



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
August 15 and 29, 2005**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of Lucy Moreno, aunt of Luanne Szczypinski; Virginia Jones, retired secretary at Park School; Robert H. Logan, father-in-law of Yvette Logan; James Stupar, father of Anita Crawford; Elizabeth Johnson, mother-in-law of Margaret Forsythe; Mary Segas, aunt of Betty Ann Orkis; and James Justice, brother of Audrey Titmus. It was moved by Mr. McCallister and seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek to place books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Comment

Mr. Ducar announced that the hours of instruction in the Senior High School would be from 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. for the 2005-2006 school year.

Solicitor 's Report

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, the Business Manager and the Solicitor to enter into preliminary negotiations with the Eastern Orthodox Foundation to acquire the use of Building C (Willis Building) by either sales or lease/sales agreement or an option to purchase.

The Board adopted a resolution imposing additional earned income tax of one tenth of one percent (0.1%) pursuant to Act 72 of 2005.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey reported the schedule for the opening of school:

August 22	Clerical Day for Teachers
August 23	Professional Development Day
August 24	First Day of School for Students

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Warren reported that a serious water line break occurred at the high school, and repairs must be made to the water line from the school building to Main Street. The School Board approved advertising for three quotes for the repairs under emergency procedures stipulated by the Department of Education.

He reported that Barrett School made marked improvement on the PSSA and achieved Average Yearly Progress (AYP). Students at Park School received excellent scores and also achieved AYP. The Middle School students' scores improved, but the High School scores declined.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of June 20 and June 27, 2005

Financial Management

The Board approved the following Financial Items:

- General Fund invoices for 2004-2005 in the amounts of \$797,394.52, \$147,061.35 and \$47,805.90
- General Fund invoices for August 2005 in the amount of \$210,873.39
- General Fund invoices for July 2005 in the amounts of \$174,783.34 and \$110,837.40
- General Fund hand checks for June 2005 in the amount of \$422,882.54
- General Fund hand checks for July 2005 in the amounts of \$3,566.58 and \$1,007,993.14
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July and August 2005
- General Fund Revenue Reports for June and July 2005
- General Fund Expenditure Reports for June and July 2005
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$1,729.27
- Financial Reports for Steel Valley Foundation for Education
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$7,488.21
- Custodial invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$22,557.44
- Middle School invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$6,140.04
- Band trip hand checks in the amount of \$2,313.32
- The Board approved the following items:
- Real estate tax refund in the amount of \$257.73
- Renewal of the district's insurance coverage for the 2005-2006 school year with the PSBA Insurance Trust through the Cusumano Insurance Agency, Inc., at a cost of \$51,631.22.
- Real estate tax refund in the amount of \$372.68
- Business Office to enter into an agreement with the Eric Ryan Corporation for auditing of the district's utility and telecommunications bills
- Acceptance of the corrected assessed valuation of \$53,000 as determined by Allegheny County, authorize exoneration of all penalties, interest and associated costs, and permit the taxpayer to pay all back taxes at the discount amount
- Business Office to accept the proposal from the Bank of New York to become the district's Paying Agent for all district indebtedness for the cost of \$8,250 exclusive of required publication expenses
- AON Employee Benefits Consulting and the PSBA Insurance Trust to become the district's insurance carrier for life, AD&D and Short-term Disability at the quoted price of \$2,716.34 per month which allows the district to realize an annual savings of \$11,635.44
- Payment of \$3,471.75 to Director of Operational Services Michael Bichko in lieu of district-provided health care insurance for the 2004-2005 school year
- Resolution declaring its intent to reimburse, with the proceeds of Obligations in the approximate amount of \$400,000, the acquisition of equipment, fixtures and other Capital Expenditures for the Project from the proceeds of approximately \$5,000,000 of Obligations issued
- Incurring nonelectoral debt in the amount of \$5,250,000
- Establishing a Capital Projects 2005 Bank Account at Citizen's Bank to receive the deposit of the proceeds from the 2005 General Obligation Bond Issue
- Appointment of Tonya Piscitelli of the Cusumano Agency, Inc., as the broker of record for the Steel Valley School District's Life Insurance, AD&D and Short Term Disability Insurance Programs through the PSBA Insurance Trust

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Payment of \$48,898.67 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the Middle School Classroom Project
- Payment of \$19,956.60 to Right Electric, Inc., as presented on Payment Application Number 1 for the Middle School Classroom Project
- Payment of \$25,578 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as presented on Payment Application Number 1 for the Middle School Classroom Project
- Proposal from Kees Waterproofing Systems, Inc., of Munhall for the installation of aluminum fascia at the Franklin Primary Center in the amount of \$2,500
- Proposal from Toth Carpet, Inc., of West Mifflin for the installation of classroom, office and hallway carpeting at the Barrett Elementary School
- Proposal from Tiffin Athletic Mats, Inc., of Elkton, MD, in the amount of \$2,935 plus freight of \$425 for cheerleading mats for the 2005-2006 school year
- Replace concrete sidewalk sections of the Steel Valley High School
- Proposal from AB Specialties, Inc., for replacement of exterior entry doors at the Steel Valley High School and the Franklin Primary Center and interior fire-rated doors at the Steel Valley High School and Middle School at a cost of \$56,165 for the total bid
- Proposal from Sloan Valve Company to participate in the Water Conservation Test Program at a cost of \$195 per unit for three units, plus shipping and installation
- Business Office to advertise for the installation of security fencing at the Campbell Athletic Field
- Proposal from Sunguard/Pentamation for its web-based Student and Financial Applications at a monthly application hosting fee of \$3,139 with an option to add the special education module at a later date at a cost not to exceed \$1,450 per month and with staff training and conversion costs to be presented upon the completion of ongoing discussions
- Payment of \$109,552.50 to FranJo Construction as presented on their Payment Application No. 1 for the Middle School Classroom Project
- Awarding the contract for the High School waterline project to Hruska Plumbing
- Payment of \$45,405 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., for the Middle School Classroom Project HVAC Contract
- Serving notice to Dagostino Electronics that it is in default of its contract to install the district's Metropolitan Area network and the district is voiding such contract
- Re-awarding the bid for the districtwide Metropolitan Area Network services to SUNESYS, Inc., in the amount of \$84,224, the original low bid, subject to the solicitor's final review and approval of the contract(s)

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board authorized proper officers of the school district to sign a contract for the purchase of meals by Eloise & Edith Day School from the district

Special Assignments

Mr. Revak reported that 69 students are enrolled at the Steel Center Vocational-Technical School.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Middle School Academic Handbook for the 2005-2006 school year
- Elementary (K-5), Middle School and High School Student/Parent Handbooks for the 2005-2006 school year Steel Valley Emergency Management Plan
- Revised the school hours for students only for the 2005-2006 school year plus extended the school day for tutoring in all buildings:

Park and Barrett Schools 8:05 am – 3:00 pm

Franklin Primary School 8:15 am – 3:10 pm

Middle School 8:15 am – 3:10 pm

High School 7:30 am – 2:25 pm

Alternative Education 6-12 8:15 am – 4:10 pm and 10:00 – 4:55

- Dual enrollment agreements with one or more appropriate institutions and to file a dual enrollment grant application with the Department of Education, and to authorize the Board President to create a dual enrollment committee as consistent with the guidelines developed by the Department of Education
- Hold in abeyance the PSSA or alternative score regulations as listed in the student handbook for seniors requesting work release for the 2005-2006 school year. However, seniors must meet the attendance requirements and be passing all courses to be eligible for work release

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following:

- Resignation of Steve Pulleo from the position of Middle School Science teacher effective immediately
- Resignation of Brandon Kazan from the position of High School Physics teacher and his supplemental positions, which include Intramural Supervisor, Environmental Club Supervisor and Set Builder for the musical
- al leave of absence for restoration of health for Cindy DeLuca for the first semester of the 2005-2006 school year
- Unpaid leave of absence for Kelly Emro beginning on or about September 8, 2005, until the birth of her child, and to approve a child rearing leave to commence following the birth of her child not to exceed one year
- Retroactively approved an unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Elizabeth Spiker from January 19, 2005 through the end of the first semester of the 2005-2006 school year
- Temporary Professional and Professional, Long-term Substitute and Day-to-Day Substitute employees

Denise Barron

Mariann Scott

Mark Fallon

Nicole States

Betsy Holland

Susan Wilder

Tamika Hutcherson	Ryan Brown
Ben Lander	Tom Kendro
Tracey Linnert	John Strom
Bryan Macuga	Steven Singer
Larry McKern	Jessica Andzelik
Susan Salapa	Ebony Cunningham
Leisel Lengyel	

- Administrative job description and authorize the administration to post the position
- Dale Pasino, Alan Francis, Kaylee Stahr, Melanie Tozzi, Bridget Kudis-Ellis, Deirdre Kamauf and Chantee McBride as substitute teachers for the 2005-2006 school year at a rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Cindy DeLuca to take online courses for a Homeland Security certificate at a cost to the district of \$1,295
- Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Robin Rudic for social work services at a rate of \$35 per hour
- Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Robin Rudic for psychological services at a rate of \$35 per hour
- Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Physical Rehab, Inc., for physical therapy services as required
- Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Therapeutic Specialists, Inc., for Occupational Therapy Services as required
- Resignation of Amanda (Marini) Olson from her position of Girls' Basketball Coach effective June 10, 2005
- Resignation of Robert Shoemaker from his position of High School Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach effective June 22, 2005
- Resignation of Carol Lancia from the position of Auxiliary Coordinator of the Marching Band
- Resignation of John Giran from the position of Varsity Assistant Football Coach effective immediately
- Tara Shipley to the position of JV Cheerleading Assistant Coach effective with the 2005-2006 school year
- Retroactively appointed Lois Habrat to the position of Secretary to the Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services at the rate of \$15,000 per year and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement contingent upon passing a general physical examination
- Creation of a Personal/Special Education Aide position beginning with the 2005-2006 school year
- Janice Solorio to the position of Personal Care Aide/Special Education Aide effective on or about August 22, 2005, contingent upon receipt of her CPR and First Aid certification and compensation at \$7.00 per hour pending receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Karen Barabas to the position of Personal Care Aide/Special Education Aide effective on or about August 22, 2005, contingent upon receipt of her clearances, CPR and First Aid certification and compensation at \$7.00 per hour pending receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Karen Smith to the position of Personal Care Aide/Special Education Aide effective on or about August 22, 2005, contingent upon receipt of her CPR and First Aid certification and compensation at \$7.00 per hour pending receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Janet Kovacs as a substitute in the food service department contingent upon her passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened and pending receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Unpaid leave of absence for Wyona Rompala commencing on or about September 28, 2005
- Unpaid Family Medical leave of absence for Mary Lebeda commencing on or about November 7, 2005, not

to exceed 12 weeks in duration

- Approve, retroactively, the attendance of Brandi Chalus at the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools 2005 National Conference in Washington, DC on August 15-17, 2005
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jill Fleming-Salopek from the position of High School English teacher effective immediately
- Melissa Capan to a long-term substitute position in English with salary and benefits based upon 1st step Bachelor's as per the collective bargaining agreement and retroactive to the start of the 2005-2006 school year
- Lisa Henderson to a long-term substitute position in Special Education with salary and benefits based upon 1st step Bachelor's as per the collective bargaining agreement and retroactive to the start of the 2005-2006 school year
- Melissa Pentin to a temporary professional position in Special Education with salary and benefits based upon 1st step Bachelor's as per the collective bargaining agreement and retroactive to the start of the 2005-2006 school year
- Daniel Lesko as a part-time instructional aide at Barrett Elementary School at \$7.00 per hour
- James Pendred, Louis Rocchini, Amber Majzer, James Ziegler, Nellie Player, Erica McCullough, Jaime Acie and Lynn Sieger as substitute teachers for the 2005-2006 school year at a rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Additional first grade section at Park Elementary School and to direct the administration to post a requisite teaching position
- Additional Kindergarten section at Franklin Primary Center and to direct the administration to post a requisite teaching position
- Fall athletic supplementals as presented
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Shawn McCallister from the supplemental position of Social Studies Department Head
- Resignation of Rebecca Kristen from the supplemental position of Assistant Swim Coach