

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**July 31, 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, Mrs. Kiefer

Absent: Mrs. Ballas, Mr. Olson and Mr. Terrick (arrived 7:26pm)

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

**Acknowledgements**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Elynor Hornak*, aunt of Denise Blasko, Park paraprofessional; *Charles Stevens*, uncle of Sherri Titmus, secretary at Franklin Primary Center; *Edward G. Polak*, father of Jamie Polak, former Dean of Students; *Mary Coleman*, retired cafeteria employee, mother-in-law of Jeff Hruska, retired custodian.

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

**President's Comments**

Mrs. Kiefer:

- Announced that a meeting with County Executive rich Fitzgerald, Senator Jay Costa, Mr. Robert Hurley, the three mayors and school district officials was held on July 18 for the purpose of gathering information on transportation in the Steel Valley area. This meeting opened the discussion but nothing has been decided. In September, these officials will meet with Port Authority and present our issues.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wehrer:

- Stated that math and science curriculum development is continuing. Starting August 18, teachers who teach math/science K-12 will have an opportunity to participate in inquiry training and curriculum implementation. On the first two inservice days (August 20 & 21), teachers will participate in various professional development activities and grade/department meetings, and on August 22 we will dedicate the day to school safety and hold an active shooter drill.

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

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that Franklin primary Center will hold its “Meet the Principal Night” on August 11, and Park and Barrett Elementary schools will “Meet the Principal” on August 12. Again this year, we will have a transition day for students entering 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades on August 26. And August 27 will be the first full day for students.

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

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that the high school will put out a notice of the new parking lot procedure.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Ms. Youngblood moved and Mr. Bajus seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 30, 2014 and the special meeting**

**minutes of July 14, 2014.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Cannon, Steele, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Abstain: Youngblood on July 14, 2014 minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **1.0 Financial Management**

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mr. Bajus seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$257,826.58
- 1.1.02 General Fund invoices for July 2014 in the amount of \$173,778.84
- 1.1.03 General Fund hand checks for June 2014 in the amount of \$1,058,760.40
- 1.1.04 General Fund hand checks for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$18,042.72
- 1.1.05 Retiree Incentive Payments in the amount of \$729,000.00
- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for June 2014 in the amount of \$6,507.78
- 1.1.07 Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2014
- 1.1.08 General Fund Revenue Report for June 2014
- 1.1.09 General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2014
- 1.1.10 Treasurer's Report for June 2014
- 1.1.11 Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2014
- 1.1.12 Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$14,541.72
- 1.1.13 Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,465.59
- 1.2 Approve Vanguard Group and T. Row Price as additional new preferred providers to the district's 403(b) 7 plan at no additional cost to the district
- 1.3 Designate the fund balance as of June 30, 2014, for future PSERS obligation titled: Committed Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,000,000.

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

## **2.0 Operations**

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

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented

2.2 Administration to enter into negotiation with Tower Engineering in order to provide engineering services for current and future projects

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

### **3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership**

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

3.1 Fundraising requests as presented;

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

### **4.0 Special Assignments**

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

4.1 Hold second reading and adopt revisions to Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics

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

### **5.0 Educational Leadership**

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

5.1 The 2014-2015 Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and Senior High School Handbook

5.2 The 2014-2015 Elementary Student Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook

- 5.3 Accept a donation from the Campbell Educational and Community Foundation in the amount of \$96,335.69 to purchase educational items for Barrett Elementary School
- 5.4 The purchase of science kits
- 5.5 The participation of the school district in a parental involvement survey as a research study project

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

## **6.0 Personnel Management**

**Ms. Youngblood moved and Mrs. Yuhas seconded the motion to table the following:**

- 6.1 Jeffrey Pingor as a long-term substitute teacher at Step 1 of the Bachelor's salary schedule (\$42,683) with fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement for the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances

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

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

- 6.2 The creation of an Act 93 position titled Food Service Director as an 11-month position operating between August 1 to June 30 and the attached job description
- 6.3 The creation of 7 professional teaching positions for the 2014-2015 school year
  - 6.3.1 The creation of an administrative position of Director of Curriculum and Achievement to be part of the Act 93 Administrative Plan
  - 6.3.2 The creation of an administrative supplemental position of Elementary Education Coordinator with a stipend of \$5,000 per year
  - 6.3.3 Appoint Lauren Baughman to the administrative supplemental position of Elementary Education Coordinator

- 6.4 Create a supplemental position of History Club Sponsor with a stipend of \$1,132.02 for the 2014-2015 school year or until the Board and the Steel Valley Education Association agree on a stipend for the 2014-2015 school year
- 6.5 Create paid supplemental positions for two Assistant Football Coaches, one Varsity Boys Assistant Soccer Coach and one Varsity Girls Assistant Soccer Coach
- 6.6 Deleted
- 6.7 Appoint Michael Booth and Donnie Smith to the supplemental positions of Assistant Football Coaches, Andrew Hornak to the position of Varsity Boys Assistant Soccer Coach and Mallory Olson to the position of Varsity Girls Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year
- 6.8 The supplemental positions for the 2014-2015 school year as listed
- 6.9 The following fall athletic supplemental positions for the 2014-2015 school year as listed
- 6.10 The creation of 1.5 secretarial positions for the 2014-2015 school year
- 6.11 A Memorandum of Understanding for an Early Retirement Incentive offer extended to the Steel Valley Educational Support Personnel in which the offer expires October 31, 2014

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bajus, Cannon, Steele, Terrick, Yuhas, Youngblood and Kiefer. Negative: Terrick on Item 6.3. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.