



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
September 19 , 2005**

The Board acknowledged the passing of George Revak, Jr., father of Cindy DeLuca, former board member and retired maintenance employee and father of Cindy DeLuca, school nurse; Mrs. Sylvia Kane, mother-in-law of Kevin Walsh, Barrett Principal; Mrs. Rose G. Lynches, aunt of Debbie Woolley, middle school secretary; Mrs. Mary Kolton, mother of Dan Kolton, retired teacher and former board member; and Mr. Jarrett Barlow, Steel Valley graduate Class of 2003. It was moved by Mr. Edward McCallister and seconded by Mrs. Cannon to place books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Comments

At the September 12 meeting, the Board of School Directors appointed Mr. Timothy McCallister to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the passing of Mr. Revak.

On behalf of the members of the Board, Mr. O'Toole praised George Revak for his commitment to children as a retired maintenance department employee, serving nearly four years on the School Board and performing community service for children.

Mr. Ducar reported that repairs to the High School waterline project have begun.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges reported that the D.T. Watson School received a grant to work with students in our High School Life Skills class to coordinate transitional work programs with local businesses.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey reported that the 2005 yearbooks have been delivered to the high school for distribution.

Student voting will be conducted September 29 & 30 for the Homecoming Queen. The Powder Puff game between juniors and seniors will be played on October 6 at Campbell Field. The homecoming game will be held Friday, October 7, against Sto Rox beginning at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming festivities will be conducted at half time.

There will be no school for students K-12 on October 7 and 10. Both days are designated as professional development for faculty and staff members. Teachers will participate in Mon Valley Learns Day on Friday, October 7 and countywide professional development activities on Monday, October 10.

On October 6, the high school Advanced Placement teachers will attend a training to assist students to raise their test scores on the Advanced Placement tests

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Shawn McCallister, Athletic/Activities Director, coordinated districtwide student activities for Spirit Day on Friday, September 16. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and energy throughout the district buildings.

An additional Kindergarten classroom has been created and students met their teacher on September 16. The Kindergarten office has been relocated to the opposite end of the hall near the Business Office. The additional first grade classroom is operational at Park Elementary School.

The chiller has been installed at Barrett Elementary School, and the fascia repairs at Franklin Primary Center are completed.

The Board denied readmission of a minor female student to the Senior High School.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for September 2005 in the amount of \$139,099.02
- General Fund hand checks for August 2005 in the amount of \$61,325.16
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$23,482.79
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$2,446.02
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$4,820.00
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$554.01
- Custodial invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,283.61
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$3,708.75
- Middle School invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$417.51
- Steel Valley Foundation for Education Financial Statement

The Board approved the following items:

- Real estate tax refund in the amount of \$45.78
- Consolidation of the federal programs bank accounts into the district's general fund and approve the closure of the federal program accounts
- Transfer of \$22,557.65 in real estate tax revenue from the General Fund to the Borough of West Homestead General Fund, which were deposited to the school district's account in error by the local tax collector

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Bid for replacement of the locker room doors at Campbell Field to AB Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$31,245
- Advertise for bids for an under-the-tailgate spreader, with the trade-in of the present tailgate spreader(s)
- Payment of \$73,867.50 to FranJo Construction as presented on their Payment Application No. 2 for the Middle School Science Classroom Project
- Payment of \$3,932.75 to Burt Hill as presented on their progress billing for the Middle School Science Classroom Project and other miscellaneous projects
- Payment of \$32,670 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 2 for the Middle School Classroom Project Plumbing Contract
- Payment of \$12,546 to M.D.A. Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 2 for the Middle School Classroom Project HVAC Contract
- Payment of \$35,130.60 to Right Electric, Inc., as presented on Payment Application No. 2 for the

Middle School Classroom Project

- Advertise for sealed bids for the replacement of the food service truck, the two vans and the pick-up truck
- Advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the pizza oven, drafting tables and student desks no longer in use
- Advertise for sealed bids for the unused modular classroom units at the Barrett Elementary School
- Contract with the Steel Valley Midget Football Association for the 2005-2006 school year for cleaning the Campbell Athletic Field after all scheduled events on an as needed basis at a cost of \$250 per event, retroactive to August 26, 2005
- Authorize a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$745.38

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Steel Valley Baseball Team field trip to the 4th Annual Spring Training on March 29 _ April 2, 2006, in Summerville, South Carolina
- Application for a new high school student activity entitled Japanese Animation Club
- YouthPlaces to sponsor and supervise an after school program for students aged 12 and older to be held in the Senior High School daily from 2:30 _ 7:00 p.m. beginning the week of September 19, 2005
- Marching band to several competitions to be held in various communities in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following:

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Tom Schuster according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Patricia Metinko according to the terms and conditions of Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- Revised and new job descriptions as listed and as amended and to authorize the administration to post the positions of Middle School Dean of Students, High School Dean of Students and Technology Assistant
- Approved Natalie Lafferty, Edward Priano, Don Krieger, Valerie Benko, Denise Gross, Kathleen Thompson, Jill Murtha, Marguerite Luvara, Matthew Simpson, Carla Rubino and Linda Falcione as substitute teachers for the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Fall Activity Supplementals as presented
- Created the support staff position of four-hour cleaners
- Ellen Mooney as a substitute secretary and instructional aide contingent upon passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Appointed Beth Stasik-Catterall to a long-term substitute position assigned to first grade at Park Elementary School with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor_s salary as per the collective bargaining agreement retroactive to September 14, 2005, and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Appointed Jonette Bost to a long-term substitute position assigned to Kindergarten at Franklin Primary Center with salary and benefits based on 4th step Master_s salary as per the collective bargaining agreement effective September 20, 2005, and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district_s mandated screening for controlled substances
- Attendance of Dr. Warren to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Superintendents_ Professional Development Program from October 19-21, 2005, with costs to be paid by the district
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Henderson from a long-term substitute position effective September 13, 2005