



Steel Valley School District

Board Brief

**Board Meeting
July 28, 2016**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Cynthia Pienkoski**, retired custodian and sister of Walt Baranowski, retired high school custodian; **Margaret T. Boccardi**, grandmother of Amy Lyons, Secretary in the Athletic Office; **Robert C. Kampe**, uncle of Sharon Kampe, high school music teacher; and **Gladys K. Macus**, grandmother of Renee Gelston, high school cafeteria worker. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mrs. Ballas** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer reported that Park School Teacher **Maria Heddleston** underwent surgery and all went well. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. We wish her and her family nothing but the best.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges announced the upcoming events in the Middle School:

August 17	5th Grade Orientation Tour and Teaming Activities	4:00-6:00 PM	Middle School
August 17	Meet the Principal Night Q&A, Tour of Building, iPad Demos and Showcase	6:00-8:00 PM	Middle School

In order to plan for activities and snack, we ask that middle school parents and students RSVP by August 12 to 412.464.3600 ext. 3501 with the number of students and parents attending. The Middle School PTO has a gift for the 5th grade students, and student schedules will be distributed that evening.

Middle School Principal **Mr. Macuga** will be available to lead tours of the Middle School for those students who cannot attend on August 17. Parents should call the office to schedule individual tours.

Mrs. Borges stated that transition to a new school could cause concern for children. The school district has guidance counselors and mental health therapists in each of our buildings. You may call the building principal or Mrs. Borges in the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services for information on the services available.

On August 23, a parent workshop entitled, "Navigating the Special Education Process," will be conducted in the Senior High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that the technology network would have four different logins this year: faculty, students, guests and administration. Each will be different subnets and isolated from one another.

We will be using a different GradeBook system this year. Edline will no longer be used.

Solicitor

The Board authorized the school district to refund the amount of \$1,585.08 to Donald T. Mann for a refund on the 2013 realty taxes overpayment on realty designated as Block & Lot 180-C-287 in the Borough of Munhall.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- June 6, 2016 special meeting
- June 27, 2016 worksession meeting
- June 30, 2016 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2015-2016 being paid in 2016-2017 in the amount of \$293,921.64
- General Fund invoices for June 2016 in the amount of \$118,860.25
- General Fund hand checks for June 2016 in the amount of \$838,000.32
- General Fund Revenue Report for June 2016
- General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2016
- General Fund Balance Sheet for June 2016
- Food Service invoices for 2015-2016 being paid in 2016-2017 in the amount of \$1,396.22
- Food Service Revenue Report for June 2016
- Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2016
- Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2016
- Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2016
- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2016
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for June 2016
- Payments from the Capital Projects Fund to **Kudravy Architects, LLC** in the amounts of \$1,890.00 and \$1,250.00 and to **Swede Construction Corporation** in the amount of \$9,310.50
- Payments from the Capital Projects Fund to **John Haughey & Sons** in the amount of \$18,090.00 and **Peter Caruso and Sons, Inc.**, in the amount of \$222,713.10
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$18,983.37 to Program for Offenders, Inc., Lot & Block 130-N-130, as a result of a change in status to exempt
- Adopted the Food Service Budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The Food Service revenues are projected at \$958,430 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$1,024,905. The deficit of \$66,475 will be absorbed by the Fund Balance.
- Additional change orders for the 2016-2017 asphalt paving program in the amount of \$4,860.00

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Awarded refuse bid to the **Borough of Munhall** in the amount of \$1,376.66 per month and \$2.00 per cubic yard for special pick-up for three years ending June 30, 2019
- Awarded the remedial masonry repairs at Park Elementary School to **Arch Masonry** in the amount of \$43,800.00
- Change Orders 2, 3 and 4 totaling \$30,349.00 to **Peter J. Caruso and Sons**

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Created middle school programs and supplemental positions of swimming with a stipend of \$1,798.87 and an art club with a stipend of \$1,151.26 for the 2016-2017 school year

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- Held first reading of revisions to Policy 221 Dress and Grooming
- Held first reading of new Policy 711 Use of Vehicles on School Business
- Held first reading of new Policy 717 Use of Mobile Communication and Storage Devices

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Revisions to the 2016-2017 School Calendar
- 2016-2017 Middle School and High School Faculty Handbooks
- 2016-2017 Secondary Student Handbook

Technology

Technology Chair **Jim Bulger** stated that the goal of the Technology Advisory Committee would be to identify issues and streamline the process, share ideas and identify how we can use technology better. He is looking for faculty to participate on the Technology Advisory Committee. Mr. Bulger added that students would also be included in the group.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for **Brynn Ebbitt** effective October 7, 2016, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Eliminated 4.5 professional teaching positions due to attrition and reconfiguration
- Created two professional teaching positions
- **Lauren Fawcett, Lily Deasy, Brandy Newell, Lauren Varacalli, Alanna Angott** and **Ashley Dreistadt** as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014 and receipt of all clearances
- **Angela M. Novak** as a contracted School Based Mental Health Therapist/Intervention Specialist at a rate of \$30 per hour up to 30 hours per week, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Michael Perlaky** from the supplemental positions of Middle School Girls Volleyball coach and Boys Junior High Volleyball coach effective immediately
- Fall supplemental positions as presented for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
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- Rescinded the hire of **Robin Schessler** effective immediately
- Closed the positions of Full-time Franklin Primary Center Secretary, Part-time 10-month Middle School Secretary and the Full-time High School/Technology Department Secretary effective immediately after the completion of the bidding requirements, and close the position of High School Night Custodian effective August 1, 2016
- Created the Full-time High School and Building and Grounds Secretary position and the Full-time Middle School and Technology Department Secretary position