



## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting  
December 8, 2016**

### **Re-organization Meeting**

Congratulations to **Colette Youngblood** on her re-election as Board President and **Coyleen Steele** on her re-election as Vice President of the Board of School Directors for 2017.

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **James Hancock**, uncle of Julie Angelilli, kindergarten teacher; **Harriette Smith**, aunt of Heather Clark, gifted support teacher; **Thomas Kramer**, cousin of Sandy Reiner, accounts payable secretary; **Gerald E. Kunkel**, uncle of Nick Seech, high school teacher; **Rita A. Seaman**, mother of Bill Seaman, high school teacher; **Edward Swallow**, father of Ellen Kelly, high school secretary; and **Luther L. Huey**, cousin of Susan Salapa, middle school teacher, and father of Emily Huey, former marching band guard instructor. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mr. Bulger** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

A presentation was made by Anthony Pollino of Prudential Insurance offering 75 educational seminars to students and community members. He also noted that the company offers a scholarship program for students doing volunteer work.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Junior School Board Representative **Abby Ferson** reported on the following Barrett Elementary School activities. The last day for afterschool clubs during the first semester is December 8. On December 9, Barrett students would be making holiday cards for senior citizens. Title I Family Night at Barrett will be held December 14 starting at 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten classes will hold a winter activity day. The All School Holiday Revue will be held on December 22 at 1:00 p.m.

At Park Elementary School, students brought in over 150 pairs of pajamas. The pajamas will be donated to a local homeless shelter, and Scholastic Books will give a book to everyone receiving pajamas.

The students did an awesome job in the All School Holiday Revue on December 6. They definitely had everyone in the holiday spirit!

**Park PTO** has planned an action packed evening for students including games, dancing, crafts and a visit by Santa at its Polar Express event scheduled for Friday night. Santa's Workshop is scheduled for next week.

Senior Student Representative to the School Board **Abbey Caspar** reported that teachers in the middle school would be visiting Elizabeth Forward Middle School to view instructional programs that utilize iPad devices and the eBackpack program.

There are some exciting partnerships occurring in the high school. Studio AM owner, **Baron Batch**, has agreed to work with the high school mixed media arts class to create artwork, which will be displayed in the cafeteria. Mr. Batch will speak to the Entrepreneurship and Marketing students on his other business ventures. Our students will visit a compression testing lab to see how the product they have been working with is tested and presented.

The High School Fine Arts Department will be celebrating the holiday season at the following community events:

December 12	Performing for residents of Parkview Tower
December 13	Holiday Concert by Band and Choir in High School Auditorium
December 15	Performing at Allegheny County Courthouse

A book fair event is being held at Barnes and Noble bookstore and online to benefit the high school library. Student Council is hosting a blood drive on December 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The high school semi-formal is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> at Westwood Golf Club. Tickets are on sale.

The student representatives shared the public service announcement that the Youth Traffic Safety Committee submitted to the FBI entitled, "Hope Over Heroin." They made this video to raise awareness about the effects of heroin on families. If selected, the student Youth Traffic Safety Committee members would serve as an FBI Agent for a day and SADD would receive \$500.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Wehrer** recognized **Mrs. Susan Ballas** for 20 years of School Board service. He stated that he is grateful that she has given so much of her time and energy to the students, staff and administration.

Congratulations to the Ironmen Football Team for making it to the PIAA 2A championship in Hershey, PA. In order to help people and families that want to travel to Hershey to see the game, we will have an early dismissal on Friday, December 9.

Another adult fan bus has been added to travel to Hershey; they are looking for people to fill it. Contact Reggie Kenney at 412.980.9145. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$8 for adults. They will be on sale Friday until 10:00 a.m. All tickets purchased at the gate are \$8.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report**

**Mrs. Borges** announced some of the upcoming events:

December 9	Honors Choir Pittsburgh Int'l Airport	10:00 a.m.
December 13	MS/HS Band and Chorus Concert	6:15 p.m.
December 15	HS Concert and Honors Choirs	12:30 p.m.
	Allegheny County Courthouse Lobby	
December 23	Districtwide Early Dismissal	

### **Solicitor's Report**

The Board adopted a resolution expelling a minor student and authorized payment of \$587.35 to Pittsburgh Reporting Service for attending and transcribing the record of the expulsion hearing.

### **Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report**

**Mr. Colebank** reported that the district will be increasing to 500 Mbps of Internet service in the new year.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- October 24, 2016 worksession meeting
- October 27, 2016 regular meeting

### **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for November 2016 in the amount of \$1,088,927.66

- General Fund hand checks for October 2016 in the amount of \$1,720,645.99
- General Fund Revenue Report for October 2016
- General Fund Expenditure Report for October 2016
- General Fund Balance Sheet for October 2016
- Food Service invoices for October 2016 in the amount of \$53,553.04
- Payroll Funding Transfers for October 2016
- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending November 30, 2016
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for October 2016
- Pennsylvania Coach Lines invoices totaling \$11,877.62
- Payment from the Capital Projects Fund in the amounts of \$4,950.00 to Golon, Inc., \$39,420.00 to Arch Masonry, Inc., \$4,380.00 to Arch Masonry, Inc., \$6,911.00 to Swede Construction and \$15,042.00 to Honeywell
- Accepted the Financial Statement of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for the year ending June 30, 2016
- Tax refunds to Robert and Megan Cunningham in the amount of \$651.40 and Kenneth and Michelle Ackerman in the amount of \$878.02

### **Operations**

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Granted the Superintendent the authority to interview architectural firms for the process of performing a District Feasibility Study

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Created an **Ultimate Frisbee Club** for high school students for the 2016-2017 school year with **Erik Jabs** as volunteer sponsor
- Authorized payment of \$500.00 for the disc jockey services at the winter semi-formal dance to be held on January 7, 2017
- Field trip for the football team and coaches to attend the PIAA AA Championship in Hershey, PA, on December 10, 2016

### **Special Assignments**

The Board held a first reading of revisions adding blue shirts to approved school colors and warm-up jacket and t-shirts with SV insignia worn over collard shirts to Policy 221 Dress and Grooming.

### **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted a \$1,000 grant from **First Energy** to implement circuit scribes into the gifted curriculum
- Board meeting dates and the advertisement of dates for year 2017

### **Technology**

Board member **Dan Rojtas** reported that the school district has created social media platforms on Facebook under Steel Valley High School, Steel Valley Middle School, Barrett Elem, and Park Elementary School. This is a great tool to keep current on school and district information. The school district will continue to use its YouTube page.

## Communications

Board member **Jim Bulger** announced that the next meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee would be on January 18, 2017.

## Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Meagan O'Toole** retroactive to November 3, 2016, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Vonnie Smid** retroactive to December 1, 2016, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Nicole Cantwell** from the half-time Speech and Language Support teacher retroactive to November 21, 2016
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Tara Simm** from the position of part-time Art teacher retroactive to November 29, 2016
- **Ashley Giannangeli** to a part-time, long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of part-time, long-term substitute Art teacher at a prorated Master's Step 1 salary plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to November 29, 2016
- **Elizabeth Hanson, Aaron Wentroble and Rebecca Voskamp** as day-to-day substitute teachers and **Deanna Drozd** as a day-to-day substitute nurse for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate and in compliance with Act 168 of 2014 and upon passing a physical exam and screening for controlled substances
- Created a Districtwide Paraeducator position to support the Section 504 and/or IEPs of students with autism, cognitive, physical and/or behavioral needs in the classroom
- Created a Technology Specialist position and the job description
- Appointed **Wendy Ollis** as a Districtwide Paraeducator at a rate of \$10.10 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status, contingent upon passing the District's mandated screening for controlled substances and receipt of updated clearances, which must be completed within 30 days and employment effective on a mutually agreed upon date
- Advertise for the position of Technology Specialist
- Created a position of confidential substitute secretary at a rate of \$15.00 per hour
- Sandra Levin at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to substitute for an individual that is on extended leave in the business office