



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
January 24, 2006**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Richard Morris, uncle of Linda Terrick, Park teacher; Mr. Dewey Secunda, brother-in-law of Mary Lebeda, high school food service department; Mr. Louis Milke, father of Sandy Fry, Park teacher, and grandfather of Shannon Homa-Fry, middle school teacher; Mr. Frank Mosholder, grandfather of Rob Shoemaker, high school teacher; Mrs. Margaret Urban, aunt of Susan Salapa, middle school teacher; Mrs. Kathleen Rochford, mother-in-law of Cathy Rochford, Barrett teacher; and Mrs. Denise Badanich, former food service department employee. It was moved by Mrs. Cannon and seconded by Mrs. Sloan to place books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar announced the receipt of a \$1 million donation to the school district made by Mr. William Campbell for the construction of an auxiliary gymnasium. Mr. Campbell is a true friend of the Steel Valley community and continues to support his high school alma mater.

Student Representatives_ Reports

Miss Kim Hartnett reported that Park School students and parents enjoyed a day of ice skating, and the Middle School students attended a dance in January. The high school Environmental Club will be taking a ski trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort, and the French Club students are headed for Quebec in February.

Solicitor's Report

The Board expelled a minor male student for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year, a male student permanently and a minor male student until December 13, 2006.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that Mr. Leo Schlanger began his duties as High School Principal on Friday, January 20, 2006.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Warren commended Mr. Mark Fallon, high school history teacher, and the students in the history club for their dedication in arranging for the three murals to be refurbished and mounted in the high school lobby area. Mr. Fallon is also working with Mr. David Conrad to display a mural on the outside of the high school building.

A review of our lunch program was conducted by the Department of Education with good results.

District employees are receiving training to use the Pentamation software being implemented for our student information and financial accounting systems.

The district has contracted for the installation of fiber optics to connect all the buildings and provide faster Internet access.

The Waterford Early Literacy Program is being installed on new computers at Franklin Primary, Barrett Elementary and Park Elementary Schools for students K-3.

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- November 7, 2005 Special Meeting
- November 7, 2005 Worksession Meeting
- November 14, 2005 Regular Meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for January 2006 in the amount of \$658,446.06
- General Fund hand checks for December 2005 in the amount of \$615,004.77
- Payroll Funding Transfers for December 2005
- Revenue Report for November 2005
- Expenditure Report for November 2005
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$28,003.05
- Steel Valley Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$1,980.60
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$1,880.00
- Band Trip invoices in the amount of \$2,637.24
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$2,919.38
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$4,391.50
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$8,795.11
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$6,444.25
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expense

The Board approved the following items:

- Exoneration of the Homestead Borough real estate tax collector for year 2005 in the amount of \$229,988.70
- Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Wylie Holdings, LP, Lot & Block 130-K-279, for a total amount of \$980.85 as a result of change in assessment
- District's Business Manager to close the Exceptional Student Award account at First Commonwealth Bank and deposit the balance into the district's General Fund
- Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to Munhall Homestead Housing Association for a total amount of \$107,226.07
- Forgave the penalty and interest that has accumulated on unpaid property taxes on Lot and Block No. 133-G-128, as requested by a district resident who desires to purchase the property and return it to taxation
- Posting of the 2006-2007 tentative Preliminary Operating Budget of the Steel Valley School District in the amount of \$25,865,463.00

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Payment of \$12,305 to AB Specialties, Inc., for Change Order No. 1 on the replacement doors at the Steel Valley High School
- Payment of \$12,818 to AB Specialties, Inc., for Change Order No. 1 on the replacement doors at the Steel Valley High School
- Payment of \$11,329.60 to Right Electric, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 6 for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$975.05 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$6,570 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 5 for the Middle School Science Classroom Project HVAC Contract
- Payment of \$2,700.82 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 4 for the Middle School Classroom Project Plumbing Contract
- Payment of \$5,436.40 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$973.00 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the High School Kitchen Renovation Project
- Payment of \$2,888.22 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Payment of \$193.78 to Burt Hill as presented on their professional services billing for the Willis Building project
- Payment of \$1,455.50 to Burt Hill as presented on their professional services billing for the various miscellaneous projects
- Services of our architect, Burt Hill and Associates, to develop the necessary recommendations for the renovation of the High School Auditorium and Cafeteria, to develop bid specifications, to advertise for bids and present their recommendations to the Board of School Directors for the projects to begin at the end of the 2005-2006 school year
- Business Office to seek competitive bids on the three (3) modular classrooms at the Barrett Elementary School, which are no longer needed for instructional purposes
- Payment of \$4,020.00 to Reliable Recycling Solutions, 399 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick, PA 15024, for the completion of the cleanout of the Woodlawn Building in accordance with the agreement previously approved by the Board of School Directors
- Attendance of the Steel Valley Board of School Directors and Administration at the testimonial dinner for the Campbell Brothers in June 2006 at a cost of \$1,000 and approve the purchase of an advertisement in the program booklet at a cost of \$750.00
- Payment of the estimated \$255,000 site preparation costs for the new gymnasium from the district's 2005 Capital Projects Account

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Field trip to Washington, D.C., by 8th grade students on May 11-12, 2006
- Field trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort by the Environmental Club on February 25, 2006
- Field trip to Splash Lagoon by the High School Swimming/Diving Team on February 21, 2006
- Formation of the Middle School Anime Club with Ryan Brown as a volunteer sponsor
- Formation of the Ironmaniacs Student Activity Club with Shawn McCallister as a volunteer sponsor

Special Assignments

The Board held a first reading to adopt the PSBA recommended Standards for Effective School

Governance and the revised Code of Conduct for Members of the Pennsylvania School Boards and authorize the Board Secretary to provide the PSBA with certification of this action.

Mrs. Sloan reported that the school district received an \$11,618 refund due to the budget surplus of the Steel Center Operating Budget from the 2004-2005 school year.

Mrs. Sloan commended the food service students of Steel Center, especially Steel Valley students John Bynum and Paige Ford, for the excellent meal provided to the Steel Center Advisory board members in December.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Renewal of the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2005-2006 school year and authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement on the district's behalf
- Administration to enter into an agreement with Dr. Corinne Eisenhart for consultation services of the full-day Kindergarten program at a cost of \$3,500
- Resolution petitioning the Pennsylvania State Legislature and Governor not to change Section 24 PS 1316 of the Pennsylvania School Code, such that the Board of School Directors would lose its discretionary authority in matters regarding the attendance of non-resident pupils in the Steel Valley School District, whether such request for admission of non-resident students is forthcoming from a parent or guardian, another school district of the Commonwealth, or from the Commonwealth itself

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

- Appointed Mr. Leo Schlanger to the position of High School Principal effective January 20, 2006, at a salary of \$85,000
- Accepted, with regret, the retirements of Jack Giran, Dan Bugel, Sharon Perun, Sharon Savolskis, Catherine Rochford, Hazel Hunt, Jo Ann Pisula, Chris Cortinovic, Eileen O'Toole and Marie Dithrich according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Spiker from a High School English teaching position effective January 14, 2006
- Unpaid family medical leave of absence for Jennifer Awenowicz beginning on or about April 7, 2006, through May 22, 2006
- One (1) day unpaid leave of absence for Amber Thomas on March 23, 2006
- Appointed Ebony Cunningham to a permanent full-time position in Secondary English with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary (\$35,938) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective January 25, 2006
- Appointed Matthew Simpson to a permanent full-time position in Secondary English effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year assigned to the Senior High with salary and benefits based upon 2nd step Bachelor's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement
- Appointed Steven Singer to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appointed Melissa Capan to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Salary adjustment for Cafeteria Manager Joy Kardos to \$34,468.98 effective immediately and prorated for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year
- Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Allegheny Children's Initiative, Inc., for psychological services as required at \$35 per hour

- Keith Golebie, Jonathan Edwards, Stacy Steinmeyer, Christian Randolph, Geremiah Ochap, Deidre Garrity, Erin Moore and Matthew Kuney as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Resignation of Ryan Brown, Mariann Scott and Al Lesutis from their respective supplemental positions of Drama Stage Production and Barrett Intramural Director
- Appointed Rebecca Kristen to the supplemental position of Middle School Academic Challenge sponsor at a stipend of \$217.18 and Debra Kostelnik to the supplemental position of Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach at a stipend of \$2,260.92 and contingent upon receipt of her current clearances for the 2005-2006 school year
- Administration to post all head and assistant varsity coaching positions for the spring and fall of 2006
- Appointed LeeAnn Doyle to the position of Personal Care/Special Education Aide effective on or about January 25, 2006, at a compensation of \$7.00 per hour including benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement and pending receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Appointed Melissa Ladik to the position of Personal Care/Special Education Aide effective on or about January 25, 2006, at a compensation of \$7.00 per hour including benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement and contingent upon receipt of her mandated physical and drug screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Approved Sherry Ross as a substitute in the food service department contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances and her passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days
- Approved Jeffrey Allen as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$8.75 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances and his passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Patricia Keener, secretary in the Athletic/Activities office, effective April 14, 2006, according to the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement