

**Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
July 30, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, Vice President at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Olson (arrived 7:02 p.m.), Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Yuhás and Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Terrick and Mrs. Kiefer

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: *Dr. Helen S. Faison*, former Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent; *Clementine L. DeGiovanni*, retired elementary music teacher; *Andrew J. Banyas, III*, father-in-law of Jane Banyas, 1st grade teacher at Park School; and *Gerald G. Ford*, cousin of Loren Ford, Franklin custodian.

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas 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, Yuhás, and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Steele moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following board meeting minutes of June 22, 2015, and June 25, 2015. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively on June 22, 2015 minutes: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Yuhas, and Youngblood. Abstain: Steele. The following members voted affirmatively on June 25, 2015 minutes: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Steele, Yuhas and Youngblood. Abstain: Olson. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Announced that 5th grade student Lorraine West was chosen as one of three "2015 Strong Award" recipients as part of the Strong Women, Strong Girls mentoring program. Strong Girls awards include young women, who through their actions, activities, leadership and positive influence on others, have proven themselves to be exceptional community members. Lorraine will be recognized August 21 at the Strong Awards Breakfast, and again by Allegheny County Council with special proclamation on August 18. Mrs. Betty Lyons, Barrett's paraeducator and after school program coordinator, nominated Lorraine for this award.
- Girls from both Barrett and Park elementary schools are invited to be part of this after school program each year
- The School Board Educational Leadership Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Elementary School, Room 203.
- Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, students are now permitted to wear navy blue pants, shorts, jumpers, skirts, capris and skorts. No changes have been made to the color of tops. The collared shirts permitted to be worn by students are white, maroon, yellow, gold, black and gray.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that she attended the Special Education Leadership Conference in Bedford. It was an exciting conference learning about gifted support, special education case law, early intervention for reading and the latest

- research regarding the neuroscience behind learning to read. Research strongly supports early intervention for reading difficulties and found that early intervention actually creates new neuro-pathways in the brain much faster than it does in later school years so intervening early is key.
- Announced that the Franklin Meet the Principal Night would be held on August 17, and the elementary schools will hold their Meet the Principal Night on August 18.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Reported that the work on the projection and soundboard in the high school auditorium has been completed.
- The district will form a Steel Valley Geek Squad using secondary students to help support the districtwide iPad initiative.
- The district is adding additional email addresses for correspondence with parents and students.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Sara Sullivan
- Ms. Michelle Caspar

1.0 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 2014-2015 paid in 2015-2016 in the amount of \$484,559.74
 - 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for July 2015 in the amount of \$57,810.60
 - 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for June 2015 in the amount of \$1,021,615.68
 - 1.1.04 General Fund Revenue Report for June 2015
 - 1.1.05 General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2015
 - 1.1.06 General Fund Trial Balance for June 2015
 - 1.1.07 Food Service Revenue Report for June 2015

- 1.1.08 Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2015
- 1.1.09 Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2015
- 1.1.10 Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2015
- 1.1.11 Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 20, 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
- 1.1.15 Retirement Incentive Payments

- 1.2 Authorize refunds due as a result of a change in assessments in the amount of \$482.41 to Charles & Maria Getty, Lot & Block 132-C-1, for year 2014, and \$20,526.69 to Rite Aid Corp., Lot & Block 130-H-150, for year 2013
- 1.3 Authorize payments from Capital Projects to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$28,571.25 to Delrey Windows, Inc., in the amount of \$3,883.50
- 1.4 Deleted
- 1.5 The creation of a Trust Fund and opening of a bank account for the following:

Band Trip	\$2,704.11
Boys Basketball Club	\$2,547.97
Girls Basketball Club	\$ 22.95
Girls Soccer Club	\$1,513.16
Gridiron Club	\$ 298.72
MS PTO	\$9,013.74
- 1.6 The creation of a Capital Projects checking and savings account at First Commonwealth Bank in Munhall

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

2.0 Operations

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas Cannon, Olson, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood.

Negative: Ballas and Cannon on MUSA Permit No. 4416. Motion carried.

2.2 The bituminous paving bid in the amount of \$146,450 to Murin & Murn

2.3 Reject all bids for the Park ADA bathroom project

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

3.2 Primetime Shots, Inc. as the school photographer for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years

3.3 On a one-year basis, bagged lunches for away game events. The cost of the meal, at \$4.00 per meal, will be covered by the General Fund

3.4 Allow the band to pursue a spring trip to Disney including the possibility of air transportation. Field trip request must be submitted and approved.

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Yuhás and Youngblood. 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 300 of the Board Policy

4.2 Deleted

4.3 Deleted

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

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 The resumption of the Adult Education program
- 5.2 The creation of the Kids of Steel program at the elementary and middle school levels
- 5.3 The creation of the Girls on Track program at the middle school level

Mrs. Steele moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to table following Item 5.1. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Yuhas and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

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- 5.3 The creation of the Girls on Track program at the middle school level

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

6.0 Personnel Management

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

- 6.1 Create two (2) full-time districtwide professional teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon clearances being received
- 6.2 Appoint Jillian Braszo to a temporary professional position for the 2015-2016 school year based upon Bachelor's Step 2 salary plus benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement and contingent upon passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014

- 6.3 Appoint Jeffrey Pingor as a long-term substitute teacher for the 2015-2016 school year based upon Bachelor's Step 2 salary plus benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement and contingent upon passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- 6.4 Contracts for Mrs. Cindy Delehanty, Ms. Kimberly Koebler Santez and Ms. Sarah Thompson as certified school psychologists upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- 6.5 Approve Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as the school dentist for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, at the rate equal to the subsidy amount from the state, which is currently \$1.50 per exam
- 6.6 Appoint Jim Bartko to the supplemental position of Boys High School Golf Coach for the 2015-2016 school year
 - 6.6.1 Appoint activities and athletic supplementals for the 2015-2016 school year as listed, contingent upon clearances being received
 - 6.6.2 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Erica Pitacciato from the position of Assistant Girls High School Soccer Coach retroactive to July 27, 2015
- 6.7 Create a districtwide paraeducator position effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year
- 6.8 The following rates for the respective substitute personnel groups:

Cafeteria workers	\$8.25
Custodians	\$9.00
Paraprofessionals (aides)	\$8.75
Secretaries	\$8.75
- 6.9 The proposed Superintendent's Contract Extension

Ms. Youngblood made a statement in support of the Superintendent's Contract.

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

Mr. Olson commented on Item 6.6.1 and asked to add in the review of the candidates to include the athletic director.

Adjournment

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Ballas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.