretary in the high school at the pay rate of \$11,000 per year and all fringe benefits governed by the current collective bargaining agreement
- Appointed Marie Kraycar as a general worker in the high school cafeteria, 3 ¼ hours per day, at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$9.60 (\$8.16) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, effective immediately

