



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
December 5, 2005**

The Board acknowledged the passing of of Mr. Charles Virostek, former District Business Manager; Mr. Eric Michael Allen, cousin of Norm Kosko, Barrett custodian; Mr. John Fosnight, uncle of Gwen Berchok, Senior High teacher; Mrs. Margaret Furfori, aunt of Diana Merichko, Senior High cook; Mrs. Antoinette Haupt, cousin of Priscilla Jackman, Academic Literacy Coach; Mrs. Margaret Walker, aunt of Dr. Alex Warren, Superintendent. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Re-Organization

The Honorable Robert P. Horgos, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, administered the oath of office to newly elected and re-elected Board members.

The Board elected Mr. Joseph Ducar, President and Mrs. Beth Cannon, Vice President.

Student Representatives_ Reports

- Franklin Primary will be having classroom celebrations on Thursday, December 22.
- Santa_s Workshops will be held at Barrett and Park Elementary December 6 through December 9.
- Park Elementary will hold a Pizza Hut fundraising night on December 20.
- The Middle School is holding an Eat N Park 10% off coupon fundraiser.
- The Senior High chorus will perform at the airport on December 9.
- The Holiday Semi-Formal will be held on December 26.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kinavey announced that Holiday Concerts will be held by the Middle School Chorus on December 14 and the Senior High Chorus on December 15.
- The Winter Holiday will begin on December 22 and students will return to school on January 3, 2006

Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations to Dr. Beth Tully, and the staff and students at Park Elementary on receiving their second Keystone Award from the state for exceeding Basic and Proficient status on the PSSA tests.
- New Middle School Science classrooms are now in use by teachers and students.
- Administrators are in the process of interviewing Senior High Principal candidates.
- Congratulations to Mr. Keith O'Toole for 14 years of School Board service to the school district.
- Installation of fiber optic cable for the district_s new telephone system is almost complete.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

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| General Fund Invoices | \$282,744.37 |
| General Fund Hand Checks | \$609,886.25 |

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| Payroll Funding Transfers for November 2005 | |
| Revenue Report for October 2005 | |
| Expenditure Report for October 2005 | |
| Food Service Invoices | \$25,652.52 |
| Uniform Reimbursements | \$1,989.88 |
| SV Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense | |
| Custodial Invoices | \$2,996.96 |
| Athletic Invoices | \$1,858.07 |
| Band Trip Invoices | \$2,220.00 |
| Custodial Invoices/Hand Checks | \$5,792.65 |
| Middle School/Hand Checks | \$90.00 |
| Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks | \$410.75 |
| Payment of \$36,193.85 to Dagostino Electronic Services | |
| West Homestead Borough real estate tax refunds for a total amount of \$17,551.46 | |
| Homestead Borough real estate tax refund in the amount of \$66.22 | |
| District's participation in the Joint Purchasing Board for purchase of school supplies | |
| Appointment of Legal Tax Services as Act 511 Special Tax Collector | |

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Facility rental requests
- Fundraising requests
- Accepted a \$750 offer from Foxes Wrestling Club to purchase used wrestling mats
- Sale of 14 used shooting jackets to Woodland Hills High School Rifle Team
- Payment of \$40,620 to Hruska Plumbing as final payment on Water Line Replacement Project
- Payment of \$34,198.20 to Right Electric, Inc. for Middle School Science Classroom Project

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following:

Martha Sloan as a delegate and will appoint a Board member as an alternate delegate to the Steel Center Advisory Board and Southeastern Special Schools

Held a second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 006 Local Board Procedures

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following:

Authorized the Superintendent to execute the Letter of Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh Tri-State Area School Study Council to provide technical assistance for the development of the Strategic Plan at a cost of \$3,500 Approved 2006 Board Meeting dates Authorized the Superintendent to execute the Letter of Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh Tri-State Area School Study Council to provide technical assistance for the development of the Strategic Plan at a cost of \$3,500

Approved 2006 Board Meeting dates

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Barbara Burger, Marion Kociban and Sophie Koutsavlis effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school term

Appointed Sara Bouton to a long-term substitute position in Mathematics at the Middle School

Appointed Heather Pfeifer to a long-term substitute position in Social Studies at the Middle School

Catherine A. Ratay, Richard J. Fersch and Jennifer A. Clugsten as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year

Executed a Professional Employee Contract for Amanda Davern

Accepted the resignation of Richard Owston from the supplemental position of Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach

Appointed Brian Macuga as Middle School Boys' 8th grade basketball coach, Anthony Natale as Middle School Boys' 7th grade basketball coach and Daniel Drane as Varsity Assistant Wrestling coach

Appointed Karen Barabas to the position of Barrett Elementary School Secretary

Appointed Daniel Lesko to the position of Personal Care/Special Education Aide

Approved Richard Fochtman, Jamie Polak, James Pendred, Steve Arovitz, Dan Borsch, Dave Smoley and Mark Tester as athletic volunteers

