



## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting  
November 14 , 2005**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Albert E. Wehrer, Jr., former Varsity Assistant Football Coach and father of Ed Wehrer, Former Head Football Coach; Mr. Russell Strang, brother of Nancy Fenner, Copy Clerk and Park School Cafeteria Monitor; Mr. Michael "Harp" O'Toole, retired Physical Education teacher in the Munhall and Steel Valley School Districts, cousin of Eileen O'Toole, Kindergarten teacher and Keith O'Toole, Board Member; Mrs. Roselie Konecheck, grandmother of Mary Ann Wassel, Senior High teacher; Mr. Austin J. Bugel, son of Dan Bugel, Guidance Counselor, grandson of Emma Bugel, Park Food Service, nephew of Karen Catterall, Barrett teacher, cousin of Jeff and Beth Catterall, Middle School and Park School teachers and former student summer worker. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- There will be no school on Thursday, November 24 through Monday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Students and staff will return on Tuesday, November 29.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- The installation of the fiber optic phone network has begun and the five new Middle School Science labs/classrooms are now complete.
- An overview of the new programs at Steel Valley, and their effect on the strategies being used to raise PSSA scores, was presented by Priscilla Jackman, Pat Metinko, Beth McCallister and Hazel Hunt. These teachers, designated as Academic Coaches in Literacy and Math, have been instrumental in the implementation of Study Island, Inspiration, My Access, First in Math and Asset Science, to name just a few of these new programs. The Academic Coaches attend professional development activities, participate in the Math/Science Partnership, assess No Child Left Behind and PA Department of Education standards as they relate to the District, as well as in-service Steel Valley teachers on successful instructional strategies and techniques.
- The Board approved the minutes of the August 15, 2005 Regular Meeting, August 29, 2005 Special Meeting, October 3, 2005 Worksession and October 10, 2005 Regular Meeting.

### **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

General Fund Invoices for November	\$706,812.17
General Fund Hand Checks for October	\$736,236.61
Payroll Funding Transfers for October	
Revenue Report for September	
Expenditure Report for September	
Food Service Invoices	\$37,202.01
Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statements of Income and Expense	
Steel Valley Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense	
Athletic Invoices	\$2,250.00
Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks	\$5,827.01

Authorized Munhall Borough real estate tax refund in the amount of \$1,898.64  
Authorized Homestead Borough real estate tax refunds in the amount of \$262.24  
Authorized payment of \$45,000 to Barone Murtha Shonberg & White for appraisal reports on Waterfront commercial properties  
Donation of \$10,000 to Carnegie Library of Homestead

## **Operations**

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests
- Fundraising requests
- Payment of \$2,437.63 to Burt Hill for Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$1,515 to Burt Hill for professional services for miscellaneous projects
- Payment of \$2,797.40 to Burt Hill for professional services for the Willis Building project
- Payment of \$123,097.50 to FranJo Construction for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$31,948.20 to Right Electric Inc. for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Service agreement with Simmons Business Systems for KONICA 7165 copier
- Retroactively award the fence bid to Bowman Fence Co. in the amount of \$7,493
- Change order #2 for replacement of 13 additional doors at Steel Valley High School in the amount of \$21,400  
Business Office to dispose of a non-functional laminator
- Payment of \$10,962 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for Middle School Science Classroom Project HVAC Contract
- Payment of \$15,135.82 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for Middle School Science Classroom Project Plumbing Contract
- Award bid for the purchase of teacher chairs for Middle School Science Classroom Project to Morgan Interior Systems in the amount of \$1,095
- Award bid for replacement of exterior doors at Barrett Elementary to AB Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$34,875
- Award bid for purchase and installation of office cubicles to Morgan Interior Systems in the amount of \$12,972.26
- Change order #7 by FranJo Construction to remove and replace 84 lockers in the Middle School at a cost of \$12,612

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Formation of a Middle School Drama Club with Susan Salapa as a volunteer sponsor
- Request from the Steel Valley Hockey Team to conduct a fundraiser
- Request to discuss funds for the School Store at the Senior High School

## **Special Assignments**

- The Board held a first reading of revisions to Policy No. 006 Local Board Procedures

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the following:

- Revisions to the 2005-06 school calendar
- Accepted a grant from the Heinz Endowments for \$110,092 to support acquisition of the Waterford Early Literary program

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following:

- The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Nancy Hines from the position of High School Principal effective December 9, 2005 or on an earlier date agreed upon.

The Board approved the following Personnel items:

- Accepted with regret, the retirements of Clarence Adams, Douglas McKinney, Alice Cottone, Gail Meister and Ellen Pipich effective at the end of the 2005-06 school term
- Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Katie Pugh beginning on or about January 3, 2006
- Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Maria Heddleston beginning on or about December 7, 2005
- Matthew Simpson as a long-term substitute in Secondary English at the Senior High School
- Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Cynthia Price for psychological services Professional employee contracts for Nick Seech, Jennifer Williams, Richard Owston, Regina Takos, Steve Large, Christine Ruffing, Rebecca Whelan, Lindsay Wilson, Jeff Catterall, Lisa Lawson, Brandi Chalus, Chad Kanz, Gary Goga and Amanda Olson
- Lucas Rendulic, Erin Gurchak, Barbara Thayer, Hampton Conway, Sara Bouton, Joseph Rolnik, Karen Wahola, Frank Komar, Heather Pfeifer, Thomas Jewell and Deborah Hayden as substitute teachers Accepted the resignations of Jeff Catterall, Eric Gress and Sean Baker from the supplemental positions of Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, Middle School Boys\_ Basketball 8th Grade Coach and Assistant Varsity Boys\_ Basketball Coach
- Retracted the appointment of Rick Dunmire to the position of Middle School Dean of Students
- Resignation of Nicole Shipley from the supplemental position of Head Cheerleading Coach
- Appointment of Anthony Natale to the position of Senior High Dean of Students and Steven Large to the position of Middle School Dean of Students retroactive to October 31, 2005
- 2005-06 department head supplemental appointments as follows:

Beth McCallister	Mathematics
Susan Olsen	Science
Clarence Adams	Language Arts
David Emro	Technical & Information Science
Toni Besh	World Languages
Doug McKinney	Fine Arts
Cindy DeLuca	Wellness
Rick Dunmire	Health & Physical Education

- List of winter activity/athletic supplementals
- Creation of two Personal Care/Special Education Aide positions
- Creation of a part-time, four-hour per day, 10-month secretary position in the Middle School
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Lois McCormick effective January 12, 2006
- Unpaid Leave of Absence for Nancy Fenner effective November 1, 2005
- Sharon McCallister as a substitute secretary and instructional aide
- Denise Thompson as a substitute special education aide
- Robert Sowa as a substitute custodian
- List of volunteers for the 2005-06 school year

### **Previous Board Action**

The Board approved the following items:

- Interest Rate Management Program
- Creation of a position of Grant and Special Programs Coordinator as a new position in the Act 93 Administrative Compensation Group and approve the Job Description
- Appointed Ellen Sabo to the position of Grant and Special Programs Coordinator at a salary of \$37,500
- Leave of Absence for Ellen Sabo from position of Secretary at Barrett Elementary and the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Association