



*May 2017 Board Brief*

## **STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Memorial Books**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Marie H. Hinkle**, mother-in-law of Audrey Hinkle, Park School teacher; **Robert “Wilky” Wilkinson**, former substitute custodian; **Thomas W. Wallace**, uncle of Kim Watkins, Superintendent’s Secretary; **Raymond “Bull” Bodnar**, Steel Valley graduate Class of 1990; and **Troy Ferron**, Steel Valley graduate Class of 1986. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mrs. Yuhas** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

### **Student Representatives’ Reports**

**Miss Abby Ferson** reported that the Math and Science Olympiad at Park School was a huge success. The students sounded wonderful at the All School Revue and the Band Concert. Third grade did a great job leading the Munhall Borough Council meeting on May 17, and all the Park students loved the Borough Day Parade.

Kindergarten and first grade students enjoyed the *Elephant and Piggy* theater performance, and second grade had a blast on their field trip to Triple B Farm. The third grade class learned a lot at the Carnegie Science Center, and first graders are eager to go to the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium on Friday. Fourth grade will be touring Heinz Field and taking a Just Ducky Tour next week.

Park Elementary School will hold its **Celebration in Education** next Thursday, and fourth grade **Step-Up Day** will occur on Friday. The fourth grade **Merit Day** celebration was very nice, and everyone at Park School wishes the fourth graders the best of luck at the middle school next year.

At Barrett Elementary School, Miss Ferson reported that the **Doris Hyde Merit Day Red Carpet** celebration was held on Tuesday with approximately 270 guests. The fourth grade students toured the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium yesterday. The All School Revue will be held tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Miss Abbey Caspar** stated that the **Middle School Academic Awards** ceremony was conducted on May 24, and 150 students in grades five through eight received awards for academic achievement. On June 1 and 2, the middle school will be hosting its final STREAM event for the year, entitled STREAM Olympics.

The high school prom was awesome, and everyone had a great time. Miss Caspar thanked Mrs. McCallister and everyone who helped make that night memorable for the students. The last day for seniors will be Friday. The **Senior Breakfast** will be held on June 2, and graduation practices will be held June 7 and 9. The tradition of graduates walking through the elementary buildings will continue on June 7 at both Barrett and Park Elementary Schools.

The mock crash was held prior to the prom. Thanks to Attorney Mark Smith for his presentation on ending distracted driving.

Abbey reported that senior finals were done a little differently this year, and there was close to 100% attendance for the senior final exams.

Miss Abbey Caspar thanked the School Board for allowing her the opportunity to serve as a Student Representative. The experience has allowed her to stand up for what she believes and has given her confidence in public speaking.

She introduced **Miss Izzie Furrick** as the new Junior Student Representative to the School Board for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Wehrer** announced that the Board would be accepting the retirement of **Mrs. Cynthia DeLuca** with 22 years as a school nurse. Mrs. DeLuca has always taken an active and caring interest in the health and safety of our students, and she will be greatly missed in the elementary schools. He wished her the best in retirement.

Mr. Wehrer thanked **Charlie and LaTosha Batch** for supporting Barrett Elementary School and its students by sponsoring the Doris Hyde Merit Day Red Carpet celebration for the Barrett families held on May 23.

He congratulated the **Boys Varsity Baseball** team and its coaches on the fourth section championship in the past five years. Senior **Alex Pepke** thanked the Board for recognizing the team tonight. **Coach Vickers** distributed Certificates of Recognition to the players.

Mr. Wehrer noted that the Board would recognize the **Girls Softball** team next month.

The 2017 Steel Valley **Commencement** will be held at the Campbell Athletic Field on Friday, June 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wehrer encouraged guests to use the shuttle buses to and from the high school parking lot and Campbell Field.

It was announced that the **Middle School Drama Club** is performing an original play on May 31 and June 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report**

**Mrs. Borges** announced school calendar events:

May 29	Memorial Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 29	9:30 a.m. Memorial Day Parade on Main Street
June 3-5	History Club Trip
June 6	Kennywood Picnic – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 8	Teacher Clerical Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 9	Teacher Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 17	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Sensory Friendly Performance 1:15 p.m. Pre-concert activities; 2:30 p.m. Concert

### **Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report**

**Mr. Colebank** reported that student iPad collection has begun at the high school.

The Board approved changing the time of the Board worksession meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. each month. Mr. Bulger thanked the members of the Board for changing the start time of the worksession meetings, which will allow him to attend both the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors' meetings and the School Board worksessions in a timely fashion.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Donald Fetzko reported that the last 14 dispositions had no change in assessments.

## Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- April 20, 2017 worksession meeting
- April 24, 2017 regular meeting

## Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May 2017 in the amount of \$1,546,887.68
- General Fund hand checks for April 2017 in the amount of \$165,459.90
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2017
- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2017
- General Fund Balance Sheet for April 2017
- Food Service invoices for April 2017 in the amount of \$38,874.50
- Food Service Revenue Report for April 2017
- Food Service Expenditure Report for April 2017
- Food Service Balance Sheet for April 2017
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2017
- Capital Projects Revenue Report for April 2017
- Capital Projects Expenditure Report for April 2017
- Capital Projects Balance Sheet Report for April 2017
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2017
- Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2017-2018 with a millage rate of 22.761, an increase of 0.7484 mill. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$32,389,852 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$34,570,474. The deficit of \$2,180,622 will be absorbed by the General Fund's Fund Balance
- Increased the limit of the credit card to \$10,000.00
- Awarded vendors the bid items as presented

## Operations

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

## Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

The Campbell Athletic Field renovation has been completed, and it is available for use and rental requests.

**Mrs. Ballas** announced that registration is open to attend the **Girls Basketball Skills Camp** the week of June 12. Any girl entering grades two through eight are invited to participate. Registration forms are available this evening.

## Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- Held a first reading of Policy 823 Naloxone
- Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Operating Budget, Administrative Budget and Workforce Development Budget and the Southeast Area Special School Administrative Budget for the 2017-2018 school year

## Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted donations of gift cards from **Mr. Carey Kann**, General Manager, and **Ms. Emily Wittmer**, Director of Marketing, of the Waterfront

- Accepted the following donations:
 

<b>Campbell Foundation</b>	Band Uniforms	\$5,000.00
Campbell Foundation	SADD Conference	\$5,000.00
<b>Connor Johnson Foundation</b>	SADD Conference	\$2,500.00
<b>Colasante's Flowers in the Park</b>	Balloons and Decorations for Senior Honor Awards Banquet	\$112.50
- Five-week summer school program for credit recovery for students in grades six through twelve during the summer of 2017 for core classes only and funded by the summer school enrollment and/or the General Fund

### Communications

**Mr. Rojtas** reported that work would be starting on the website platform, and a new Steel Valley website would be launched by the new school year.

### Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Cynthia DeLuca** from the position of school nurse according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 24, 2017
- Created one-half (1/2) of a permanent teaching position
- Eliminated the Middle School Instructional Resource position and the High School Technology Education and/or Industrial Arts position
- Appointed **Austin Delp** as a special education teacher at the prorated substitute rate of \$120 per day and appointed **Cathy Matta, Amy Selick, Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins, Barb Ferson, and Rachel Dindak** as special education teachers at a rate of \$32 per hour for the 2017 Extended School Year program. Appointed **Mary Jo Craycraft, Melissa Ladik, Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Christine Furrick, Susan Titmus, Holli Bobick** and **Betty Lyons** as special education paraeducators for the 2017 Extended School Year program at their hourly rates.
- 2017 Summer Camp staff as presented beginning June 26 through July 20, 2017, to be paid from the Barrett Summer Camp program budget
- Joseph Holland** and **Austin Delp** 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 upon passing physical and drug screening exams
- Appointed **Carolyn Whewell** and **Lauren Evans** to the supplemental positions of High School Cheerleading Co-Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year with Varsity Coach and Junior Varsity Coach stipends totaling \$5,324.62 to be split between the Co-Coaches and contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Renee Gelston**, high school food service worker, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year
- Hired **Renee Gelston** as a substitute in food service for the 2017-2018 school year to be paid at the rate of \$8.25 per hour and no benefits
- Hired **Angela Novak** as a substitute secretary for the 2017-2018 school year to be paid at the rate of \$8.75 per hour, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168 and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- Hired **Tremeire Redden, DeWayne Murray III** and **Ryan Harper** as substitute custodians to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour for the period of June 12 through August 18, 2017, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- Volunteer for Park Elementary School as presented