

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
May 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Youngblood, President, at 7:02 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Ballas (via telephone), Mr. Bulger, Mr. Colasante, Mr. Olson (via telephone), Mrs. Steele (via telephone), Mr. Terrick (via telephone) and Ms. Youngblood

Absent: Mr. Rojtas and Mrs. Yuhas

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

Flag Salute

Acknowledgements

Moment of Silence

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Carmen R. Marini*, father of Amanda Olson, middle school math teacher; *Igino Giordano*, uncle of John Zenone, Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary; *Larry Oleksa*, former school board member; *Jocelyn C. May*, mother-in-law of Mickey Pavasko, Barrett custodian; *Nancy Gregg*, mother-in-law of Bob Mangis, high school custodian, and aunt of Tammy Law, 2nd grade teacher at Park School; *Barbara Witt*, mother-in-law of Steven Singer, middle school language arts teacher; *Annette Mszyco*, aunt of Amy Selik, special education teacher at Barrett; *Carol Janes*, sister-in-law of Donna Kiefer, former board member; *Charles Saltrik*, uncle of Denny Keesecker; *Anita White*, cousin of Denny Keesecker, Director of Facilities; and *Melissa Anderson*, mother-in-law of Leslie Hairston, paraeducator at Franklin Primary Center.

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante 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: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

President's Report

Ms. Youngblood:

- Congratulated the seniors for their outstanding academic achievements and receiving scholarships at the Senior Honor Awards Banquet and wished them well in their pursuits. She thanked Charlie Batch and the Best of the Batch Foundation for giving the Barrett students a star-studded banquet with a delicious dinner, photo booth and recognition ceremony. The Best of the Batch Foundation transformed Barrett's gym into a beautiful banquet hall for the families. She also reported that the Rededication of West Field was well attended and thanks to all who made the event special.

Student's Representative's Report

Ms. Abbey Caspar:

- Reported that Barrett Elementary School held a Creativity Fair at its annual Carnival on May 12. More than 100 families experienced science experiments, an Art show, printmaking, food, carnival games and interactions with local agencies for summer programming opportunities.
- The Doris Hyde Merit Day Banquet was sponsored by BYN Mellon and the Best of the Batch Foundation on May 18. The Best of the Batch volunteers transformed Barrett's gymnasium into the Oscars for the evening. Students and their families were invited to dinner, an awards presentation and a band performance. The event was absolutely spectacular with over 300 people in attendance.
- Kindergarten students will visit Barrett on May 25 for a tour of the building and to meet the first grade staff. The Barrett All School Revue will take place on June 2.

- Students who had no discipline referrals participated in the Pie in the Face and Silly String activity on June 9. As part of PBIS this year, daily drawings for students who have earned the principal's PAW cards will take place May 31 with two bikes being given away. Donations were secured from Target and Lowes.
- The final Parent PAW Committee meeting for the 2015-2016 school year will take place on May 31 followed by a 6:00 p.m. PTO meeting. Six parents have committed to meet during the year to review school data and develop a plan to foster a more culturally responsive environment for Barrett.
- The following field trips were taken by Barrett students this year:

1 st grade	Zoo
2 nd grade	Museum
3 rd grade	Heinz Field
4 th grade	PNC Park
5 th grade	Bounce U

- At Park Elementary School, students from each grade have walked to the Franklin Primary Center pond and garden, and each grade planted different vegetable seeds in the garden.
- There was a full house in the auditorium for Park School's All School Revue. The student performances were outstanding. Also, students did a terrific job in the Band and Chorus concert.
- Transition day went well for the fifth grade students. Third graders did an awesome job running the Munhall Borough Council meeting as part of Borough Days.
- The first graders had fun on their field trip to the zoo. Fourth graders will be going to Laurel Caverns for their field trip. Second graders are going to Triple B Farms, and the fifth graders will be going to the Carnegie Science Center and Fort Pitt Museum. The third grade field trip will be to the Carnegie Science Center.
- Upcoming events at Park Elementary School are Celebration in Education, 5th Grade Merit Day, and Field Day. The kindergarten students will be touring Park School next week.
- The Middle School Awards Ceremony was held on May 24. Students who achieved Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors with Distinction were recognized. Students who had perfect attendance during the school year were also honored.
- Sports physicals will be conducted at the school on June 1, 2 and 6.

- Abbey Caspar reported that the Senior Honor Awards Banquet was an amazing night. The guest speaker was inspiring. It was wonderful to see the families, students and community come together to celebrate academic success.
- Congratulations to the boys baseball and girls softball teams and their coaches on successful seasons. Both the baseball and softball teams made it to the playoffs!
- Teacher Appreciation Week was filled with treats and small tokens of thanks for the faculty and staff. They are appreciated more than one week out of the year, but this week allowed them to feel appreciated and supported.
- The West Field rededication ceremony was beautiful. Thank you to the high school students and staff who came out or simply attended to show their support.
- Twenty-eight students were inducted into the National Honor Society at the annual ceremony.
- Keystone exams were given in the areas of Algebra, Biology and Literature. Finals will take place next week. Commencement will be on June 10.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer:

- Thanked both of the Student Representatives to the School Board for serving this year. Abbey served two years as the Student Representative to the School Board. Elena Chaffin served in this role during the 2015-2016 school year. She is graduating with high honors on June 10. Congratulations to Elena and we wish her well as she pursues higher education. He also wished Abbey Caspar a happy birthday. She is celebrating her 17th birthday today.
- The 45th annual commencement for the Steel Valley Senior High School will be held on Friday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the William V. Campbell Athletic Field. Mr. Noah Alexandroff will give the Senior Academic Address as the 2016 Valedictorian, and Salutatorian Allyson Reichert will give the welcome address. Our Outstanding Career and Technical Education student, Anthony Brookins, will give the Steel Center Career and Technical Education Address.
- Richard Walker, a distinguished Alumnus from Steel Valley High School Class of 1992 will address the Class of 2016. Mr. Walker co-founded Impellia, a sports medicine and digital healthcare technology company focusing on injury-prevention, performance and rehab-focused technology. Mr. Walker earned his MBA and Juris Doctorate.

- Invited the families and friends of the graduates as well as members of the Steel Valley Community to attend the commencement ceremonies on June 10. This event is open to the community. Parking is limited at the field; shuttle buses will be available from the high school parking lot starting at 6:00 p.m. and returning to the high school at the close of the ceremonies.
- The District will honor its 2015-2016 retirees at its Annual Retirement Breakfast on Monday, June 13, in the high school cafeteria beginning at 8:00 a.m. Our distinguished retirees are: Susan Olsen, high school biology teacher, Sandy Fry, 5th grade teacher at Park Elementary School and Jean Kearns, cook at Park School.
- There will be no school on Monday as we recognize the Memorial Day holiday. Tuesday, June 7, is the Kennywood Picnic, and there will be no school on that day also. The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 10.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Announced that the Munhall Memorial Day Parade would be held on May 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Steel Valley High School. On June 2, the Barrett students will perform in the All School Revue, and on June 3, Park School will hold its academic awards ceremony for 5th grade.
- On Tuesday, Mikayla's Voice visited with one of our 2nd grade students and her classmates at Park School. The class made a mural on canvas entitled "Wheels of Friendship."

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mr. Colebank:

- Announced that students are to turn in their iPad, case, charging block and cable and ear buds at the end of the school year.
- Stated that the teachers liked the changes to GradeBook viewed on the webinar. We have purchased a teacher resource, Board Works, for elementary and secondary subject areas. We will be testing specific subject areas next year.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to adopt the Agreement of Representation with the Levin Legal Group and to engage Levin Legal Group to represent the district in connection with the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools, et al. v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education and the Secretary of Education, Pedro A. Rivera, et al. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 worksession meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood. Negative: None.

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 regular meeting. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood. Abstain: Ballas. Negative: None. Motion carried.

1.0 Financial Management

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

- 1.1.01 General Fund invoices for April 2016 in the amount of \$692,383.74
- 1.1.02 General Fund hand checks for April 2016 in the amount of \$385,281.30
- 1.1.03 General Fund Revenue Report for April 2016
- 1.1.04 General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2016
- 1.1.05 General Fund Balance Sheet for Aril 2016
- 1.1.06 Food Service invoices for April 2016 in the amount of \$41,940.55
- 1.1.07 Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2016
- 1.1.08 Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2016
- 1.1.09 High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2016

- 1.1.10 Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2016
- 1.1.11 External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2016
- 1.1.12 Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2016
- 1.2 Award the attached bid list to the selected vendors at a total amount of \$10,667.38
- 1.3 Decline all athletic bids and re-advertise these bid items
- 1.4 Payments from the Capital Projects Fund to Honeywell in the amount of \$25,111.04 and to Tower Engineering in the amounts of \$400.10 and \$570.00
- 1.5 Process of implementing a 500 megabyte Internet uplink provided by DQE following the rules and guidelines of the E-rate form 470 replacing the 10 megabyte uplink from Expedient that will terminate June 2016
- 1.6 Renew the AIU Natural Gas Renewal Agreement for the period September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017, in the amount of \$.43)/Dth
- 1.7 The purchase, through CoStar, network upgrades to Presidio Network Solutions in the amount of \$62,785.50

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

2.0 Operations

Mr. Colasante moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 2.1 Facility rental requests as presented
- 2.2 Enter into a sixty-month lease for the attached mail management system. The monthly cost is \$176.44 or \$529.32 per quarter. The lease equipment is titled DM400C Digital Mailing System.
- 2.3 Adopt the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the school district and the Homestead Police Department to provide a School Resource Officer at Barrett Elementary School
- 2.4 Move forward with the planning to train crossing guards including a day of pay and lunch

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

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 3.1 Fundraising requests as presented
- 3.2 Fundraiser by Steel Valley High School Varsity Cheerleading for Breast Cancer Awareness with 10% donation from profit to the Pink Pamper
- 3.3 Recognize and support the Steel Valley Band Backers, Incorporated, heretofore known as the Steel Valley Band Parents, as a booster group for the Steel Valley Band in which the association conducts its principal activities as a service association

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

4.0 Special Assignments

None

5.0 Educational Leadership

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 5.1 The following donations to the school district:

Munhall Garden Club	\$200.00	Steel Valley Grows Garden
The Consortium of Public Ed	\$500.00	Remake Learning Event
Carnegie Museum of Art	\$500.00	Creativity Fair
Phipps Conservatory	\$1,000.00	Let's Move Pittsburgh
Petco	\$50.00	Pets in Classroom
Steel Valley Marching Band	\$50.00	Music Theory Book

and Band Parent Organization in memory of Bill Campbell
- 5.2 The Notices of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the school district for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

- 5.3 The Middle School Academic Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year
- 5.4 Rescind approval to bring a dog into Park Elementary School on a daily basis beginning in June 2016

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

6.0 Communications

Mr. Colasante moved and Mr. Bulger seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 6.1 Zachary Toth's Eagle Scout Project to build raised garden beds for the Steel Valley Grows garden at Franklin Primary Center
- 6.2 The recording and televising of the voting meetings via social media live feeds such as Facebook live
- 6.3 The addition of a Technology Committee to the structure of the Board and the creation of a Technology Advisory Group

Item 6.1 and 6.3

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Colasante, Olson, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood. Negative: None.

Item 6.2

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Ballas, Bulger, Olson, Steele, Terrick and Youngblood.
Negative: Colasante. Motion carried.

7.0 Personnel Management

Mr. Bulger moved and Mr. Colasante seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 7.1 Family Medical Leave of Absence for Erin Dawso to commence August 22, 2016, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- 7.2 Appoint Kimberly Glinka, Maribeth Meals, Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins and Christine Borelli as special education teachers for the 2016 Extended School Year at a rate of \$32.00 per hour; appoint Barb Hurley as a floater teacher at

- the substitute teacher rate and appoint Mary Jo Craycraft, Melissa Ladik, Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Christine Furrick, Susan Titmus, Holli Bobick and Kaitlin Craycraft as special education paraeducators for the 2016 Extended School Year at their hourly rates
- 7.3 The 2016 Summer Camp staff members, positions and hours as presented July 5-28, 2016, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. funded from the KtO grant and the Summer Camp Budget
 - 7.4 Lauren Harter and Amber Randol as day-to-day substitute teachers retroactive to May 4, 2016, and approve Ronald Siler and Ashley McCallister as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year
 - 7.5 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Norma J. Kearns from the position of cafeteria cook effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year according to the benefits of the collective bargaining agreement
 - 7.6 Family Medical Leave of absence to Jim Bartko retroactive to January 28, 2016
 - 7.7 Rescind the hire of Ashley Hanley effective immediately
 - 7.8 Employ Robin Schessler to fill the vacancy in the part-time 10-month secretarial position including benefits as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing a health examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
 - 7.9 The resignation of Mariann Reilly from the supplemental position of yearbook advisor effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year
 - 7.10 The supplemental appointments of Mary Jo Sklencar to After School Coordinator at Park School, Dale Chapman to Head Coach Varsity Boys Basketball, David Harhai to Head Coach Varsity Girls Basketball and Erica Pittacciato as an athletic volunteer with Girls Soccer for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014.

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

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.