



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
January 13, 2003**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of of Mrs. Jessie Campbell (100 years of age), aunt of Bill Edwards; Mr. Eugene Paterlini, father-in-law of Dan Bugel; Mrs. Mary Watson, sister of Chief Ed Peterson; Mrs. Charlotte Balukas, aunt of Kim Watkins; Mr. Adolph S. Kuszaj, father of Paul Kuszaj; and Mrs. Helen L. Dober, aunt of Gene Kritko. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Glunk recognized the Barrett faculty members and Mr. Peach, Elementary Principal, for the phenomenal participation and enthusiasm of the students in the Accelerated Reader Program at the elementary school. Students in grades 1-5 participate in this program. Additionally, Mrs. Florian, Mrs. Price and Mr. Large began a Reading Club after school on Mondays and Thursdays and to date there are 164 students in the club. The Accelerated Reader Program has been so popular among the students that Mrs. Florian cannot keep enough books in the library for them to read. The excitement and enthusiasm among these teachers and students is remarkable. The reading goal for the year is for the students to read 10,000 books; thus far, the students have read 3,891. The school district will be purchasing more books to help the students reach their goal and to keep them reading.
- Dr. Glunk recognized Senior Matthew McNeil for his achievement of Eagle Scout Rank. Matthew's service project was a land conservation project at South Park.
- Dr. Glunk thanked the Board Members for their time and service to the school district as part of School Board Recognition Month.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that Park Elementary School has received an Effort Award for Attendance and an Achievement Award on the PSSA Grade 5 test from the Department of Education. They have been awarded \$25,536 for improved scores on the PSSA and for improved attendance.

Dr. Kinavey announced the early dismissal schedule for Friday, January 17:
1:10 p.m. Elementary Schools
12:20 p.m. Senior High School
12:40 p.m. Middle School

In addition, there will be no school for students on January 20 and 27, and report cards will be distributed on Friday, January 31

Pupil Personnel/Special Services' Report

- Mrs. Borges announced that the Middle School gifted students placed first in the Robotech competition. Seventh grade students placed second in the Geography Bowl, and Thomas Barefoot placed second in the competition. She thanked Mr. Braszo and Mrs. Maddigan for their expertise in coaching the students.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board expelled two female students and one male student for one year, and they expelled one male student for the remainder of this school year.

Student Representatives' Report

- Miss Lindsay Ellis reported that the Park School PTO is sponsoring a skating party on January 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- The Barrett PTO is selling cookbooks for \$8.00, and the "Grammar Man" will be the guest at an assembly on January 30
- The Middle School Boys' Basketball team is sponsoring a dance for grades 6-8 on January 17.
- The High School Environmental Club is selling suckers as a fundraiser. An assembly will be held on January 21, and there is a blood drive on January 22nd at the high school.

Educational Leadership

- The Board approved the meeting minutes of December 23 with changes as noted.
- The Board approved a revised Title I Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for remedial services to non-public school students.

Financial Management

- The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund invoices in the amount of	
General Fund hand checks in the amount of	\$321,665.07
Food Service invoices in the amount of	\$1,129,733.32
Title I invoices in the amount of	\$22,366.52
Custodial invoices in the amount of	\$26,622.82
Middle School invoices in the amount of	\$7,977.17
Band Trip invoices in the amount of	\$590.97
	\$4,785.22

- The Board approved real estate tax refunds totaling \$2,106.12 in the Borough of Homestead.Operations.

Operations

- The Board approved the fundraising requests and facility rentals as requested.

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 denied the Propel Charter School-Homestead application.
- The Board approved the following:

Meeting minutes of November 25 and December 2

Consulting services of the AIU to conduct a midpoint review of the strategic plan at a cost of \$800

2003-2004 Academic Handbook for the Senior High School

General fund invoices in the amount of \$178,269.14

General fund revenue report

General fund expenditure report

General fund treasurer's reports

Title I invoices in the amount of \$61,405.10

Custodial invoices in the amount of \$7,692.22

Middle School invoices in the amount of \$168.00

Custodial invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$802.75

Athletic/hand checks in the amount of \$1,701.00

Band trip/hand checks in the amount of \$2,934.00

Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$507.64

Amended Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Agreement

Open a bank account in the name of Steel Valley/Elmer Duerr Memorial Fund

Real estate tax refunds totaling \$1,551.93 in Homestead Borough

Real estate tax refunds totaling \$15,375.59 in Munhall Borough

Real estate tax refund for \$94.56 in Munhall Borough

Student activity transfers

Facility rentals

Fundraising requests

Contract with the AIU for an extended substitute special education teacher

Appointed Leslie Rutherford to a temporary professional position in English assigned to the Senior High School effective immediately based on 1st step Bachelor's salary

Appointed Elizabeth Spiker as a long-term substitute teacher in English assigned to the Senior High School effective at the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year based on 1st step Bachelor's salary

Participation of Dr. Beth Tully at the annual conference of the American Association of School Administrators on February 20-21

Appointed Ms. Anita Crawford to a three-hour general worker position in the high school cafeteria for a probationary period of 90 days at \$8.10 per hour

Accepted, with regret, resignation of Maria Heddlestone from the positions of Varsity Boys' tennis coach and Varsity Girls' tennis coach

Accepted, with regret, resignation of Rick Owston from position of Varsity Boys' Volleyball Coach

Appointed Mike Bovee to position of Rifle Coach

Accepted resignation of Mr. Marshall Hartsell from a custodial position effective immediately

Attendance of Eric Chalus and Kathy Marzec at the PSSA Mathematics Proficiency conference on January 16-17

Re-established a 9th grade football team