



Steel Valley School District
Board Brief

**Board Meeting
August 14, 2014**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Edward A Rock, Sr.**, member of the Steel Valley Veterans Day Committee and father of Janet Doyle, retired health and physical education teacher. It was moved by **Ms. Youngblood** and seconded by **Mr. Bajus** to place an appropriate book into the High School Library in his memory.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Diana Borges announced that the teachers and staff would begin work on August 20 with professional development activities, and on August 22 the activities would focus on safety training and an active shooter drill.

On August 26, only students in grades 1, 6 and 9 will report to school for a transition day. Elementary parents are permitted to enter the building with their children. There will be an early dismissal on that day.

On Wednesday, August 27, all students will report to school for the first day of the 2014-2015 school year. Kindergarten students will have an early dismissal on August 27 and 28.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank announced that schedules are being mailed home to secondary students next week. Individual student Keystone scores have been released, and the school scores will come out in September.

Solicitor's Report

The Board hired Bodnar Appraisal Services at the sum of \$600.00 to perform an appraisal of the Munhall Gasoline Service, LP, on its real estate tax assessment appeal.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- June 16, 2014 regular meeting
- June 26, 2014 special meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$154,886.97
- General Fund invoices for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$81,629.61
- General Fund hand checks for July 2014 in the amount of \$358,048.49
- 2013-2014 payments made in 2014-2015 by General Fund hand checks in the amount of \$4,688.80
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2014
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2014
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$4,243.18
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$1,780.65
- General liability insurance quote for the period September through June. This will place the district's insurance on a July 1 to June 30 schedule in subsequent years. The prorated amount for this year's coverage is \$48,102.78. This includes an increase in the umbrella coverage to \$4 million and excludes terrorism coverage.
- Partial payment in the amount of \$35,000.00 to Honeywell for the main boiler replacement project at
- Park School to be paid from the capital projects fund
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$279.62, as a result of a change in assessment/exoneration, to Eugene M. Pido for Lot & Block 180-A-169
- Real estate tax refund for year 2014 in the amount of \$3,555.46, as a result of a change in assessment/exoneration, to Munhall Gasoline Service for Lot & Block 181-F-125
- Maher Duessel to perform the financial audit of the district for period ending June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$20,700 plus \$300 for reimbursement of expenses

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented except when the district has Family Night events scheduled
- Rejected the bid received from Coppola Construction

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved fundraising requests as presented through February 2015.

Educational Leadership

The Board accepted the following donations:

- \$3,386.00 from the Campbell Educational and Community Foundation for the purchase of championship rings for the baseball team and coaches
- \$20,000 from the Benedum and Grable Foundations for the Creating Value After-School Course
- \$500 from Cycle for STEM and the AFCEA Educational Foundation for the new Zulama program at the Senior High School
- \$500 from the Homestead Lions Club to the Gridiron Club to provide meals at football camp

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Bridget Ellis from the position of high school special education teacher effective immediately
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Anthony Natale from the position of middle school history teacher effective immediately
- Eliminated the Half-time Art / Social Studies position due to attrition
- Eliminated the High School Special Education position and the Middle School History position due to attrition
- Created three (3) professional teaching positions for the 2014-2015 school year
- Appointed Jeffrey Pingor as a long-term substitute teacher at Step 1 of the Bachelor's salary schedule (\$42,683) with fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement for the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Substitute teachers and school nurses per the attached list for the 2014-2015 school year at the rate of \$90 per day for the first 30 days and \$120 per day thereafter
- Appointed William Seaman to the supplemental position of History Club sponsor for the 2014-2015 school year
- Supplemental appointments as listed for the 2014-2015 school year
- Band and athletic volunteers listed for the 2014-2015 school year contingent upon receipt of appropriate Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Dylan Titmus as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be

completed within 30 days

- Eliminated the position of Assistant Principal of the High School effective immediately
- Eliminated the position of Elementary Assistant Principal effective immediately
- Eliminated the position of Assistant Middle School Principal effective immediately
- Created the position of Assistant High School Principal / Co-Principal of Franklin Primary Center effective immediately
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- Appointed John Strom to the position of Assistant High School Principal / Co-Principal of Franklin Primary Center effective immediately
- Appointed Tom Shaughnessy to the position of Assistant Middle School Principal / Co-Principal of Franklin Primary Center effective immediately
- Appointed Christina Borelli to a professional teaching position with a 2014-2015 assignment of districtwide special education teacher at Step 1 of the Master's salary schedule (\$44,174) with fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days