



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
February 10, 2003**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Anna Salapa, grandmother of Sue Salapa, Reading Resource Instructor; Mr. Charles Neumeyer, grandfather of Jennifer Awenowicz, Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher; Mrs. Frances Piotrowski, aunt of Walt Baranowski and Cindy Pienkoski, Custodians; Mr. Ralph Scott, uncle of Judith Stokes, Barrett Instructor; Mrs. Patricia Strobel; sister-in-law of Andrew Strobel, Custodian; Mrs. Louise Bajus, grandmother of Maria Heddleston, Park Instructor; Mrs. Helen Fitzhenry, aunt of Elva Cherep, Food Service; Mrs. Mathilda Banyas, aunt of , Park Instructor; Mr. Charles E. Rowe, grandfather of Beth McCallister, Middle School Instructor; Ms. Gisella J. Seitz, retired Elementary teacher; Astronauts of the Space Shuttle Columbia. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations to Lori Mehalik and Virginia Nicholson, Elementary Instructors, on the completion of their Master's degrees.
- The Board approved the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 6, 2003 (corrected) and the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2003.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board approved the expulsion of a minor female student for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

Student Representatives' Report

- The Park Elementary PTO will hold a meeting on February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Park Elementary will hold an Anti-Drug Assembly on February 17.
 - The Park Elementary 4th grade musical, "Hero's All," will be held on February 24th at 1:45 p.m.
 - Barrett Elementary is holding an Accelerated Reader Club after school every Monday and Thursday.
 - The Barrett Elementary PTO will hold a meeting on February 19 at 6:45 p.m.
 - There will be a 5th grade DARE program at Barrett Elementary on February 21.
 - The Middle School PTO will hold a meeting on February 18th.
 - During the week of February 10th, PSSA testing is being held for all 11th graders.
 - The French Club will travel to Quebec on February 13th.
 - On February 13th, the Key Club will visit the second grade at Barrett Elementary.
- Financial Management

Fincancial Management

- The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$203,579.05
Food Service Invoices	\$20,563.01
General Fund Revenue Report	
General Fund Expenditure Report	
Custodial Invoices	\$3,479.68
Middle School Invoices	\$457.00
Athletic Invoices	\$100.00
Custodial Hand Checks	\$300.00
Middle School Hand Checks	\$900.00
Athletic Hand Checks	\$2,305.00

- The Board accepted the local audit for fiscal year 2001-02.
- The Board approved PSBA Board Liability Insurance in the amount of \$23,496.
- The Board authorized Homestead Tax Refunds totaling \$374.54 and West Homestead Tax Refunds totaling \$5,734.72.

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Facility Rentals as presented
- Fundraising Requests as presented
- Held a second reading and approved changes to Policy #801 Public Records
- Disposal of various audiovisual materials as presented

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Steel Valley Varsity Baseball trip to Summerville, South Carolina
- Use of remaining cheerleader funds in travel and equipment toward the cost of competition

Educational Leadership

- The Board awarded high school diplomas to Mr. William Hilla and Mr. Glenn McNeish, WWII veterans.
- The Board approved revisions to the 2002-03 school calendar.

Personnel Management

- The Board approved a compensated professional leave of absence for restoration of health for Mrs. Catterall for the second semester of the 2002-2003 school year.
- The Board approved a compensated professional leave of absence for restoration of health for Mr. Nick DeMartino for the second semester of the 2002-2003 school year.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Ms. Linda Perhacs from the position of 4th grade teacher at Park Elementary School under the provisions of Article XXIX of the collective bargaining agreement.

- The Board appointed Mrs. Susan Salapa to a half-time, long-term substitute Reading Resource position assigned to Park Elementary School effective the beginning of the 2nd semester with salary and fringe benefits prorated upon the 8th step Master's salary.
- The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Amy Rectenwald from the position of Librarian effective at the close of business on January 24, 2003.
- The Board approved the attendance of Ms. Susan Olsen at the National Science Teachers Association Convention to be held March 27-30 in Philadelphia.
- The Board approved three tutors for reading at Park and Barrett Elementary Schools at \$10 per hour.
- The Board appointed Mrs. Michelle Tomcik to a four-hour food service position for a probationary period of 90 days at \$8.10 per hour.
- The Board approved Ms. Deirdre Mulligan as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the remainder of the school year.
- The Board approved the attendance of Dr. McKenna, Mrs. Dektor and Mrs. Coleman to the Federal Programs conference in Seven Springs from April 13-16.
- The Board appointed Mr. Jason Race as a part-time secretary in the high school office at a rate of \$6,250 per year and prorated upon four hours per day, ten months per year.

Previous Board Action

- The School Board approved an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Alyson Fisher.
- The Board approved the following as facilitators under the Supplemental Contract:

Shawn McCallister Middle School
 Beth McCallister Middle School
 Jane Kulhanek Middle School
 Denise Hayes Middle School
 Dr. Carol McKenna Barrett
 Barrett
 Eric Chalus Barrett
 Marcia Price Barrett
 Jane Turoczy Barrett
 Franklin Primary
 Connie Garrison Park
 Park
 Becky Beynon Park
 Park
 Susan Kaufold Park
 Katie Pugh Park

- The Board appointed Allyson Sapko to a temporary professional librarian position at the Middle School and Franklin Primary Center.
- The Board approved Melissa Pentin as a reading tutor for Park Elementary School.
- The Board appointed Ryan Ellis as a volunteer baseball coach.
- The Board approved tenure status for .

- The Board approved attendance to the following Conferences:
Mary Cay Rojtas-Milliner to the Pennsylvania School Librarians' Association Convention
Jack Giran to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Convention
Dr. William Kinavey to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Convention
Steel Valley team to the Mon Valley Education Consortium's Annual Leadership Retreat
Michael Chalus to the Technology Student Association State Conference
- The Board approved Sarah Altman, Dayna Bost, Kate Thomas and Melanie Yeschenko as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.
- The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for an early retirement incentive for Act 93 employees.
- The Board appointed the following support staff:
Stephanie Harbulak Part-time Instructional Aide at Barrett
Michelle Batch Districtwide Special Education Aide
- The Board approved a \$1.00 per hour increase for the evening security position held by Mrs. Sue Swinkle.