



Steel Valley School District
Board Brief

**Board Meeting
July 31, 2014**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Elynor Hornak**, aunt of Denise Blasko, Park paraprofessional; **Charles Stevens**, uncle of Sherri Titmus, Franklin Primary Center secretary; **Edward G. Polak**, father of Jamie Polak, former Dean of Students; and **Mary Coleman**, retired cafeteria worker. It was moved by **Ms. Youngblood** and seconded by **Mrs. Steele** to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Donna Kiefer announced that a meeting with County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Senator Jay Costa, Mr. Robert Hurley, the three mayors and school district officials was held on July 18 for the purpose of gathering information on transportation in the Steel Valley area. This meeting opened the discussion but nothing has been decided. In September, these officials will meet with Port Authority and present our issues.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent **Edward Wehrer** stated that math and science curriculum development is continuing. Starting August 18, teachers who teach math/science K-12 will have an opportunity to participate in inquiry training and curriculum implementation. On the first two inservice days (August 20 & 21), teachers will participate in various professional development activities and grade/department meetings, and on August 22 we will dedicate the day to school safety and hold an active shooter drill.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Diana Borges announced that Franklin Primary Center will hold its "Meet the Principal Night" on August 11, and Park and Barrett Elementary Schools will "Meet the Principal" on August 12. Again this year, we will have a transition day for students entering 1st, 6th & 9th grades on August 26. And August 27 will be the first full day for students.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. **Edward Colebank** announced that the high school will put out a notice of the new parking lot procedure.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- June 30, 2014 regular meeting
- July 14, 2014 special meeting Financial Management The Board approved the following financial items:
 - General Fund invoices for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$257,826.58
 - General Fund invoices for July 2014 in the amount of \$173,778.84
 - General Fund hand checks for June 2014 in the amount of \$1,058,760.40
 - General Fund hand checks for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$18,042.72
 - Retiree Incentive Payments in the amount of \$729,000.00
 - Food Service invoices for June 2014 in the amount of \$6,507.78
 - Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2014
 - General Fund Revenue Report for June 2014
 - General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2014
 - Treasurer's Report for June 2014
 - Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2014
 - Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$14,541.72
 - Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,465.59
 - Vanguard Group and T. Row Price as additional new preferred providers to the district's 403(b)7 plan at no additional cost to the district
 - Designated the fund balance as of June 30, 2014, for future PSERS obligation titled: Committed Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,000,000

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Administration to enter into negotiation with Tower Engineering in order to provide engineering services for current and future projects Co-Curricular Leadership The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented. Special Assignments The Board held a second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics. Educational Leadership The Board approved the following items:
 - 2014-2015 Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and Senior High School Faculty Handbook

- 2014-2015 Elementary Student Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook
- Accepted a donation from the Campbell Educational and Community Foundation in the amount of \$96,335.69 to purchase educational items for Barrett Elementary School
- Purchase of science kits
- Participation of the school district in a parental involvement survey as a research study project

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Created an Act 93 position titled Food Service Director as an 11-month position operating between August 1 to June 30 and the attached job description
- Created seven (7) professional teaching positions for the 2014-2015 school year
- Created an administrative position of Director of Curriculum and Achievement to be part of the Act 93 Administrative Plan
- Created an administrative supplemental position of Elementary Education Coordinator with a stipend of \$5,000 per year
- Appointed Lauren Baughman to the administrative supplemental position of Elementary Education Coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year
- Created a supplemental position of History Club Sponsor with a stipend of \$1,132.02 for the 2014-2015 school year or until the Board and the Steel Valley Education Association agree on a stipend for the 2014-2015 school year
- Created paid supplemental positions for two Assistant Football Coaches, one Varsity Boys Assistant Soccer Coach and one Varsity Girls Assistant Soccer Coach
- Appointed Michael Booth and Donnie Smith to the supplemental positions of Assistant Football Coaches, Andrew Hornak to the position of Varsity Boys Assistant Soccer Coach and Mallory Olson to the position of Varsity Girls Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year
- Supplemental positions for the 2014-2015 school year as listed
- Fall athletic supplemental positions for the 2014-2015 school year as listed
- Created 1.5 secretarial positions for the 2014-2015 school year
- Memorandum of Understanding for an Early Retirement Incentive offer extended to the Steel Valley Educational Support Personnel in which the offer expires October 31, 2014

Previous Board Action

- Adopted a resolution to reject HB 2348
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy No. 123