

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Auditorium
March 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kiefer, President, at 7:01 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas (via telephone connection), Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Steele, Mr. Terrick, Mrs. Yuhas, Ms. Youngblood 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: *Jane L. Keenan*, mother of Jennifer Thompson, substitute paraprofessional and Bradley Thompson, elementary music teacher; *Robert L. Mortimer*, uncle of Marilyn Zabelsky, 2nd grade teacher, Denise Barron, 1st grade teacher and brother-in-law of retired teacher Jack Garrity; *Milan Vandriak*, husband of retired secretary Bernie Vandriak; *Ann E. Barone*, retired West Homestead crossing guard; *Jack Maskil*, cousin of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services; *Joel Bonzer*, nephew of Kim Watkins, superintendent's secretary; *Anna J. Buchek*, mother of Dr. Linda Hippert, Executive Director of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit; *Edward Monkelis*, brother-in-law of Denise Blasko, Park School paraprofessional; and *Sarah E. Smith*, retired cafeteria worker.

Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Olson 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

- Congratulated the Steel Valley Drama Club for an outstanding performance of the musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. She was impressed with the performances by the high school students, the set design and costumes. Mrs. Kiefer thanked Mike Altman and all those behind the scenes who contributed to an amazing show.
- The History Club is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 28, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Homestead Park United Methodist Church. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and take-out dinners would be available. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. This dinner is a fundraiser for the History Club's upcoming trip to Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland.

Student Representatives' Reports

Miss Elena Chaffin

- Reported that Park School celebrated Read Across America with activities in the school and a Title I Family Reading Night. In April, students will begin PSSA testing.
- Senior Student Representative Brandon Tomasic reported the dates for PSSA testing in the Middle School are as follows:

April 13-16 English/Language Arts

April 21-23 Mathematics

April 28-29 Science

- High School students will take the Keystone exams on May 19-21. He announced that Kennywood tickets would be sold in the schools on April 17. The National Honor Society Induction ceremony will be held on May 1. A blood drive will be held on April 16.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer

- Congratulated high school student Dusten Pisarcik on the completion of his Eagle Scout project. On behalf of the school district, Mr. Wehrer thanked Dusten for selecting to beautify and expand the outdoor classroom space in the pond area.
- Dusten presented the Board with two plaques to be mounted on the observation decks. He thanked the school district and sponsors for their support, and he is grateful to the 46 people who volunteered 825 hours to the outdoor classroom project.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges

- Announced there would be no school for students on Friday, March 27, since it is a clerical day for teachers. The next early dismissal for teacher professional development will be Thursday, April 9.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank

- Reported that the school district would install a new robust wireless network to handle additional wireless devices. The reimbursement from E-rate would be 70%. He stressed to parents that it is important to submit their free and reduced meal applications because the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced meals determines the E-rate reimbursement and Federal funding to the school district.
- The course selection sheets are being collected from students. A new elective course entitled Technology Etiquette is being offered and a new state of the art CAD lab with a 3D printer will be available for student learning.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Mr. Shawn McCallister on Item 6.2
- Mrs. Denise Blasko on Items 1.5 and 1.4
- Ms. Donna Dreshman

Solicitor Report

Mr. Olson moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve authorizing the proper officers of the school district to sign the written Collective Bargaining Agreement in duplicate originals and forward both originals to the Bargaining Unit for their signature with a request to return one of the signed original agreements to the District for the school records. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 worksession, the February 26, 2015 regular meeting and the March 12, 2015 special minutes. 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 \$742,424.49
 - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for March 2015 in the amount of \$454,683.13
 - 1.1.03 Food Service invoices for February 2015 in the amount of \$30,333.64
 - 1.1.04 Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2015
 - 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for February 2015

- 1.1.06 General Fund Expenditure Report for February 2015
- 1.1.07 General Fund Trial Balance for February 2015
- 1.1.08 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending February 28, 2015
- 1.1.09 High School Activities in the amount of \$7,083.02
- 1.1.10 Middle School Activities in the amount of \$13,460.29
- 1.1.11 Athletics in the amount of \$240.00
- 1.1.12 Food Service Trial Balance for February 2015
- 1.1.13 Food Service Revenue Report for February 2015
- 1.1.14 Food Service Expenditure Report for February 2015
- 1.1.15 High School Activities, Middle School Activities and Athletics Balance Sheets up through March 20, 2015
- 1.1.16 Custodial/Hand Checks in the amount of \$9,674.86
- 1.1.17 Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$4,612.80
- 1.1.18 Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks in the amount of \$462.00
- 1.2 The renewal of the ProSoft Student Information System through Harris School Solutions, at an estimated cost of \$13,515.48, effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016
- 1.3 Access to a credit card by Mr. Colebank for purchases of technology on eBay and to authorize the central office to maintain the card until there is a use for it
- 1.4 The general fund transfer to the High School Activity Fund \$3,694.44 and to the Middle School Activity Fund \$4,286.45
- 1.5 Authorize payment from Capital Projects in the amount of \$34,589.00 to Blair Construction LLC
- 1.6 Authorize a real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$260.00, as a result of a change in assessment, to Mitchell and Dana Lynn Freed for Lot & Block 130-K-336

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 Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as revised except Permit Nos. 4363, 4374 and 4376

with requestor responsible for clean-up of the area
Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: None. Motion carried.

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

- 2.2 Accept the Wireless Project bid from Netech Corporation for \$182,740.78 under the E-rate 470 form #459360001322060 pending the funding approval from Schools and Libraries
- 2.3 Accept the bid from Allegheny City Electric in the amount of \$51,700.00 for the electrical service project at Franklin Primary Center to be awarded as recommended by Tower Engineering
- 2.4 Authorize extending the asphalt walkway from the tennis courts to the Campbell Gym and to make repairs and additional asphalt work to the track around Griffin Field

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

3.0 Operations

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

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented

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. Steele seconded the motion to approve the following:

4.1 Hold the first reading of all policies in Section 000 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. Steele moved and Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 5.1 Revise the 2014-2015 school calendar to make-up three (3) school closings on April 2, June 8 and June 9, 2015, and change the teacher clerical day from June 8 to Wednesday, June 10, 2015
- 5.2 Adopt the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented
- 5.3 Approve the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's 2015-2016 Program of Services Budget totaling \$4,005,898
- 5.4 Accept a donation of \$618.00 from Dusten Pisacik, High School Senior, who has completed his Eagle Scout project
- 5.5 Accept the donation of 75 seed packets from Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company for the beans, some herbs and a few vegetables to be planted in the Franklin Garden this summer, and thanks to Christine Schott, a school volunteer and garden coordinator, for pursuing this donation

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: Terrick on Item 5.3. Motion carried.

Mr. Terrick inquired regarding the A.I.U. meal charge practice. Mr. Wehrer responded to the inquiry.

6.0 Personnel Management

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

- 6.1 The re-creation of the Environmental Club supplemental position and stipend for the 2014-2015 school year
- 6.2 Deny Grievance #14-261 from the Steel Valley Education Association

6.3 Robin Fichter as a substitute for support staff 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, which must be completed within 30 days

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

Citizen Comments

- Kathy Ligeros – Ninth grade basketball
- Joseph Michaels
- Donna Dreshman
- Amanda Olson

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.