



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
February 12, 2001**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Anne Chelosky, aunt of Ray Supak, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Anna Paradine, aunt of Vince DePaolo, Middle School Instructor; Mrs. Clara Barbush, aunt of Mary Ellen Totin, Health Services Aide; Mrs. JoAnne Carr, sister of Norma Kearns, Barrett food service; Mr. James Donaldson, brother-in-law of B.J. Swartzwelder, Park food service; Mrs. Mary Hunt, mother of Melissa Hunt, 3rd grade Barrett student; Mr. Daniel M. Litz, father of Natalie and Julie, 9th and 6th grade students; Mr. Erik M. Eged, 1990 Steel Valley graduate and cousin of Mr. Dan Kolton, Board Member; Mrs. Mary C. Fekety, sister-in-law of Mrs. Rose Bartko, Board Member; Mrs. Emelia Kubik, grandmother of Suzanne Wintruba, copy clerk/cafeteria monitor at Park; Mr. Walter P. Miller, former teacher and coach, Homestead School District. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- On Monday, February 19, there will be no school for students. Teachers will attend inservice training on "Developing and Integrating Learning Centers into your Classroom." There will also be a presentation by Dr. Kevin Elko, a motivational speaker.
- Mr. Ed Urban, Assistant Warden at the Allegheny County Jail, presented the "Community Citation of Merit Award" to Matt Eloshway, Nicole Yunk, Darcy Huzdovich, Jessica Pachuta and their sponsor, Mrs. Meghan O_Toole, in recognition of their work in producing a video handbook for prisoners.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- The Steel Valley School District has received a Link to Learn Grant in the amount of \$92,800 which will be used by students in Grades 3 to 5 who are in need of additional Math support.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board approved a recommendation to withdraw on a real estate tax assessment appeal.

Student Representatives' Report

- Congratulations to the Boys_ and Girls_ Basketball teams in qualifying for the WPIAL playoffs.
- Students Against Drunk Driving will sponsor a dance on February 17.
- The Spring Musical, "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," will be held the first two weekends of March.
- The Middle School will hold a Valentine_s Day Dance on Friday, February 16.

- Students in Grades 6 and 7 will participate in a Math-A-Thon to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, a research facility for childhood cancer.
- The *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* is being utilized by 6th grade students to read and learn about African-American contributions to culture.
- D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) begins on February 20 for Grade 5 at Barrett Elementary.
- On February 20, Franklin Primary will hold a "911" assembly.

Educational Leadership

- The Board approved a Middle School Math inservice program at a cost of \$1,500 paid by Title II funds.
- The Board approved the addition of *The Winter of Red Snow _ The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart* to the elementary reading list.

Financial Management

- The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$102,243.89
Title I Invoices	\$39,469.27
General Fund Revenue Report	
General Fund Expenditure Report	
Treasurer's Report for January 2001	
Custodial Invoices	\$577.20

- The Board accepted the Audit Report for 1999-2000.

Operations

- The Board approved Fundraising Requests.

Personnel Management

- The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Patricia Caruso effective June 30, 2001.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the conditional retirement of Ms. Leslie Evans effective June 30, 2001.
- The Board approved William J. Kumf as a substitute elementary teacher for the remainder of the 2000-01 school year.
- The Board approved Mary Dee Fisher and Mary Mehok as substitute nurses or health services aides for the remainder of the 2000-01 school year.
- The Board approved Jill Bakota, Stephanie Fedorchak, Vicki Perhac, Mary Wolfson and James Orris as alternate/substitute tutors for the Reading Excellence Program.
- The Board appointed Eric Chalus as Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach.
- The Board approved Mrs. Lori Kenavey's participation at the Reading Excellence Act State Directors Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- The Board appointed Linda McKinney as Instructional Aide at Franklin Primary Center.
- The Board approved Jesse Warner as a substitute Instructional Aide

Previous Board Action

- The Board approved the following:

Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Proposal

Readmission of a minor male student on a probationary basis

Solicitor_s recommendation on a real estate tax assessment appeal

Hearing Officer_s recommendation regarding minor male student

Hearing Officer_s recommendation regarding minor female student

Expulsion of a minor male student

Workshop Minutes of January 8, Meeting Minutes of January 15, Special Meeting Minutes of January 22

Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$132,622.43
General Fund Hand Checks	\$935,758.10
Food Service Invoices	\$24,833.79
Custodial Invoices	\$5,348.49
Middle School Invoices	\$1,010.00
Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks	\$950.00

Facility Rentals

Fundraising Requests

Donation of \$100 from A&B Donut Shop for the Garrity Fitness

Center Donation of \$2,000 from Park PTO for Celebration in Education program

Adult Education donations of lanyards, carrying case, digital cameras, software and \$200 towards cheerleaders_ competition expenses

Donation of \$1,000 from the Veterans' Committee for the monument at the Middle School

Reading for Excellence Program tutoring space

Teachers/Tutors for Reading Excellence Program

Roberta Kurta as substitute nurse or health services aide

Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Andrew Fedoris as Assistant Softball Coach

Supplemental Appointments:

Baseball Head Coach	Jim Bartko
Baseball Assistant Coach	Kevin Tomasic
Boys Volleyball Head Coach	Rick Owston
Boys Tennis Head Coach	Mike Altman
Softball Head Coach	Ed Tozzi

Establish an additional Varsity Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach supplemental

Attendance of Dr. Carol McKenna at the International Reading Association Convention

Supplemental Appointments of Grade Level Leader/Facilitator:

Grade 3 - Ms. Kenavey

Grade 4 _ Ms. Bostick

Grade 5 _ Mrs. Turoczy

Participation of the Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleaders at the CANAM 2001 competition

Student participation in Performing Arts Camp