



# Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting  
April 25, 2006**

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## **President's Comments**

On Wednesday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m., the Steel Valley School District will host Mr. William V. Campbell at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Campbell Gymnasium behind the Senior High School.

## **Student Representatives \_ Reports**

- The Barrett Gold Band and Chorus performed at the Mon Valley Education Consortium sponsored Steel Valley Community Breakfast, which was held at the Carnegie Library of Homestead.
- The weeks of April 17th through April 28th were designated as "Law Week" at schools in the district. Under the sponsorship of District Justice Thomas Torkowsky, and in coordination with the District Attorney's office, the Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead Police Departments, students at Park, Barrett and Franklin Primary received free fingerprints, a taped video and a DNA Kit which will be sent home to parents. Other activities in the district included a Mock Trial, a field trip to the Coroner's Office as well as sessions on drugs, alcohol, bullying, safety, gang violence, gun violence, date rape and domestic violence.
- Various Steel Valley students and organizations participated in an Earth Day Clean Up on April 21.
- Congratulations to the Steel Valley Cheerleaders on their First place finish during a recent competition in Maryland.
- On Wednesday, April 26th, the Steel Valley faculty played the Pittsburgh Steelers in a basketball game fundraiser.
- Congratulations to Steel Valley Gifted students on taking First and Second place at recent competitions.

## **Solicitor's Report**

- The Board approved a motion to expel a minor female student for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and for the entire 2006-2007 school year.
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## **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- An In-service day for teachers is scheduled on May 12. There will be no school for students.
- A video presentation was given by Mrs. Toni Besh, Mrs. Tracey Michalak and their French students on their recent trip to Quebec, Canada. The students spoke about their experiences at Winter Carnivale and other sights they visited.

## **Board Secretary's Report**

- Minutes of the Worksession and Regular Meetings are in the process of being placed on the website.
- The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

February 28, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

March 21, 2006 Worksession Meeting  
March 28, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

## Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

General Fund Invoices	\$415,968.2 1
General Fund Hand Checks	\$766,282.1 2
Payroll Funding Transfers for November 2005	
Revenue Report for October 2005	
Expenditure Report for October 2005	
Food Service Invoices	\$31,129.61
Custodial Invoices	\$553.59
Athletic Invoices	\$1,070.00
Middle School	\$430.56
Hand Checks/Custodial	\$2,032.96
Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks	\$1,495.00
Middle School/Hand Checks	\$4,480.41
Hand Checks/Band Trip	\$28,930.44

Steel Valley Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expenses

Capital Projects fund Monthly Statement of Income and Expenses

2000-2001 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Report

Waiver of penalty and interest due on property in the amount of \$210.77 with the proviso that the decedent's personal representative remits the tax due of \$2,107.69 within 30 days notification of this action

Resolution prepared by Board Solicitor Donald Fetzko accepting the proposal for ProSoft Technologies to upgrade the District's systems application software to windows-based applications as follows: at a cost not to exceed \$12,481.64 for the server, license and configuration; at a cost not to exceed \$67,745 for the upgrade of the ten programs currently in use and including data conversion; new application for personnel at a cost not to exceed \$12,170, including data conversion; new student applications at a cost not to exceed \$14,723; Jackson Software's GradeQuick at a cost not to exceed \$15,005; EdLine Web Service at an annual cost not to exceed \$7,296; and monthly maintenance fees not to exceed \$1,381 beginning 90 days after conversion

Adopted a Resolution proposed by Maiello Brungo and Maiello regarding PF Chang property tax assessment appeal

## **Operations**

The Board approved the following:

Facility Rentals as presented

Fundraising requests as presented

Donation of 25 cornets from the Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music for the Barrett Beginning Band program

Payment of Burt Hill Invoice Number 0116763 in the amount of \$9,203.95 for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project

Payment of Burt Hill Invoice Number 0116764 in the amount of \$7,104.30 for the High School Kitchen Renovation Project

Payment of \$7,966 to Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. on Payment Application No. 1 for the district's new telephone system Payment of \$425 to Burt Hill for services provided on the Middle School corridor Lockers project

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following:

Attendance of The Future is Mine Student Project Team to the Student Leadership Conference held on April 27-28 in Pittsburgh

Payment of at least \$2,500 to the Senior Reception/Breakfast Committee to defray costs of the Senior Breakfast to be held on May 18 for the Class of 2006

## **Special Assignments**

The Board approved the following:

Held a second reading and adopted the revisions to Policy No. 216 Student Records

Held a second reading and adopted the revisions to Policy No. 217 Graduation Requirements

Held a second reading and adopted the revisions to Policy No. 237 Behavior Support for Exceptional Children

Approved the Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School Operating budget and Adult Education Program Budget as presented for the 2006-2007 school year

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board adopted the 2006-2007 Academic Handbook for the Senior High School

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Maureen Gemeinhart according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective on the day

before the first scheduled day of the 2006-2007 school year

Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Daniel Pietrowski according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective on the day before the first scheduled day of the 2006-2007 school year

Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Carol Resko retroactive to March 7, 2006 through the end of the 2005-2006 school term

Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Julie Doebereiner retroactive to April 3 through April 9, 2006

Appointed Sara M. Bouton to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year

Appointed Jennifer L. Sowa to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the High School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances and her passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appointed Hampton Conway to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year

Appointed Michael E. Hofbauer to a permanent full-time position in Mathematics, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances and his passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appointed Richard J. Pireaux to a long-term substitute position in Mathematics, assigned to the High School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances and his passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appointed Clint Carpenter to the position of Assistant Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,217.44 for the 2005-2006 school year; Russ Gill, Dennis Hornak, Mark Rider, Tony Berger and Bob Kitchen to the positions of Assistant Football Coach for the 2006-2007 school year

Approved Michelle R. Tomcik, Elizabeth A. Whiteman, Mary Jo Pasay, Peggy Price and Brenda W. O'Neale as substitute secretaries for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$6.50 per hour

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

**Monday, May 15, 2006 – Worksession**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 2006 – Regular Meeting**