



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
January 14, 2002**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Eleanor Owston, grandmother of Rusty Owston; Mr. Edward Bodnar, father of Priscilla Jackman; Mr. Julius Balogh, father of Sharon Janosko; Mrs. Linda Stosic, former custodial substitute; Miss Katherine Toole, retired teacher Munhall School District; Mrs. Mary Mang, grandmother of Mike Coyne; Mrs. Jean Balla, aunt of Cindy DeLuca; Mr. Walter Vandriak, brother-in-law of Bernie Vandriak; Mr. Edward Earley, brother-in-law of Jo-Anne Hixson and Mrs. Mary Ann Gniazdowski, sister-in-law of Diana Merichko. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- As part of School Director Recognition Month, the members of the Steel Valley Board of School Directors were recognized for their dedication and support to the school community.
- Students, teachers and student teachers from the Barrett Elementary School presented board members with Survival Kits which included Lifesavers, Tylenol for headaches, a fan for heated discussions, Survivor headbands, a "big hand" and a heart. The Middle School students and Student Government sponsor Shawn McCallister presented school board members with Steel Valley Ironmen sweatshirts and thanked them for their service to others. The High School Mechanical Drawing and Technology Education students made beautiful nameplates for each board member. The Franklin Primary Center students created a large thank you card with hand drawn pictures of each board member. Mrs. Tully, Park School Principal, invited the board members to read to students on January 17. Also, a get together for board members and faculty members will be held at 3:00 p.m.
- The Board recognized the service and talent of High School Student Bryan Gardner for his Adelpia Cable Award "Student Who Serves." Bryan has worked over 1,200 hours repairing and maintaining the Youth Outreach Center in the community.
- The Board recognized Sophomore Ryan Cleary for his Adelpia Cable Award "Athlete of the Week." Ryan qualified for the WPIAL playoffs in golf.
- Dr. Glunk presented checks to the following schools for their improvement in the 2001 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA):

tary School	\$31,211.25	Effort Award for Attendance
tary School	\$16,965.00	Achievement Award for Grade 5 PSSA
y Center	\$ 4,146.25	Effort Award for Attendance
hool	\$13,345.50	Effort Award for Attendance

- Dr. Glunk introduced Mrs. Nancy Hines, the newly appointed Senior High School Principal.

- The Board approved a Student Agreement. .

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kinavey announced that the Teacher Excellence Foundation is accepting nominations of Steel Valley teachers to be considered for the Academy Awards for Teachers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers and administrators may submit a nomination for a teacher they believe to be outstanding. The deadline is February 8, 2002. Copies of the nomination forms are available in the school offices. You may submit a nomination form on-line (tefawards.com), by mail or fax.

- The school schedule for January is as follows:

Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance	No School for Students and Faculty
Tuesday, January 22	Clerical Day	No School for Students
Friday, January 25	Inservice Early Dismissal for all Students	12 Noon Elementary schools 12:00 Noon Middle School Noon Middle School 12:20 p.m. High School

- The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on Saturday, January 19, to develop a new Technology Plan that will guide the district's use of technology for learning, teaching and managing. The meeting will be held in the High School Library from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Student Representatives' Report

- Miss Sara Andreyo announced that the boys' basketball team is undefeated with a record of 13-0. On February 1, the boys_ basketball game against West Mifflin will be broadcast on the Adelphia Cable Network.
- The Hometown High Q television program featuring Steel Valley students will air Saturday, January 26 at 11:00 a.m. on KDKA.
- The Middle School will hold a Snowball Dance on Friday, January 18, and a Valentine's Day Dance on February 15.
- Seventh grade students will attend a matinee performance of the opera "Street Scenes" on February 21.
- Miss Lindsay Ellis announced that Gateway to the Arts will present a program on January 15 to the kindergarten students entitled Jingle, Jangle, Clang.
- Barrett's fifth grade students will attend the Wonder of Wonders program at the Carnegie Science Center on January 23 and 24, 2002.
- Park School students are wearing their American flag tee shirts every Friday.

Educational Leadership

- The Board adopted the school calendar for the 2002-2003 school year. This calendar includes two Parent/Teacher conferences in November and March and no Open House in September.
- The Board authorized Dr. Robert Furman to conduct an audit of the Middle School at a cost of \$5,750 .

Financial Management

- The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$74,209.49
Title I invoices	\$65,967.61
Custodial invoices	\$6,693.07
Band Trip	\$5,455.15

Operations

- The Board approved the facility use and fundraising requests.
- The Board approved the sale of the van at Barrett Elementary for \$600.
- The Board authorized disposal of obsolete items from Park School.

Personnel Management

- The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Sharon Janosko, Park Elementary teacher, under the provisions of the newly agreed upon Article XXIX of the 2002-2006 SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement effective at the end of the 2001-2002 school year.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, Park Elementary teacher, under the provisions of the newly agreed upon Article XXIX of the 2002-2006 SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement effective at the end of the 2001-2002 school year.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. JoAnn Andrus, Elementary Gifted teacher, under the provisions of the newly agreed upon Article XXIX of the 2002-2006 SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement effective at the end of the 2001-2002 school year.
- The Board approved the change of employment status for Mr. Nick Seech to long-term substitute effective January 17, 2002.
- The Board appointed Ms. Christina Sierzega to a half-time, long-term substitute position in the area of foreign language contingent upon receipt of her teaching certificate and contingent upon receipt of her current Act 34 and Act 151 clearances for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school term.
- The Board appointed Mr. Gene Bujdos to Acting Assistant Secondary Principal at the Senior High School effective January 15, 2002.
- The Board appointed Grade Level Facilitators at Barrett Elementary School:

Carol McKenna	Special areas
Lori Kenavey	Grade 3
Candice Bostick	Grade 4
Jane Turoczy	Grade 5

- The Board approved the attendance of Mrs. Aldine Coleman at the Community for Learning Middle/High School Network meeting held on February 4 and 5 in Philadelphia.
- The Board approved the attendance of Ms. Susan Olsen to the "Focus on Standards for Science and Mathematics" on April 11-13 in New York City.
- The Board approved an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Denise Hayes from March 22-28, 2002.
- The Board approved Ms. Amanda Marini and Ms. Kelly Kunkel as additional substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Tracey Miller from the position of Assistant Girls Softball coach.
- The Board approved hiring a security officer in the Senior High School retroactive to January 9, 2002.
- The Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Steel Valley Education Association.
- The Board appointed Mrs. Diane Litz to a general worker/cashier position in the Senior High School cafeteria.
- The Board appointed Mrs. Jill Fleming-Salopek to the position of Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- The Board appointed Mr. Randy Zirkle to a Technology Education position at the Senior High School.

Previous Board Action

- The Board approved the following:

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General fund invoices \$273,959.27

General fund hand checks \$1,014,152.03

General fund hand checks \$1,078,468.11

Treasurer's report for November 2001

Food service invoices \$31,867.28

Custodial invoices \$5,387.15

Athletic invoices \$297.22

Custodial invoices/hand checks \$11,741.50

Athletic invoices/hand checks \$1,633.55

Band trip/hand checks \$2,970.00

Liening of 2000 real estate taxes by Maiello, Brungo & Maiello

Real estate tax refunds totaling \$10,840.43

Establish an account for a scholarship fund in memory of John P. Merisko

Facility use requests Fundraising requests Appointed Mrs. Nancy Hines to the position of Principal of the Senior High School

Accepted, with regret, amended retirement of Mrs. Mathilda Morgan

Appointed Ms. Kelly Sabo to the position of 9th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

Accepted, with regret, resignation of Mr. Robb Craycraft as JV Wrestling Coach

Mr. Tim Hinkle and Mr. Robb Craycraft as volunteers

Establish a JV Assistant Baseball coaching position
Mrs. Marianne McShane as a substitute secretary and food service worker
Mr. James Petruzzi as a substitute custodian
Appointed grade level facilitators at a stipend of \$1,265.69

Denise Hayes	Grade 6	Middle School
Jane Kulhanek	Grade 7	Middle School
Eric Chalus	Grade 1	Barrett
Marcia Price	Grade 2	Barrett