

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
April 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kiefer, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Steele,
Mr. Terrick, Mrs. Yuhás, Ms. Youngblood and Mrs. Kiefer

Absent: Mr. Olson (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

Also present: Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Fetzko, Mr. Zenone, Mr. Colebank and
Mrs. Borges

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Margaret Shimrock*, mother of Dianne Cain, attendance and residency checker, grandmother of Courtney Cain, assistant softball coach; *Mary Perry*, grandmother of Debbie Perry, Barrett food service worker; *Timothy Walendziewicz*, son of Teresa Walendziewicz, substitute support staff; *Danyelle D. Haddad*, 2010 Steel Valley Graduate; *Dolores Kranick*, aunt of Eric Gress, high school teacher; *Armand Gress*, cousin of Eric Gress, high school teacher; *Sharon A. Mays*, mother-in-law of Danielle Mays, high school food service worker; *Alice M. Kraycar*, mother-in-law of Marie Kraycar, high school food service worker; *Caryn Verno*, cousin of Diana Borges, director of pupil personnel & special services.

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the purchase of memorial books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Mrs. Kiefer:

- Attended the Allegheny County Legislators Forum on Public Education with Board Members Colette Youngblood, Coyleen Steele and Superintendent Edward Wehrer. It was informative and invaluable to meet with the Pennsylvania legislators.
- Members of the School Board and Administration attended the Harmony Club's Annual Scholarship Luncheon honoring Mrs. Aldine Coleman on April 8. Congratulations to High School Senior Amber Travis, who was the recipient of a 2015 college scholarship.

Student Representatives' Reports

Brandon Tomasic

Elena Chaffin

- Students at Park School participated in a Health & Wellness Day on April 10. Activities included Wii Fit and Yoga plus Food Service Director Lisa Runco conducted a healthy eating seminar for the students.
- Park School staff wore blue t-shirts for Light Up Blue Autism Awareness Month. Students viewed videos to help better understand children with autism, and short stories were read on how to be a better friend with an autistic child.
- On May 1, Barrett will conduct a Breakfast for Moms, and they will hold a Breakfast for Dads on May 19. The annual All School Revue will be held on May 7, and Barrett families can participate in the Family Carnival on May 15. Barrett will hold its Merit Day on May 26.
- Field trips are planned for students in each grade at Barrett Elementary, including visits to the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, PNC Park, Bounce U and Heinz Field.

- The 8th grade will take the Science PSSA on April 28-29. The annual 8th grade trip to Washington DC, will be May 7-9.
- Step Up Day for 5th graders will be held on May 15 at the Middle School followed by a dance from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The Middle School Awards Assembly will be conducted on May 22.
- On May 1, students will be inducted into the National Honor Society at 1:30 p.m. The Dr. Griffin Honors Award Banquet is scheduled for May 21. Keystone exams will be held May 19-21 at the Senior High School. The spring sports teams are all doing well and working on making the playoffs.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Adopted a resolution declaring Jessica Strom a *Friend of Steel Valley* in honor and recognition of her distinguished achievements, including winning the Division II National Women's Basketball Championship as Head Coach of the Women's Basketball Team at California University of Pennsylvania.
- Ms. Strom was a 2001 Steel Valley graduate and had an outstanding career in basketball and still holds the school's record as the all-time leading scorer with 2,840 career points. On the soccer field, she scored 205 career goals, which is still a WPIAL record. Jess went on to Penn State as a four-year starter setting impressive school records and was recognized as a three-time All-Big Ten Conference player. Jess Strom was also inducted into the WPIAL Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. An appropriate selection of books will be placed in the high school library in commemoration of the achievements by Jess Strom and a Steel Valley Honorary Gold Card would be presented for her meritorious career achievement.

Citizen Coments on Agenda Items

- Mr. Scott Stevens of 11 Caroline Street, Munhall
- Ms. Cathy Harris
- Ms. Michelle Casper
- Ms. Brandon Tomasic

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Kiefer moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 23, 2015 worksession and the March 26, 2015 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1. Financial Management

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 1.1 List of Bills
 - 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for March 2015 in the amount of \$542,612.34
 - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for March 2015 in the amount of \$940,934.06
 - 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for March 2015
 - 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for March 2015
 - 1.1.05 General Fund Trial Balance for March 2015
 - 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for March 2015 in the amount of \$38,051.13
 - 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for March 2015
 - 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for March 2015
 - 1.1.09 Food Service Trial Balance for March 2015
 - 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2015
 - 1.1.11 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2015
 - 1.1.12 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet
 - 1.1.13 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet
 - 1.1.14 Athletics Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense Statements
- 1.2 The following invoices to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund:
 - Blair Construction \$ 48,425.00
 - EmCor Services (Park Annex Heat) \$ 1,507.00
 - Quality Mechanical (HS Chiller) \$ 5,980.00
 - Quality Mechanical (HS Chiller) \$ 6,615.00
 - Tower Engineering (Infrastructure Study) \$ 950.00
 - Tower Engineering (Franklin Park Electrical)\$ 3,428.00

- Tower Engineering (HS/MS Upgrades) \$ 7,206.00
- 1.3 Purchasing from Twin Hills Software LLC the school district license for the collection of real estate taxes. The cost of the software license is \$8,250.00
 - 1.4 Exonerate the Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead tax collectors for year 2014 for uncollected amounts of \$245,738.04, \$1,138,411.07 and \$272,212.31
 - 1.5 Opening and consolidating scholarship accounts into one account at PNC. The district will earn more interest if accounts are consolidated.
 - 1.6 A real estate tax refund to Richard and Virginia Mader, Lot & Block 132-F-114, in the amount of \$451.00 for years 2013 and 2014
 - 1.7 Authorize the Solicitor to contact the Borough of Munhall and the County of Allegheny to determine if the Borough and the county are interested in selling this realty, and if the interest is there, then the quickest legal procedure to effectuate a sale be taken by the three taxing bodies is hereby authorized without further need to get Board action, and the proper officers of the School District are authorized to affix their signatures to any document or deed necessary to complete a sale of the aforesaid realty
 - 1.8 The Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2015-2016 with a millage rate of 21.31. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$30,452,750 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$31,701,715. The deficit of \$1,248,965 will be absorbed by the General Fund Balance.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.0 Operations

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Installation of electrical service to the new garage/storage building not to exceed \$15,000
- 2.3 Authorize Administration to consult with Tower Engineering regarding installation of an ADA compliant restroom in the Park School Annex, and permission to put out specifications for bid.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bajus moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the following:

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

3.2 Disposal of marching band props

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

4.0 Special Assignments

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to approve the following:

4.1 Hold second reading and adopt all policies in Section 000 of the Board Policy Manual

4.2 Hold first reading of all policies in Section 100 of the Board Policy Manual

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mrs. Yuhas moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

5.1 A “Pets in the Classroom” grant of a Leopard Gecko and all needed supplies for Barrett Elementary School, and thanks to 4th grade teacher Cindy Kortz for pursuing this grant opportunity

- 5.2 The Annual Elementary Summer Camp beginning June 29 and ending the week of July 27, 2015
- 5.3 To accept the funds from the PDE Special Performance Grant, School Based Behavioral Health: *Cultural Responsive Approaches to Managing Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)* in the amount of \$9,900 for the 2014-2015 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

6.0 Personnel Management

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Deny Grievance #14-265 from the Steel Valley Education Association
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- 6.3 Kaitlyn Craycraft as a substitute paraprofessional at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination, the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, and upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- 6.4 Alyssa Droz as a high school girls volleyball volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year
- 6.5 Appoint Sue Olsen to the supplemental position of Environmental Club sponsor at a prorated stipend for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Terrick stated he was outraged over the grievance that was submitted by the PSEA.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.