



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
May 12, 2003**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing Mr. Paul Jones, retired high school teacher; Mr. John Koziel, retired high school teacher; Mr. Merle Benson, uncle of George Revak and great-uncle of Cindy DeLuca; Mr. Michael Robinson, uncle of Denise Hayes; Mr. William Grecco, uncle of Marty Thomas; and Mr. Robert T. Premoshis, uncle of Rebecca Russell. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Comments

- Mr. Bonacorso announced that the meeting to present the preliminary budget for 2003-2004 will be held Monday, May 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Glunk recognized the contributions of Mr. Schuster, Mr. Altman, Mr. Seaman, Mr. McCallister, Ms. Sekura and Mr. McKinney for organizing a Living Wax Museum as part of a history project. High school students, J. B. Dindak and Samantha Koutsavlis, were also recognized for their portrayals of John D. Rockefeller and Marilyn Monroe. Thanks to all who participated in bringing history alive for the 5th and 6th grade students.
- Members of the Environmental Club and other high school students participated in a Community Clean-Up on April 22. In cooperation with the Weed and Seed Program, Mr. Rusty Owston and Mr. Brandon Kazan accompanied the students to 8th Avenue in Homestead where they cleaned in front of empty storefronts and planted ground cover in the tree wells.
- Junior John Mesko and Sophomore Kristopher Rudge were inducted into the Steel Center National Vocational Technical Honor Society. John is a student at Steel Center studying Aircraft Mechanics, and Kris is enrolled in the Electronics program. Congratulations to both students.
- Dr. Glunk thanked Senior Lindsay Ellis for her dedicated service as the Student Representative to the School Board for the past two years.
- The Propel Charter School Appeal Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 14, in Harrisburg. In December, the School Board denied the Propel Charter School application to open a charter school in Homestead for the 2003-2004 school year. Propel has appealed the Board's decision to the Charter School Appeals Board, and the Appeals Board should rule in four to six weeks.
- Mr. Michael Altman, High School English teacher, was recognized as a Teacher of Distinction by the Teacher Excellence Foundation, and Mrs. Gwen Berchok, High School Algebra teacher, was a

Finalist in this annual program. We are proud of both teachers and their nominations are well deserved.

- The high school football team and coaches planted flowers at the corner of West Street and 8th Avenue on Saturday. Many thanks to Coach Wehrer, Rusty Firestone, Denny Keesecker and the football players for their community service.
Assistant Superintendent's Report
- Dr. Kinavey introduced Jennifer Ross, Evaluation Specialist for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, who presented an overview of the Comprehensive Data Analysis project. Steel Valley is one of 20 school districts across the state to be part of this pilot project. The computer software organizes test and assessment data into a database, which can then be customized to create reports. This will be helpful for administrators and teachers to acquire assessment data on students and to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.

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Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

- Forty-three English language learners will take the Stanford English Proficiency test in May.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board expelled a minor male student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year and for the 2003-2004 school year.
- The Board expelled a minor male student from April 14, 2003, until the end of the first semester of the 2003-2004 school year.

Student Representatives' Report

- Miss Lindsay Ellis reported that the Accelerated Reader Awards programs at Barrett Elementary School will be held May 15 and May 27.
- The Annual Celebration in Education will be held on May 15 at Park School.
- Fifth grade orientation for Park and Barrett students will be held on May 22.
- Borough Day for third grade students at Park School will be held on May 22.
- Miss Samantha Koutsavlis announced the Middle School and High School activities. The eighth grade trip will be May 31 to Cedar Point.
- A blood drive will be held at the high school on May 13.
- The 1st Annual Senior Picnic will be held on May 15, and the prom is May 16.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund invoices in the amount of \$418,053.54
General Fund hand checks for April in the amount of \$1,162,035.29
Food Service invoices in the amount of \$25,225.43
General Fund Revenue Report
General Fund Expenditure Report
Title I invoices in the amount of \$113,821.68
Custodial invoices in the amount of \$6,407.64
Middle School invoices in the amount of \$922.53
Custodial/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,684.77
Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$1,317.80
Real estate tax refunds in Munhall totaling \$3,377.55
Real estate tax refund in West Homestead totaling \$393.07
Citizens Bank as depository for 2003-2004
Bid awards for 2003-2004

Operations

The Board approved the following:

Facility rentals and fundraising requests as presented
Honeywell to maintain the HVAC and DDC systems for four years
GLA Water Consultants water treatment bid for four years
Payment of \$2,500 to Hruska Plumbing for the remaining costs of the boiler replacement at Campbell Field
Pennsylvania Coach Lines as the provider of student transportation services for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years
Held first reading of Policy No. 837 HIPAA
Repairs to high school basketball hoops by T.D. Contractors for a total cost of \$3,000
Use of district facilities by MUSA beginning June 17 through August 1

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Payment of \$2,250 to the Senior Reception Committee to defray costs for the Senior Reception
- Buchman's Studios as school photographer for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years
- The Board denied the request from the Steel Valley Hockey Association.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Awarded a diploma to Mr. Roy Weckerle, a WWII Veteran
- Adopted the Harcourt Math Series for Grades K-5 at a total cost of \$60,106.11
- Adopted the Harcourt Reading Series for Grades K-5 at a total cost of \$179,049.0

- Adopted textbook entitled, Mathematics with Business Applications, for the Senior High School at a total cost of \$3,219.30 plus shipping and handling costs
- Agreement between the school district and the Department of Education to provide professional development services to enhance targeted students of the Read to Succeed program at Park Elementary School at a cost of \$3,000 to be paid from the Read to Succeed Grant
- Implementation of the next phase of the Middle School restructuring beginning with the 2003-2004 school year
2003-2004 Middle School Academic Handbook for duplication and distribution
- Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs for the school years 2003-2006
Authorized the administration to submit a letter of support and allow participation in the science grant proposal with D4NR Educational Systems, if funding is obtained
- Summer Reading Camps to be held at Barrett, Park and Franklin Schools in June and August 2003

Personnel Management

- Appointment of Ms. LuAnne E. Szczypinski as a long-term substitute in Library Science assigned to Barrett Elementary School, with salary and fringe benefits based on Step 8 Master's Salary (\$43,152), effective the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year
- Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman Associates to conduct a districtwide building study at a cost of \$15,000
- Attendance of Ms. Turoczy, Ms. Kortz, Mrs. Williams and Ms. Whelan to visit Gundry Community Elementary School on May 6-8, 2003, with all expenses paid from the Community for Learning Building Capacity Grant
- Attendance of the administrative team at a planning session on June 19-20, 2003, with costs estimated to be \$400 for meals
- Mr. Bruce Barnes and Ms. Nicole Shipley as day-to-day substitute teachers/nurse for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Dunmire from the position of Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
- Family Medical Leave of Absence for Ms. Dolores McDermott beginning April 14 through May 5, 2003
- Unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Reiner from June 23-27, 2003
- Medical leave of absence for Mrs. Makusenka beginning July 7, 2003, not to exceed one year.
- Hiring six individuals to work in the plant service department for the summer at a rate of \$6.00 per hour each