



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
August 26, 2006**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Douglas Dougherty, cousin of Pam Terrick; Mrs. Helen Timko, grandmother of Jennifer Williams; Mr. Harmon Jackson, uncle of Toni Besh; Mrs. Nellie Lonzo, aunt of Dianne Cornetta; and Mr. Dominic Serapiglia, father-in-law of Stephanie Bellini. It was moved by Mrs. Cannon and seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek to place books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Solicitor's Report

The Board authorized Mark Ackerman to perform an appraisal for the Steel Valley School District on the Guardian Self Storage located at 1002 East Waterfront Drive, Munhall, Lot and Block Nos. 179-L-225 and 179-L-350 for an appraisal fee of \$2,500

Director of Secondary Education

Mrs. Fenyus reported that her goals for the 2006-2007 school year are to form a community of teachers and learners that stress high expectations and academic rigor, orient new faculty members and provide them with curricular and instructional support, and maintain cohesiveness between the middle and high school staff. She will stress the importance of teaching in a culture of change and data driven instruction. Her curricular and instructional goals include providing teachers with scholarly research to benefit their professional development, planning and implementing professional development workshops that focus on data driven instruction, direct instruction, authentic assessment and reflective practice. In addition, she will share and model innovative teaching strategies with the staff that will challenge students academically. She will analyze and revise curriculum-writing projects in order to create a proper scope and sequence and rigor across disciplines and content areas and guide instruction for the PSSA preparation classes in the Middle School and Senior High School.

Grant and Special Programs Coordinator

Ms. Sabo announced that the elementary Educational Assistance Program (EAP) for tutoring begins Tuesday, September 5, after school for students in grades one through eight. Letters have been sent home to parents whose children are eligible to participate. She encouraged parents to permit their children to participate. The tutoring program in the high school will be conducted during the school day as a scheduled course for students in grades nine through twelve. The District has been awarded \$219, 506 for the EAP program during the 2006-2007 school year.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey reported that the last evening for *Meet the Principal Night* will be conducted on Wednesday, August 23, beginning at 6:00 pm at Franklin Primary Center and 7:00 pm at the Senior High School. The

renovated auditorium will be showcased to the High School parents and students that evening.

The first day of classes for students is Monday, August 28. Kindergarten and first grade students will report to their respective schools at 8:00 am. Parents are invited to join their children in the classroom until 8:30 am. Students in grades two through five will report at 10 am, and parents are welcome in the classroom until 10:30 am.

At the Middle School, sixth grade students are to report at 8:10 am for an orientation assembly. Students in grades seven and eight shall report to their homerooms at 9:45 am. Students in grade nine will report at 7:45 am for orientation to the Senior High School. Students in grades ten through twelve shall report at 9:45 am. Students shall report at regular time for the remainder of the week.

Dr. Kinavey announced that the District has a new phone system in place. All persons shall call the main number at 412-464-3600 and follow the prompts of the automated message or use the extension, if known.

A three-day orientation for new teachers was conducted August 21-23 in the High School Library. Thursday, August 24, is a scheduled clerical day for all faculty and staff members to prepare their classrooms, and Friday, August 25, will be an inservice day for faculty and staff members.

Report of the Board Secretary

Mr. Bichko reported that the net profit from the clean out of the Woodlawn building was \$262.04.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the June 29 board meeting minutes.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$275,433.11
- General Fund invoices for August 2006 in the amount of \$166,646.25
- General Fund hand checks for July 2006 in the amount of \$501,659.94
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2006
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$2,076.33
- SV Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expenses
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses
- Capital Improvements 2005 Statement of Income and Expenses
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$3,000.80
- Hand checks/custodial in the amount of \$1,882.33
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,121.68

The Board approved the following items:

- Payment to FranJo Construction in the amount of \$122,859 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project identified as Payment Application No. 2
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117541 in the amount of \$1,720.31 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117969 in the amount of \$7,447.76 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Accepted the newly offered Interest Rate Management Plan as presented by the District's investment bankers and independent financial advisors, subject to the review and approval by Board Solicitor Donald Fetzko and District Bond Counsel Anthony Ditka, and authorized the Board President, Vice President, Board Secretary and District Superintendent to execute the necessary documents to accept the offered Constant Maturity SWAP transaction
- Payment of the first lease payment for the new computers to GE Capital Corporation in the amount of

\$39,796.16 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund

- Donation of \$10,000 to the Carnegie Library of Homestead from the general fund
- Transfer of \$484,295.67 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund to the District's General Fund as reimbursement for payments made by the General Fund for various capital projects through July 31, 2006

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Renewal of contract with the Steel Valley Midget Football Association for the 2006-2007 school year for cleaning Campbell Athletic Field after all scheduled events on an as needed basis at a cost of \$250 per event
- Agreement to lease to own with Xerox three (3) office machines at \$424.36 per month including all repair, maintenance and supplies except paper, staples at a per page cost for 60 months for the Business Office, High School and Middle School; and approved the agreement to lease to own with ComDoc three (3) office machines at \$637 per month including all repair, maintenance and supplies except paper, staples and per page cost for 60 months for the Superintendent's Office, Activities Office and Technology Office
- Development of a program for maintenance, repair and any needed replacement of the roofs of the district's occupied instructional buildings

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Field trip by the Marching Band to Magic Music Days in Disneyland in Anaheim, California in April 2008
- Contract for the purchase of meals from the District by Eloise and Edith Day School

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Letter of Agreement between the District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide non-public services to low income students at St. Therese and Ascension Schools for the 2006-2007 school year
- Family and Consumer Science curriculum "Growing Up Ready" by Paxton/Patterson for the 2006-2007 school year at a cost of \$46,415 for the Middle School and Senior High School

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following:

- Appointed Jill Fleming-Salopek as a professional employee to the position of Secondary Academic Literacy Coach with salary and benefits based upon Step 14 of the Master's salary effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appointed Maria Heddleston, Regina Takos, Jonette Bost, Amanda Olson, Kim Gennari and Steven Singer as facilitators for the Educational Assistance Program (EAP) at a rate of \$30 per hour beginning September 5, 2006, through May 8, 2007
- Appointed Kathy Marzec, Cindy Kortz, Beth Catterall, Melanie Tozzi, Erin Moore, Tara Toboz, Jessica Andzelik, Shanna Bradfield, Erin Cumming, Maribeth Meals, Karen Catterall, Rebecca Whelan, Becky Beynon, Jane Kulhanek, Debbie Hrabosky, Denise Barron, Susan Kaufold, Jill Bakota, Mandy Davern, Sandy Fry, Nicole Asson, Shannon Homa-Fry, Susan Wilder, Heather Pfeifer, Emilee Bedillion, Melissa Pentin, Ivan Braszo, Marguerite Luvara, Rebecca Kristen, Nicole

Adams and Vonnie Smid as tutors at a rate of \$30 per hour; appointed Mary Jo Sklencar and Kathy Grimm as paraprofessionals at a rate of \$15 per hour; and appointed Melissa Ladik as an aide at a rate of \$10 per hour beginning September 5, 2006, through May 8, 2007

- Position description for a Districtwide School Resource Officer
- Contract with Physical Rehab, Inc., for physical therapy services at \$57 per hour as needed
- Appointed Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as school dentist for the 2006-2007 school year
- •Substitute teachers and nurses as presented for the 2006-2007 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Jodi Geyer to the supplemental position of Junior Class sponsor at a stipend of \$931.32 and appointed Sharon Ellis to the supplemental position of Student Government sponsor at a stipend of \$2,211.89 for the 2006-2007 school year
- Michael Takos to the position of Personal Care/Special Education Aide at an hourly rate of \$7.00 contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances, First Aid/CPR certificate and passing the mandated physical exam and controlled substances screening beginning with the 2006-2007 school year
- Michael Pons as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Lynne Kinney as a substitute in the Food Service Department at \$6.50 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable results of the district's mandated physical examination and drug screening beginning with the 2006-2007 school year
- Employment of two (2) student summer workers from the CISCO IT class at a rate of \$7.00 per hour not to exceed eight (8) hours per week without approval from the Superintendent's office and no fringe benefits included
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Stacy Steinmeyer from the position of High School Health & Physical Education teacher effective immediately

Previous Board Action

The Board approved the following:

- Unpaid family medical leave of absence for Brandi Chalus beginning on or about October 25, 2006, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Denise Hayes from the position of elementary instructor at Barrett Elementary School effective August 23, 2006
- Appointed Bethany Fenyus to the position of Director of Secondary Education at a salary of \$65,000 and benefits according to the Administrative Compensation Plan effective immediately
- Appointed Jamie Polak to the position of Middle School Dean of Students with salary and benefits based upon Step 1 of the Bachelor's salary effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appointed Lisa Gamrat to a part-time position districtwide in speech and language support with salary and benefits prorated upon Step 1 of the Bachelor's salary effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appointed Patrick Connelly as a long-term substitute in Social Studies assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based upon Step 2 of the Bachelor's salary effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appointed Jennifer Woolley to the position of Secretary in the High School Office at an annual starting salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement but not less than \$15,000 including benefits in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement