



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 29, 2006**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Paul Magnes, uncle of Roslyn Stulga, Park teacher; Mrs. Martha Vargo, aunt of Paulette Smart, retired teacher; Mrs. Teresa K. Smid, grandmother of Vonnie Smid, Senior High teacher; Mr. Daniel Ankrom, uncle of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Katherine Hartmann, aunt of Alyson Fisher, Guidance Counselor; Mrs. Patricia Reddecliff, aunt of Lori Kenavey, Barrett teacher; Mrs. Mildred Moschel, aunt of Toni Besh, Senior High teacher; Mrs. Deborah Stretavski, wife of Gary Stretavski, Senior High teacher. It was moved by Mrs. Cannon and seconded by Mrs. Sloan to place books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Congratulations to Brian Heddleston, newly appointed Board Member.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board adopted a resolution permanently expelling a minor male student.
- The Board approved the Superintendent's resignation conditioned upon the acceptance by the District of the agreement of general release and waiver signed by Dr. Warren.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Bradley Thompson showed video highlights and explained the various other events members of the Steel Valley High School Marching Band participated in during their recent visit to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.
- Congratulations to Ms. Kim Weightman, Public Relations Specialist, on receiving an Award of Honorable Mention from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the Steel Valley School District Community Newsletter.

Board Secretary's Report

- Mr. Bichko gave a brief overview of the 2006-2007 General Fund Budget.
- The Board approved the May 15, 2006 Worksession meeting minutes.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for June \$327,080.36
- General Fund hand checks for May 2006 \$1,160,405.55
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2006
- Revenue Report for April 2006
- Expenditure Report for April 2006
- Food Service invoices \$29,921.29
- SV Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses
- Capital Improvements 2005 Statement of Income and Expenses

- Hand Checks/Custodial invoices \$9,696.84
- Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks \$2,382.92
- Middle School/Hand Checks \$2,382.92
- Renew the district's Workers' Compensation Insurance through PSBA Insurance Trust and Cusumano Insurance Agency, Inc. at a cost of \$114,974 for the 2006-07 school year
- Official response to the Auditor General's report for the fiscal school years ending June 30, 2001 and 2002
- Establishment of a districtwide Flexible Spending Account under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code in accordance with the requirement contained in Section XXVII.3 of the current collective bargaining agreement recently approved with the Steel Valley Education Association; and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute all required documents to complete this obligation following document review and approval by the district solicitor
- Authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to complete, sign and submit a claim for unclaimed property to the PA Treasury Department under Claim No. 99702748
- Reappoint Citizen's Bank as the district's depository and treasurer for the 2006-2007 school year
- Approve the 2006-2007 school year General Fund Budget in the amount of \$25,652,166.00 using \$541,044.00 from the district's fund balance; setting the 2006-2007 Real Estate Tax Millage at 18.92 mills. One mill is equal to \$1,892.00 per \$100,000.00 of assessed valuation; \$189.20 per \$10,000.00 of assessed valuation; \$18.92 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and \$1.892 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; and enactment of the current ACT 511 and Section 679 Tax Structure.

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility Rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117355 in the amount of \$377.50 on their invoice for the Campbell Field garage
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117353 in the amount of \$1,841.15 on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117354 in the amount of \$4,568.30 on their invoice for the High School Kitchen Renovation Project
- Payment of Application for Payment No. 1 to Right Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$1,395.00 for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Retroactively award the bid for replacement of the carpeting in the High School Fitness Center to Toth Carpet in the amount of \$3,479.00 to be paid from the 2006-07 General Fund Operating Budget
- Proposal from Valuation Engineers Inc. to perform an on-site re-appraisal of the district's property and equipment at a cost of \$6,900; to continue the annual re-evaluation service for a period of five years at an annual cost of \$690 per year; to continue the Fixed Asset Management System at no cost to the district; and to continue the annual file update and processing of supplemental accounting reports for a period of five years at an annual cost of \$495 per processing
- Proposal from Northern Scholastic Sports, Inc., to be the district's approved poster company with authorization to solicit district business for sponsorship advertising for the 2006-07 school year; and authorize the district's Activities/Athletic Director to execute the proposed contract on behalf of the Steel Valley School District
- Award of the bid for trash removal services for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 to the low bidder, BF Waste Services of Pennsylvania, LLC, in the amount of \$20,547.72 per year plus \$7.95 summer rubbish pickup fee per call
- Award the bid for contracted security services for the 2006-07 school year to Victory Security of Carnegie, PA in the amount of \$15.00 per hour for unarmed guards, \$17.00 per hour for the director/supervisor and at the district's option \$3,600 retainer for a K-9 unit and \$600 for a security vehicle, with the district's option to renew on an annual basis and subject to the solicitor's review and approval
- Purchase of an ACCESSMASTER 30 FOOT PERSONNEL LIFT, MODEL NUMBER 30AM-DC with flashing amber beacon, light tube caddy, descent alarm and delivery at a cost of \$6,081.00 pursuant to the state contract bid price, from Best Line Equipment Co., Inc. of State College, PA to be paid for from the 2000-01 Capital Projects Account
- Award the bid for painting the High School Gymnasium and Partial Wall Surface to NASOCO LLC, in the amount of \$18,640.00 to be paid for from the 2005 Capital Projects Account
- Reject the bid submitted for stripping, cleaning and sealing the High School terrazzo tile by Servicemaster Greater Pittsburgh in the amount of \$2,450.00 and authorize the Business Office to re-bid the project

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Field Trip by the marching band to Preston, West Virginia High School on September 16, 2006
- Field Trip by the marching band to Conemaugh Township High School on October 28, 2006
- Field Trip by the marching band to Charleston, WV on November 14, 2006
- Field trip by the marching band to Scranton, PA on November 10 and December 6, 2006
- Permit request to allow a St. Therese student to participate in our band program for the 2006-07 school year contingent on district insurance verification

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following Educational items:

- Middle School Academic Handbook listing the course descriptions for the 2006-07 school year
- Senior High School to a nine-period school day and changed the bell schedule to 7:45 a.m. until 2:35 p.m.
- Authorized the Board President to execute the 2006-07 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and Community College of Allegheny County
- Adoption of Chemistry: The Central Science AP Edition authored by Brown, LeMay and Burstin and published by Pearson, Prentice Hall for the 2006-07 school year at a cost of \$2,861.72 plus shipping
- Adoption of Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology authored by Marieb and published by Pearson, Prentice Hall for the 2006-07 school year at a cost of \$2,978.77 plus shipping
- Revisions to the 2006-07 school calendar as presented

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

- Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Becky Keesecker retroactive to May 24 through May 26, 2006
- Unpaid leave of absence for Kristie Hydo effective September 19-22, 2006
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jessica Joseph from the position of Middle School Language Arts teacher
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Kelly Emro from the position of Middle School Technology Education instructor retroactive to June 20, 2006
- Denied request to change the date of Daniel Pietrowski_s resignation for the purpose of retirement
- Appointed Sharon Fisher to the position of Barrett Elementary School Principal at a salary of \$61,500 effective June 21, 2006
- Appointed Stacy Steinmeyer to a permanent full-time position in Physical Education/Health assigned to the Senior High School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Ryan Dunmire to a permanent full-time position in Business Education at the Senior High School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Heather Smith to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Amanda Perne to a permanent full-time position in Art assigned to the Senior High School and Barrett Elementary School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Shanna Suenderhaft to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened

- Appointed Lori Oleksak to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Lana Gainer to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Cara Andres to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Bridget Ellis to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Bridget Kearney to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Christine Savko to a long-term substitute position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Brian Bungard to a long-term substitute position in Language Arts assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon him passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Kelly Sabo to a long-term substitute position in Mathematics assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor_s level effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed with 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Appointed Julie Doebereiner as the Special Education Teacher for the in-home Extended School Year Program in 2006 twice per week for five (5) weeks from July 3 through August 4, 2006
- Appointed Susan Wilder and Bridget Kearney as the Special Education Teachers for the Extended School Year Programs in 2006 from July 3 through August 3, 2006
- The creation of a Master Teacher position in the Pupil Personnel Department, approve the job description as presented and authorize the Assistant Superintendent to post the position
- Appointed Ivan Braszo, Nicole States, Tom Kendro, Jeff Catterall, Marguerite Luvara, Rebecca Kristen, Melissa Pentin, Emilee Bedillion, Hampton Conway (substitute), Sara Bouton (substitute), Kim Gennari, Denise Stephenson, Becky Whelan, Beth Stasik-Catterall, Cindy Kortz, Al Lesutis, Kathy Marzec, Tameka Hutcherson, Nikki Shipley, Maribeth Meals, Nellie Player, Erin Moore, Chad Kanz (floating teacher) to the positions of Summer Tutoring Facilitators at a rate of \$25 per hour and Melissa Ladik, Dan Lesko, Kathy Grimm, Mary Lou McConnell to the positions of Summer Tutoring Aides and Jess Ann Sabo as a substitute aide at a rate of \$10 per hour effective June 19 through July 27, 2006
- Appointed Miranda Davern, Nicole Adams, Tara Toboz to the positions of Summer Tutoring Facilitator and Tutors at a rate of \$25 per hour and Betty Lyons to the position of Summer Tutoring Aide at a rate of \$10 per hour effective June 19 through July 27, 2006
- Accepted the resignation of Nicole States from her respective supplemental position of Environmental Club Sponsor
- Employment of Eugene Doyle, Todd Fowler, Cory Matta, Kyle Thomas, Alonzo Worlds and Mark Zelana as additional student summer workers at a rate of \$7.25 per hour commencing June 19 through and including August 25, 2006, as needed
- 2006-07 salary increases and annual salaries for the district_s three confidential secretaries as listed - Employment of Bradley Ferris, Owen Merkle and Jonathan Stadelman as substitute summer workers as needed
- The creation of an administrative position of Director of Academic Information Technology, approve the job description as presented and authorize the Assistant Superintendent to post the position

Eliminate the three (3) positions of Facilitators at the Middle and Senior High Schools for the 2006-07 school year