

**Regular Meeting  
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors  
Senior High School Library  
October 30, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kiefer, President, at 7:05 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were presented:

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

Absent: Mr. Terrick (entered at 7:09 p.m.), Mrs. Yuhas

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: *Adele E. Vautier*, mother of Drew Vautier, retired teacher; *Sandra Shiner*, mother of Sherri Titmus, Franklin Primary Secretary and grandmother of Dylan Titmus, substitute custodian; *Mary Ruth Zahir*, mother of Aliya (Class of 2012), Leena (Class of 2013) and Charles, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student; *Lawrence "Duke" Tomasic*, father of Kevin Tomasic, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Park School teacher and grandfather of Brandon, Nathan, Cailyn and Johnny, Steel Valley students; *Elizabeth B. Cmar*, mother of Lisa Vehec, substitute secretary and paraprofessional; and *Jason Pollock*, cousin of Sandy Reiner, Accounts Payable Secretary.

**Mrs. 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, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **President's Report**

Mrs. Kiefer:

- Congratulated the Ironmen Varsity Football Team for making the WPIAL playoffs and read a letter from the Steel Valley Gridiron Association thanking the School Board, community businesses, parents and students for a successful 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gridiron Homecoming Dance. She also shared a letter from St. John's Cathedral Center complimenting the students for being polite and well mannered at the homecoming dance.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Brandon Tomasic:

- Reported on the activities at Franklin Primary Center. The Queen of Hearts visited the kindergarten students on October 23. The students participated in the Halloween Parade with games and activities in the afternoon of October 30.
- At Park Elementary School, the PTO had a very successful fundraiser selling 1,148 Triangle hoagies. The top selling class in each grade was treated to a pizza party. On October 29 and October 30, the PTO hosted Family Movie Nights to see *Monster University* or *Hocus Pocus*.
- Mrs. Lauren Baughman and the Park PTO are sponsoring a Closet Exchange for parents to donate uniforms they no longer use, as well as pick up uniform items they many need.
- Park School hosted a fire safety day on October 10. The Park Power Parade will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A middle school dance will take place on November 16. Deposits for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., are due in November. Middle School boys basketball tryouts were held this week, and the first game is Wednesday next week.
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters held a launch party for its mentoring program between 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and Eat 'n Park employees.
- Announced the 2014 Homecoming Court: Sarah Parker, Leah Mooney, Kristen Veltri, Marissa Stahl and Jodi Joll. Homecoming Queen Erin Jones,

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up Jessica Lentz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Maddie Imperatore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up Cayley Labishak and 4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up Kristen Moten.

- Announced that the Powder Puff King candidates worked hard fundraising for the Caring Place. Connor Szczepankowski was named runner up and raised \$500, and the Powder Puff King Tyler Lewis raised over \$600.
- On October 13, the high school staff participated in a concussion management inservice learning how to transition students into the classroom after a concussion.
- Tenth grade students completed the PSAT's on October 15.
- Senior Jesse Cantley made All Section Playoffs in the golf competition, and the varsity football team advanced to the playoffs. They will play Washington High School on Friday.
- On October 29, the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) planted ret tulip bulbs in the high school garden as a way to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week.
- The Safety SIMulator will visit the high school on November 7 giving students experience behind the wheel in various adverse conditions.
- The Munhall Police conducted a seat belt safety check at Park Elementary School and Franklin Primary Center with assistance of the SADD students. Information promoting the importance of seat belt safety was distributed to parents.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wehrer:

- Congratulated the SADD students on their good work this month. He also congratulated the football team on earning a spot in the WPIAL playoffs.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education**

Mrs. Borges:

- Congratulated the middle school gifted teams on their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in the Eastern Suburbs Special Programs Association (ESSPA) Creative convention competition with the theme of architecture. The 1<sup>st</sup> steam comprised of Ella Kornacki, Isabella Furrick, Diana Craycroft, Katie Proof and Alexis Proof earned 1<sup>st</sup> place by writing and performing a skit and a song about Lady Liberty and making a bridge out of pasta and tape. The

2<sup>nd</sup> team of Robby Vinay, Sydney Salinger, Josh Fossick and David Bujdos took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition by naming architectural landmarks and performing a skit.

- On October 27 Miss Diana Craycroft took 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 74 contestants in the ESSPA Gifted Vocal competition held at Greensburg-Salem Middle School.

### **Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report**

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that the school district is testing various AlertNOW systems.
- Through the Steel Valley and Apple Computer partnership. We are evaluating our infrastructure and will increase bandwidth with a more high-end wireless network.

### **Solicitor's Report**

**Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion that the Steel Valley School District will not relinquish either the current or delinquent realty tax liens imposed on realty designated as block 179-A-40 as requested by the Borough of Munhall.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

An executive session was held at 7:35 p.m. and ended at 7:54 p.m.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 special meeting (revised), September 22, 2014 worksession meeting, and the September 25, 2014 regular meeting.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Abstain: Cannon on September 16 and September 22. Negative: None. 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 September 2014 in the amount of \$982,531.53
  - 1.1.02** General Fund hand checks for September 2014 in the amount of \$1,145,478.85
  - 1.1.03** Food Service invoices for September/October 2014 in the amount of \$57,340.47
  - 1.1.04** Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2014
  - 1.1.05** General Fund Revenue Report for September 2014
  - 1.1.06** General Fund Expenditure Report for September 2014
  - 1.1.07** Trial Balance for September 2014
  - 1.1.08** Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending September 30, 2014
  - 1.1.09** Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$24,118.12
  - 1.1.10** Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$3,596.44
  - 1.1.11** Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$9,587.09
  - 1.1.12** Band Trip checks in the amount of \$757.47
- 1.2** The following real estate tax refunds: John D. and Lisa Maddigan, Lot & Block 131-H-286, in the amount of \$309.08 for year 2013; John D. and Lisa Maddigan, Lot & Block 133-G-98, in the amount of \$216.48 for year 2013; Mary Lou Hunt, Lot & Block 131-D-266, in the amount of \$233.89 for year 2013; Daniel M and Paula C. Borsch, Lot & Block 133-R-200, in the amount of \$39.00 for year 2014
- 1.3** Authorize the district to submit a credit application to Matheson Valley to establish an account for the purchase of CO2 tanks for the swimming pool's new filter system
- 1.4** Authorize the district to submit a credit application to Barr display to establish an account for the purchase of filing cabinets for the teachers
- 1.5** Authorize payments from Capital Projects to Tremco in the amount of \$348,392.96 and to Quality Mechanical Services in the amount of \$22,770.00
- 1.6** Open the 2014-2015 budget to add and adopt to the budget the items tallying revenues of \$277,430 and expenditures of \$354,430

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, 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 The purchase of a 625i Gator from Deere & Company at the Pennsylvania state contract price of \$17,854.75
- 2.3 Authorize the business office to classify the 2001 16ft. Texas Bragg Trailer as surplus equipment to be advertised for sale, in the event of no bid, trade in or dispose of
- 2.4 Reject all bids and re-advertise for a steel maintenance building
- 2.5 Deleted
- 2.6 Deleted

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, 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 Agreement between Steel Valley School District and the West Mifflin Area School District allowing Steel Valley players to wrestle with the West Mifflin Boys Middle School and Varsity Wrestling Teams starting with the 2014-2015 season according to the terms of the agreement.
- 3.3 Field trip request for the marching band and chaperones to Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 9-12, 2015.
- 3.4 Payment of \$500 for disc jockey services at the winter semi-formal dance held on December 13, 2014.

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

Mrs. Steele thanked the administration for their effort to assist in the student extracurricular activities.

#### **4.0 Special Assignments**

Mrs. Steele commented on the benefits of the dress code policy. She directed her next statement to the audience by stating even though the negotiation with labor is tenuous; there still remains a necessity to maintain primarily the needs of the student in mind and action.

#### **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

- 5.1** Revise the 2014-2015 school calendar and change the early dismissal on December 9 to December 16
- 5.2** Donation from the Campbell Educational and Community Foundation in the amount of \$108,922 for desktop computers to be placed in Park School, Middle School and Senior High School
- 5.3** Donation of a tablet and laminator to the Secondary Math Department
- 5.4** Donation of \$500 from the University of Pittsburgh for providing an onsite visit to 11 educators from the Indonesian Ministry of National Education and Culture
- 5.5** Pets in the Classrooms program for our schools

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

Both Mrs. Ballas and Mr. Olson publicly thanked Mr. Campbell for his gracious donation. The rest of the Board also demonstrated their appreciation to Mr. Campbell for his donations.

#### **6.0 Personnel Management**

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

- 6.1** Family medical leave of absence for Denise Williams retroactive to September 6, 2014, not to exceed 13 weeks in duration

- 6.2** Family medical leave of absence for Dennis Keesecker effective December 3, 2014, not to exceed 42 days in duration
- 6.3** Appoint Jillian L. Braszo as a long-term substitute special education teacher at Park Elementary School retroactive to September 19, 2014, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at a prorated Bachelor's Step 1 salary at \$42,683 plus prorated benefits as per the SVEA collective bargaining agreement and contingent upon passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- 6.5** Accept the resignation of Carly Snyder from the position of High School Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective immediately
- 6.6** Appoint Betty Lyons to the After School Program Director supplemental position at Barrett Elementary School and appoint Michelle Blasko to the After School Program Director supplemental position at Park Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year at a prorated stipend of \$3,500
- 6.6.1** Create paid supplemental positions for one (1) assistant girls basketball coach, one (1) assistant boys basketball coach and one (1) assistant boys baseball coach
- 6.7** The athletic and activity supplemental positions as listed
- 6.8** Caitlyn Bressler as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year at the approved daily rate
- 6.9** The volunteers listed for the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- 6.10** Deny Grievance #14-254 from the Steel Valley Education Association
- 6.11** Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Weis from the position as food service worker in the cafeteria at Barrett Elementary School, retroactive to October 9, 2014
- 6.12** Appoint Janet Hvizdos to the position of general worker in the high school cafeteria for 3.25 hours per day at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$9.89 (\$8.41) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement effective October 31, 2014

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Youngblood and Kiefer. Motion carried.

- 6.4** Appoint a long-term substitute first grade position at Barrett Elementary School for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at a prorated Bachelor's step 1 salary of \$42,683 plus benefits as per the SVEA 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, Cannon, Steele, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: Ballas, Olson and Terrick. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Mr. Shawn McCallister thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Ducar for the donation.
- Mrs. Sara Sullivan commented on Item 1.4.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Terrick moved and Ms. Youngblood seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.