

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

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kiefer, President, at 7:49 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mr. Bajus, Mrs. Ballas, 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: *George Pollock*, uncle of Sandy Reiner, accounts payable secretary; *Edward Besterici*, grandfather of Michelle Blasko, special education teacher at Park School; *Edward Savolskis*, father of Linda Terrick, 5th grade teacher at Park School; *Mildred Murner*, aunt of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services; *Rosemarie Andrews*, mother of William C. Andrews, former special counsel; *Darrell J. Hess*, active member of the Steel Valley Community; *Joseph M. Gaydos, Sr.*, retired State Senator for the 45th district; and Bernice M. Perhacs, mother of Linda Perhacs, retired 4th grade teacher.

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 Comments

Mrs. Kiefer:

- Congratulated the Varsity Boys Basketball team on a successful season. The Ironmen (14-8) qualified for the WPIAL Class AAA play-off game against South Fayette. Despite their great effort, they were defeated in the first round of the playoffs.
- Invited the community to the Steel Valley Drama Club's performance of *The Wizard of Oz*. The students have been working hard to prepare for this year's musical. Performances are being held on March 12-14 at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the Activities Office and at the door on the night of each performance.

Student Representative's Report

Brandon Tomasic:

- Reported on the events at Park Elementary School. On February 2, a Book Fair was held and students had an opportunity to purchase books. Students are collecting money for the *Pennies for Patients* program.
- In the middle school, teachers are writing math curriculum. A school store will open in September selling school gear and supplies. On March 20, a dance will be held for middle school students.
- Spring sports begins on March 2. High school seniors will be going to Kalahari Water Park in March.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Reported that Barrett Elementary School held a program in recognition of Black History Month on Monday, February 23. Each grade level performed a song and made a presentation. Third graders dressed as baseball players from the Homestead Grays team and presented information about the team. Fourth graders sang about Ruby Bridges and fifth graders presented on Jackie Robinson. A student ensemble of 5th grade students performed an African drum piece.

- Guest speakers were Mr. Chris Brown, Behavior Specialist at Barrett and minister in McKeesport, and Ms. Wanda Burwell, Barrett's cafeteria monitor and the first African American woman on the Homestead Borough Council.
- A special dedication was made in memory of Mrs. Aldine Coleman, retired teacher, principal and central administrator in the Steel Valley School District. Mr. Eddie Coleman and their daughter were in attendance for the presentation. Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Jean Turner were given a framed picture of a mural of Aldine Coleman.
- At the high school, juniors and seniors attended a program conducted by the Harmony Club of Homestead on Tuesday, February 24. The women from the Harmony Club discussed the positive musical influences by African Americans on today's music.
- Announced that due to the school closings on February 19 and 20, the school make-up days would be Thursday, April 2, and Monday, April 6. Friday, April 3, will remain a school holiday.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Reported that the Department of Education conducted a Compliance Monitoring for Continuous Improvement of the special education programs and services.
- An Early Intervention Transition meeting was held for Pre-K parents who have a child receiving early intervention services. The presenters talked about the process of moving from preschool to school-age special education programming. District personnel highlighted the programs at the Franklin Primary Center. Thanks to Maureen Fagan, Dianne Cain, Alyson Fisher and Eddie Wehrer for their participation.
- The school district was awarded another Special Education Performance grant in the amount of \$9,900. The monies will be used for teacher training, parent and community engagement and to solidify some of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), including Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) at Barrett Elementary School.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2015 worksession, January 29, 2015 regular meeting and the February 9, 2015 special meeting. Upon roll call the members voted as follows:

January 26, 2015 Worksession: Bajus, Ballas, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer voted affirmatively. Abstain: Cannon. Negative: None.

January 29, 2015 Regular Meeting: Bajus, Ballas, Olson, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer voted affirmatively. Abstain: Cannon. Negative: None.

February 9, 2015 Special Meeting: Bajus, Ballas, Cannon, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas and Kiefer voted affirmatively. Abstain: Olson and Youngblood. 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 January/February 2015 in the amount of \$702,974.08
 - 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for January 2015 in the amount of \$368,653.68
 - 1.1.03 Food Service invoices for January 2015 in the amount of \$33,233.84
 - 1.1.04 Payroll Funding Transfers for January 2015
 - 1.1.05 General Fund Revenue Report for January 2015
 - 1.1.06 General Fund Expenditure Report for January 2015
 - 1.1.07 Trial Balance for January 2015
 - 1.1.08 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending January 31, 2015
 - 1.1.09 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$14,045.65
 - 1.1.10 Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$3,042.00
 - 1.1.11 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$5,060.78

1.2 Accept the Financial Statement and Audit Report for 2013-2014 completed by Maher Duessel

1.3 The following real estate tax refunds: William Stasko, Lot & Block 133-C-187, in the amount of \$392.10 for year 2013 and Mark Walnick, Lot & Block 133-B-208, in the amount of \$544.36 for year 2014

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

2.1 Mr. Terrick moved and Mr. Olson seconded the motion to approve the facility rental 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.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

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

2.1 Fundraising requests as presented

2.2 Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement

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

4.1 Held first reading of all policies in Section 000 of the Board Policy Manual

5.0 Educational Leadership

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

- 5.1 Revise Monday, March 16 Inservice Day to Friday, March 20
- 5.2 Accept a donation of \$2,500 for an Elementary School Science Olympiad Grant from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and thank you to Cindy Kortz, 4th grade science teacher at Barrett Elementary School, for pursuing this grant opportunity
- 5.3 Accept a 2015 Fiskars Project Orange Thumb Grant in the amount of \$3,500 from Fiskars to be used for the Franklin Garden and thank you to Christine Schott, an elementary parent and garden volunteer, for pursuing this grant opportunity

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 Mr. Terrick seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Brittany Baradziej to the supplemental position of Elementary Music for both Park and Barrett Schools retroactive to February 18, 2015, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- 6.2 The spring athletic supplemental positions for the 2014-2015 school year as presented, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- 6.3 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Sharon Janosko from the position of high school band auxiliary unit coordinator effective May 26, 2015
- 6.4 The attendance of Susan Ballas to the 2nd Annual Advocacy Forum on April 19-20, 2015, and all costs covered by the school district
- 6.5 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Joseph Panaia from the position of custodian at Park Elementary School, effective June 8, 2015
- 6.6 A family medical leave of absence retroactive to November 26, 2014, for Danielle Mays, not to exceed 60 days in duration

6.7 In an effort to be more transparent to district stakeholders, the School Board directs Administration to publish employee salary and compensation information on the district's website and anywhere else it may choose.

For Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6:

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

For Item 6.4:

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

For Item 6.7:

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

Mrs. Ballas commented on publishing salaries and delinquent taxpayers list.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.