



# Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting  
October 24, 2006**

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The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Samuel Sabo, uncle of Jess Ann Sabo, Franklin Instructional Aide; Mr. William Fenner, uncle of Nancy Fenner, Park Copy Clerk/Cafeteria Monitor; Mr. Luke Haney, father-in-law of Joe Nejman, retired guidance counselor; Mrs. Genevieve R. Bandola, mother of Connie Garrison, retired elementary teacher. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

## **President\_s Comments**

- Mr. William V. Campbell will be in attendance on November 17 at 4:00 p.m. for the dedication/ribbon cutting of the new James J. Campbell Middle School Gymnasium.

## **Director of Secondary Education Report**

- The FBI Adopt-A-School program begins on October 25.
- The annual "Veteran's Day" program will be held at the Senior High School on November 17 at 9:00 a.m. The Middle School will hold its program on November 22.

## **Grant and Special Programs Coordinator's Report**

- Beginning in January, if enrollment meets the necessary criteria, the Community College of Allegheny County will offer the following two courses on Saturdays at the Senior High School --"Intro to Psychology" and "History of Women."
- Dr. Beverly School from the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be monitoring the EAP tutoring program at the Senior High School. Dr. School has previously evaluated programs at Barrett Elementary and the Middle School.

## **Superintendent's Report**

- On Friday, October 27, there will be no school for students. In the morning, teachers will be attending Mon Valley Learns programs held at numerous schools in the area. Teachers will then return to the district and participate in various in-service activities scheduled for the afternoon.
- Currently there are 175 teachers in the school district. Class sizes range from 25 at the secondary level to 19 at the elementary level.

## **Student Representatives'**

- Park Elementary now has a Library Club where students not only read, but also check the condition

of books located on the shelves.

- Barrett Elementary is holding a “Fun Night” and dance on October 26th for first and second grade students.
- The week of October 23rd is “Red Ribbon Week.” Students learn the hazards of drugs and discuss alternative activities during health classes.
- Charlie Batch will be taking 40 “well-behaved” Barrett students to the circus on November 2nd.
- Franklin Primary Center will hold their Halloween Parade on October 26th.
- Mrs. Roslyn Stulga, Park Elementary Art teacher, will be a presenter at the “Gateway to the Arts” on November 1.
- Congratulations to Jessie McDonough, Homecoming Queen, and her Court which included, Ashley Kondas, Tara Douglass, Angie Ruggieri, Callie Cortazzo, Julie Moore, Jenna Bence, Courtney Wrigley, Lauren Pipchok and Vanessa Weir.
- The Middle School began the “Study Island” program, a PSSA prep class which will assist in improving and increasing test scores.
- The Board approved the minutes of the August 28, September 13 and September 19 meetings.

## **Operations**

The Board approved the following:

Facility Rentals as presented

Fundraising Requests as presented

Payment of Burt Hill Invoice 0118532 in the amount of \$2,361

Disposal of sewing machines no longer in good working order

Bid from Coppola Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500 for paving fractured areas of track surrounding Griffin Field

Donation of three flowering trees from the Munhall Garden Club to be planted in front of the Senior High School

Agreement to lease to own with Xerox for five new office machines at \$5,849 per month

Business Office to advertise for bids for the painting of the Park Elementary School Gym

Donation of obsolete wall mirrors from Woodlawn and used wall safety mats from the High School gym to the youth club  
currently being established by District Magistrate Thomas Torkowsky

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following:

Replacement of the boiler tank at the High School, serving lines at Park and Barrett, removal of old equipment, plumbing and electrical work at a cost of \$41,527.50

Creation of a Chess Club at the Middle School/Senior High with Mrs. Maddigan and Mr. Ivan Braszo as volunteer sponsors

## **Special Assignments**

The Board approved the following:

Adopted a resolution approving the Sixth amendment to the Jointure Agreement to add the

Bethel Park School District as a member of Steel Center Area Vo-Tech School Joint Board

Held a second reading and adopted Policy No. 142 Wellness

### **Educational Leadership**

The Board held a first reading of the District's Strategic Plan

### **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

Carole Policastro to the administrative position of Director of Elementary Education

Changed the status of Kelly Sabo from long-term substitute to permanent teacher effective immediately

Changed the status of Richard Pireaux from long-term substitute to permanent teacher effective immediately

Changed the status of the position of Athletic/Activities Director from a temporary to a permanent full-time position

Katie Pugh as a tutor at Park and Deirdre Kamauf as a tutor at Franklin at a rate of \$30 per hour and Sherri Titmus as a paraprofessional at a rate of \$15 per hour as part of the EAP Tutoring Grant

Authorized the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with Allegheny Children's Initiative, Inc., for psychological services at a rate of \$40 per hour

Attendance of Bethany Fenyus to the PA Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development annual conference to be held November 19-21, 2006 in Hershey, PA

Barbara Thayer, Kelly Emro, Patricia Mitchell and Diane Toloczko as substitute teachers for the 2006-07 school year

Kevin Tomasic to the supplemental position of Technology Technician at Park Elementary School for the 2006-07 school year at a stipend of \$1,746.23

LuAnne Szczypinski to the supplemental position of Technology Technician at Barrett Elementary School for the 2006-07 school year at a stipend of \$1,746.23

2006-07 Department Head supplemental appointments as listed

Creation of a Personal Care/Special Education Aide position

Carol Howley as a substitute aide and substitute cafeteria worker

Jessica Hahn as a substitute in the food service department

Volunteers as listed for the 2006-07 school year contingent upon receipt of current Act 34 and 151 clearances

Retroactively approved an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Rudy Valiska

commencing on or about October 20, 2006

Creation of a four-hour cleaner position assigned to the high school

Melissa McMahon to the position of four-hour cleaner assigned to the High School