



Steel Valley School District

Board Brief

Board Meeting
May 28, 2015

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Robert G. Olsavicky**, retired math and science teacher in the Steel Valley and Munhall High Schools; **Mary Catherine Schmitt**, cousin of Tom Roberts, custodian at Park and Barrett Elementary Schools; **Jane Mulligan**, aunt of Mike Mulligan, high school custodian, Maureen Fagan and Deirdre Kamauf, Franklin Primary Center teachers; **Doree E. Inglis**, 1991 Steel Valley Graduate; and **Dr. Charles Gorman**, retired associate professor, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh. It was moved by **Mr. Olson** and seconded by **Mrs. Steele** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

Student Representatives' Reports

Junior Student Representative **Elena Chaffin** reported that the Keystone exams were administered in May, and students are completing finals this week.

The Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball and Boys Baseball teams qualified for the WPIAL playoffs, and the Boys Baseball team will compete in the PIAA playoffs.

The Senior Breakfast will be held on June 3. Seniors will practice for indoor commencement on June 4 and outdoor commencement on June 5.

The 2015 Commencement ceremonies will be held June 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell Athletic Field.

Senior Representative **Brandon Tomasic** reported that the teachers at Park Elementary were introduced to the new English Language Arts curriculum by the Core Team and Dr. Tracy Czajkowski on May 14.

The students from Franklin Primary Center toured Park and Barrett Schools as part of Move Up Day.

Fifth grade students participated in Step Up Day with team building activities at the Middle School.

Thanks to **Mrs. Hinkle** and **Mrs. Sklencar** for coaching and sponsoring the *Girls on the Run* after school program.

At the Middle School, sixth grade students participated in a team building field trip to Camp Guyasuta where they were rock wall climbing and zip lining. Seventh grade students attended the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair, and eighth grade students went horseback riding. The annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. was an exceptional experience for students.

The **Best of the Batch Foundation** sponsored a field trip to the NFL Hall of Fame for middle school students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer announced that the 44th commencement for Steel Valley High School would be held on Friday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the William V. Campbell Athletic Field. Miss **Elizabeth Novotny** will give the Senior Academic address as the 2015 Valedictorian, and Salutatorian **Bradley Campbell** will give the welcome address. The outstanding career and technical education students **Amber Birkhamer** and **Regis Robson** will give the Steel Center CTE Excellence address.

We are honored to have **Dr. Robert Abraham**, a distinguished alumni from the Munhall Class of 1970, to address the Class of 2015. Dr. Abraham is one of the top cancer researchers in the country and is currently the Senior Vice President and Head of Oncology with Pfizer Worldwide Research and Development. Mr. Wehrer extended an invitation to members of the community to attend the 2015 Commencement ceremony.

The Annual Retirement Breakfast will be held on June 10 in the high school cafeteria beginning at 8:00 a.m. Our distinguished retirees are:

Walter Baranowski	High School Custodian
Diane Kampetis	High School Food Service
Joe Panaia	Park School Custodian
Barry Specter	High School Teacher
Chief Williams	Barrett Security

There will be no school on Tuesday, June 2; this is the Kennywood picnic. The last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 9, and the last day for staff will be June 10.

Mr. Wehrer congratulated the Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball and Boys Baseball teams for their tenacity this season. The determination of the players and coaches qualified them for WPIAL playoffs. The baseball team will play its first round PIAA playoff game on June 1 against Mercyhurst Prep, and the game will be played at Ainsworth Field in Erie at 1:00 p.m.

Board Member **Mary Yuhas** noted that the *Girls on the Run* program expanded to include girls from Park Elementary School this year. It was nice to see both Barrett and Park students together at the event. The Board is looking into the *Girls on Track* program for middle school students so that the program will continue.

Ms. Youngblood reported that she attended the middle school dance as part of the Step Up Day activities. She added that the students were dancing and having a good time. It was a good experience for our students. She commended all those who organized the event.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that the each classroom would be updated to a wireless connection. We are working with Sunesys to add 10 gigabytes for staff and students.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- April 20, 2015 worksession meeting
- April 23, 2015 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May 2015 in the amount of \$938,794.05
- General Fund hand checks for April 2015 in the amount of \$471,565.88
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2015

- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2015
- General Fund Trial Balance for April 2015
- Food Service invoices for April 2015 in the amount of \$44,987.63
- Food Service Revenue Report for April 2015
- Food Service Expenditure Report for April 2015
- Food Service Trial Balance for April 2015
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2015
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2015
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet
- Payments from Capital Projects to the following:
 - **Blair Construction LLC** in the amount of \$20,753.00
 - **Canova Electric Inc.** in the amount of \$4,180.00
 - **Sunray Electric Supply Company** in the amount of \$9,710.47
- Payments to **Tower Engineering** in the amounts of \$505.00 and \$7,776.00 to be paid from Capital Projects
- Accepted and paid the change order in the amount of \$3,680.00 to Blair Construction LLC to be paid from Capital Projects
- Real estate tax refund to **Joseph DiTomasso** for Lot & Block 132-D-93 in the amount of \$392.11 as a result of a change in assessment for year 2014
- Awarded the scholastic supplies list of vendors and bid amounts
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- Awarded:

General Contractor	Golon	\$368,652.00
HVAC	Honeywell	\$215,814.00
Electric	Franklin Electric	\$42,000.00
Windows Replacement	Delray Windows	\$84,690.00
- **Maher Duessel CPA** to perform the audit of the Financial Statements as of June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$21,340.00
- **Final General Fund Budget** for 2015-2016 with a millage rate of 21.31. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$30,636,236 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$31,753,201. The deficit of \$1,116,965 will be absorbed by the Fund Balance.
- Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion, in the amount of \$243.00
- **Food Service Budget** for 2015-2016 selecting the Community Eligibility provision in the amount of revenues of \$883,404 and expenditures of \$957,742
- Authorized the Solicitor to acquire lots 130-R-153 and 130-R-233 so the school district owns all of the parking lot property across the street from Barrett Elementary School to move forward with the *Transforming Twelfth* project
- Rejected the football uniform quotes received May 20 and placed the football uniforms out to bid

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized Administration to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and local police departments as required by the Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years
- Installation of tree pits around the Campbell Addition at Barrett Elementary School with funding provided by a grant through the **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy**

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Special Assignments

The Board held readings on the following policies:

- Second reading and adopted all policies in Section 100 of the Board Policy Manual
- First reading of all policies in Section 200 of the Board Policy Manual
- First reading of Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted a second donation of \$1,000.00 from **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** for the *Let's Move Pittsburgh Champion Schools* Program at Barrett Elementary School to be used for hands-on materials for educating students about food and health, and thanked 4th grade teacher **Cindy Kortz** for continuing to pursue this grant opportunity
- Barrett Elementary School Level Plan
- District Level Plan
- Middle School Academic Handbook for the 2015-2016 school year
- Accepted a donation of \$525,000 from the **Campbell Educational and Community Foundation** for the iPad Initiative

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Unpaid leave of absence for **Christina Szott** for the 2015-2016 school year according to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement
- Appointed **Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins, Amy Selick, Maribeth Meals** and **Lisa Lawson** as the 2015 ESY Special Education Teachers and appointed **Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Mary Jo Craycraft, Melissa Ladik, Lisa Vehec** and **Ashley Hanley** as the 2015 ESY Special Education Paraeducators for the 2015 Extended School Year Program
- Appointed the 2015 Summer Camp staff as presented beginning June 29, 2015
- Appointed the 2015 Summer Camp substitute staff as presented beginning June 29, 2015
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Courtney Lucas** from the supplemental position of Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of **Diane Kampetis**, food service worker in the high school cafeteria, effective June 10, 2015, with benefits per the collective bargaining agreement
- Authorized the Administration to advertise for a website and electronic communication management consultant
- Authorized the Administration to advertise for Information Technology services related to the iPad Initiative