
Steel Valley School District Board Brief



**Board Meeting
May 22, 2007**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Paul L. Cullen, husband of Denise Cullen, Athletic/Activities Secretary, and father of Michael and Kelly, High School students; Mrs. Jean Koval, former Homestead Crossing Guard; Mr. David Edwards, uncle of Leo Schlanger, High School Principal; Mr. William R. Mangan, Sr., father, and Mr. Harry R. Szczypinski, uncle, of LuAnne Szczypinski, Barrett Media Specialist; Mrs. Mildred Rowe, grandmother of Beth and Shawn McCallister, Math Coach and Athletic/Activities Director; Mrs. Mary Hajduk, grandmother of Brian Bungard, Middle School teacher; Mrs. Geraldine McKee, stepmother of Ron McKee, High School Custodian. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President_s Comments

- The Board approved readmission of a minor male student to the Middle School for the start of the 2007-08 school year .

Pupil Personnel & Special Services Report

- Mrs. Borges reported that the Steel Valley School District will receive approximately \$16,300 from a Pennsylvania Department of Education Special Education Contingency Fund.

Director of Secondary Education

- Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by Mrs. Fenyus and Mr. Schlanger:

Steel Center Extra Effort Award

- Vanessa Beyer, Dana Clark, Joshua Gettig, John Sarraino

Steel Center Top of the Shop Award

- Christina Brown, Jared Ducar, Brandon McCrum

Tribune Review Outstanding Young Citizens

- Katherine Janocsko, Melissa Kaufold

The Future is Mine \$1,500 Scholarship – Sandra Lutka

- Girl Scout Gold Award – Hayley Markoff
- 2007 Youth Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition - Chris O'Neal

African-American Literature Course

- Ebony Cunningham, teacher, Traci Weaver, Terelle Weaver, Juliana Sampson, Ashley Evans, Sam Green, India Davis

Middle School Accelerated Reader Recognitions

- Terri Hoffman, teacher, Marissa Maddigan, Breanna Gardner, Emily Jones, Maria Morrison, Phong Chau, Jacque Joll, Meghan Wolf, Nicole Salapa, Tu Duc Ho

Steel Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

- Melissa Kaufold, Ian Mehok

8th Grade Washington, DC Educational Trip

- Kelly Bennett, Miranda Ladik, Nolan McGuire

The Class of 1949 presented a \$1,075 check for the purchase of library books in memory of Mrs. Margaret Howat, former Librarian in the Munhall and Steel Valley School Districts

Director of Elementary Education

- Dr. Policastro reported on Park Elementary's Celebration in Education, Barrett Family Night, the Elementary Academic Handbook, RTI Intervention and the curriculum teams that will meet throughout the summer.

Solicitor's Report

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Meeting Minutes

- The Board approved the April 17, 2007 worksession minutes and the April 24, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

General Fund invoices for April 2007	\$596,793.64
General Fund hand checks for April 2007	\$369,972.60
Payroll Fund Transfers for April 2007	
Food Service invoices	\$46,806.79
General Fund Revenue Report for April 2007	
General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2007	
Custodial/Hand Checks	\$24,814.99
Athletic/Hand Checks	\$2,818.06
Middle School/Hand Checks	\$75.00
Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2007	
Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2007	
Capital Improvements 2000-01 Statement of Income and Expenses for month ending April 30, 2007	
Authorized Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Waterfront Partnership LLC in the amount of \$72,785.24	
Authorized Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Waterfront Partnership LLC in the amount of \$11,376.60	
Authorized West Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Jack Cotter in the amount of \$618.68	
Authorized West Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Albert Ackerman in the amount of \$287.39	
Authorized West Homestead Borough real estate tax refund to Wayne Kulis in the amount of \$155.76	
Re-appointed Citizen's Bank as the district's depository and treasurer for the 2007-08 school year	

Approved the transfer of \$60,337.24 from the 2005 Capital Projects Account to the district's General Fund as reimbursement for payments made by the General Fund for various capital projects through June 30, 2006

Adopted a resolution authorizing an option for installment payment of real estate taxes

Accepted the 2007-08 bid supply request for general school, athletic, audio-visual, technology, health, art, library, science, music and physical education for a total amount of \$141,720.18

Exonerated the West Homestead Borough Real Estate Tax Collector for year 2006 in the amount of \$165,005.13

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Facility Use Fee Schedule as revised

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Renewed the contract for photography services with Primetime Shots, Inc. of Munhall, PA, for the 2007-08 school year, with an option to renew annually at the district's discretion and with the proviso that the "child find" photography and information be provided free of charge
- Approved the field trip by the Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams to the Holiday Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Florida on December 26-31, 2007

Educational Leadership

- The Board accepted the Lifelong Learning Grant in the amount of \$50,000

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Joy Kardos from the position of Food Service Supervisor effective September 2, 2007 under the provisions set forth in the Administrative Compensation Plan
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Gary Stretavski from the position of High School Teacher effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year, under the provisions set forth in the collective bargaining agreement

- Accepted the resignation of Rebecca Beynon from the position of Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2007, under the conditions of the agreement of settlement and release
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Carolina Guenther from the position of Secondary Teacher effective at the close of the 2006-07 school year
- Approved a family medical leave of absence for Rebecca Kristen beginning May 17 through June 7, 2007
- Approved Brandon DePhillips, Monica Rosenberger, Meredith Wisser, Pamela Black, Dustin Mounts, Liza Leonette, Cynthia Kalogeris, Erin Ebeck and Ryan Warner as day-to-day substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the 1st 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter, contingent upon receipt of federal criminal history records, receipt of current clearances from Ms. Wisser, Ms. Black and Ms. Leonette and receipt of temporary teaching certificates from Ms. Ebeck and Mr. Warner
- Approved John Millburn as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the 1st 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter, contingent upon receipt of federal criminal history record
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of the school year

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- Added a supplemental position of Rhythm Club sponsor for 2007-08 school year and negotiate a stipend with the Steel Valley Education Association
- Retained one 9th grade football coach on staff to attend to the needs of the 9th grade athletes who will be part of the junior varsity football team
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