

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
September 25, 2014

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

Upon roll call the following members were presented:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Yuhas, Ms. Youngblood and Mrs. Kiefer

Absent: Mrs. Ballas (entered at 7:06 p.m.), Mr. Olson (entered at 7:04 p.m.), and Mr. Terrick (entered at 7:05 p.m.)

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Hayli M. Buckley*, sister of Holli Bobick, Park School paraprofessional; *Violet B. Recktosh*, mother-in-law of Vera Recktosh, former member of the Adult Education Committee; and *Matilda A. "Tillie" Hallas*, retired business office employee.

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, Cannon, Steele, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Mrs. Kiefer:

- Announced that students like the new science kits and are having fun while learning.

Student Representative's Report

Brandon Tomasic:

- Announced that Officer Dan talked to the kindergarten students about seat belt safety.
- After school programming at Barrett Elementary School will begin the first week in October. Students from Park and Barrett Elementary Schools will visit Consol Energy Center on October 20 to watch a Penguin practice. Officer Phil discussed safety issues with students at Barrett Elementary.
- Park PTO will start a Closet Exchange for parents to donate and choose clothing for their children to abide by the dress code. On September 16, the School Wide Positive Behavior support CORE Team hosted a School Wide Kick-Off for students to earn Power Cards. The big prize was to nominate Principal Baughman for the Ice Bucket Challenge.
- At the middle school, teachers are doing a great job implementing the new science curriculum and using the hands-on science kits
- Reported that Journalism, Earth Space, Civics, Gaming and College in High School Web Design are new courses offered at the high school. These classes were added to create a rigorous and challenging curriculum to prepare students for life after high school.
- The Fall sports are in progress-Cross Country, Golf, Girls and Boys Soccer, Football and Girls Volleyball.
- The Gridiron Club is sponsoring the first annual Homecoming Dance on October 4.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Shared the thank you card received from the 4th grade students at Barrett Elementary School for the science kit to learn about energy and electromagnetism using batteries.
- Mr. Bill Campbell is stepping down as the Chairman of the Board of Apple Computer, and he asked Apple to assist Steel Valley with additional technology in its schools. Apple will be partnering with Steel Valley as we plan our delivery of instruction to be more engaged in student learning. A team of educators from Steel Valley will meet with Apple representatives and tour an elementary school in Maryland as part of this ongoing partnership.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges:

- The district will undergo monitoring by the Department of Education this year, and we will be visited in February.
- Asked parents of children with an IEP to log on to the district website (www.steelvalleysd.org) to take part in a survey.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that progress reports would be going out on Wednesday.
- Noted that the high school parking procedure is improving daily. He asked parents to pull down as far as possible when dropping off students to help speed up the morning drop-off.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the July 28, 2014 worksession, the July 31, 2014 regular meeting, the August 11, 2014 worksession meeting and the August 14, 2014 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhus, Youngblood and Kiefer. Abstain: Ballas on July 28 and July 31; Olson on July 28. 9-0 Motion carried.

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 2013-2014 in the amount of \$147,057.04
 - 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for September 2014 in the amount of \$700,955.92
 - 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for August 2014 in the amount of \$546,916.14
 - 1.1.04 Food Service invoices in the amount of \$18,384.86
 - 1.1.05 Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2014
 - 1.1.06 General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Reports for August 2014
 - 1.1.07 Treasurer's Report for August 2014
 - 1.1.08 Capital Projects 2015 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending August 31, 2014
 - 1.1.09 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$15,611.30
 - 1.1.10 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$6,495.00
 - 1.1.11 Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$1,595.65
- 1.2 The purchase of four-year surety bonds from Liberty Mutual Surety in the amount of \$17,996.00 for the collectors of West Homestead, Homestead and the Borough of Munhall. The agency for these bonds is Allegheny Professional Insurance Agency
- 1.3 Real estate refunds to ETC FBO Edward Benz IRA, Lot & Block 131-H-100, in the amounts of \$919.85 for year 2012 and \$104.42 for year 2013, and to Milan J. and Sharon Blazeovich, Lot & Block 133-K-295, in the amount of \$393.45 for year 2014
- 1.4 Payments from Capital Projects to Weatherproofing Technologies in the amount of \$66,037.04, Honeywell in the amount of \$8,000.00, Honeywell in the amount of \$15,000.00, Quality Mechanical Services in the amount of \$11,875.00 and Franjo in the amount of \$70,000.00
- 1.5 Deleted
- 1.6 Deleted

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Abstain: Terrick on Item 1.2. Negative: None. Motion carried.

2.0 Operations

Mr. Terrick moved and Mrs. Steele seconded the motion to table Item 2.4 to award bid to Franjo Construction for the additional work in the swimming pool in the amount of \$95,000.00. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Olson, Terrick, Yuhas and Kiefer. Abstain: Steele. Negative: Ballas, Cannon and Youngblood. Motion carried.

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Authorize the Board to classify 25 television sets a surplus equipment, then to be made available to the community and the remainder safely disposed of thereafter
- 2.3 Deleted

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. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 The field trip request for the 8th grade students and chaperones to Washington, DC, on May 7, 8 and 9, 2015
- 3.3 The field trip request by the History Club members and chaperones to Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland

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

No report

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

5.1 A school-based research study at Franklin Primary Center by Dr. Becky A. Knickelbein during 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. Olson thanked Mr. Wehrer on his role of the educational leader.

6.0 Personnel Management

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

6.1 Lisa J. Runco to the 11-month position of Director of Food Service at an annual salary of \$38,000 plus all benefits of the Act 93 contract except vacation days

6.2 Jillian Braszo, Kerry Kleinhans, Stacy Vietmeier and Guinevere Bartley as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances

6.3 The volunteer lists as presented for the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances

6.4 Deny Grievances #14-240, #14-241, #14-242, #14-243, #14-244, #14-248, #14-250, #14-251, #14-252, and #14-253 from the Steel Valley Education Association

6.5 Approve the relief sought for Grievance #14-245 from the Steel Valley Education Association

6.6 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Walter Baranowski, under the terms of the Early Retirement Incentive Office in the Memorandum of Understanding, effective at the close of business on December 31, 2014

6.7 The job description for the secretary in the technology office

6.8 Shirley Munch as a substitute for food service at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days.

- 6.9 Patricia Bracaliello-Metz as a substitute for support staff at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days.
- 6.10 Diane Healey as a substitute for support staff at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.11 Christine Rager as a substitute for support staff at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.12 Jennifer Merichko as a substitute for support staff at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.13 Appoint James Bartko to the position of full-time secretary in the district with salary and benefits according to the secretarial/aide collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.14 Appoint Tonya Jenkins to the position of part-time secretary in the district with prorated salary and benefits according to the secretarial/aide collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively:

Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer.

Abstain: Cannon on Item 6.4-Grievance Nos. 242, 243;

Steele on Item 6.4-Grievance Nos. 240, 241;

Kiefer on Item 6.13;

Youngblood on Item 6.14.

Negative: Yuhas on Item 6-4-Grievance Nos. 240, 241. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Ms. Donna Dreshman
- Mr. Brandon Tomasic

- Mrs. Joy Tomasic
- Mrs. Kathy Ligeros

Adjournment

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.