



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
September 17, 2001**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Estelle Kreseiko, aunt of Pat Keener, Activities Office secretary; Mr. Harold S. Hunt, Sr., father of Hazel Hunt, Barrett instructor; Mrs. Helen P. Broglie, mother of Bruce Broglie, retired high school instructor; Mrs. Mary Yaklich, aunt of John Yaklich, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mrs. Florence Nicholson, grandmother of Ginny Nicholson, Park instructor; Miss Erica Lynn Lewis, 2000 Steel Valley graduate; Victims of the World Trade Center Attacks; Victims of the Pentagon Attack; Victims of the Somerset Plane Crash. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations to Mrs. JoAnn Andrus and the following students on their 4th Place finish in the Pennsylvania Geography Bowl: Patrick Farrell, Thomas Barefoot, Sean Burke, Justin Gardner, Maureen Johnston, Steven Markoff, Helen Reusch, Richard Mykytiuk, Matthew Gori, Joshua Joll and Nicole Drane.
- General Alexander Haig, Governor Thomas Ridge, Tamara Tunie, Arnold Palmer and Tara Lipinski are just a few of the names that appear on Park Elementary's "Famous Pennsylvanians Quilt Project." Under the direction of Mrs. Susan Kaufold, and with the help of Mrs. Denise Blasko, Mrs. Nancy Crossen and Mrs. Josephine Abels, the following students are credited with writing the letters necessary to obtain these and the many signatures that make up the quilt: Jesse Minuto, Dylan Crossen, Kayla Grise, Samantha Stojanoff and Matthew Gori.
- Congratulations to the following Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders on their accomplishments individually and as a member of the squad: Jamie Cain, Sara Andreyo, Tina Smith, Lynde Rozier, Stacey Martin, Carolyn Minor, Jessica Wilczek, Nicole Talarico, Lindsay Ellis, Amanda D_Amico, Leslie Lloyd, Kristine Taylor, Jill Torma, Lindsay Fincik and Erin Porter.
- Reverend Cannistraci, Executive Director of MUSA, thanked the Steel Valley School District for providing facilities used during their Youth Summer Camp. A total of 96 children, ages 4 through 11 years old, participated in computer training, art and various outdoor activities.
- The Senior High School Open House has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2001 from 6:30 _ 8:30 p.m.
- On October 4 from 6:30 _ 8:30 p.m., Park Elementary will be hosting a workshop for parents titled "Park University." Please see Mrs. Smart or Mrs. Andrus to enroll.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board approved an Instructional Agreement.

Student Representatives' Report

- "Zap-a-snack" fundraisers, sponsored by their respective PTOs, are being held at Barrett and Park.
- On September 20, District Magistrate Torkowsky will speak to students at Barrett Elementary.
- Park Elementary will hold a roller skating party on September 26.
- The Middle School will hold a dance on Friday, October 26. Costumes, with no masks, will be permitted.
- The PSSA Writing Assessments for Grades 6 and 9 will take place between October 15 _ 26.
- A blood drive was held at the Senior High School on September 14 and over 100 units were donated.
- The Steel Valley Marching Band will host a band competition on Saturday, September 29.

- The following Homecoming activities have been scheduled:

Powder Puff Game	Thursday, September 27
Bonfire & Pep Rally	Friday, September 28
Football Game	Friday, September 28
Dance	Saturday, September 29

Educational Leadership

- The Board approved an Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for Nonpublic Title I services.
- The Board approved Ms. Maura L. Paczan as a contracted school psychologist on an "as needed" basis.

Financial Management

- The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$71,428.88
General Fund Hand Checks	\$2,257,828.34
Food Service Invoices	\$24,373.84

Operations

- The Board approved Facility Rentals as listed.
- The Board approved Fundraising Requests.

Personnel Management

- The Board appointed Judith Stokes to a half-time Reading Resource Instructor at Park Elementary and a half-time District ESL Instructor.
- The Board approved the Job Description for the supplemental position of Athletic/Activities Director

beginning with the 2002-03 school year.

- The Board appointed Jack Giran to the supplemental position of Athletic/Activities Director.
- The Board approved a starting salary of \$6.50 per hour for the part-time high school clerk position.
- The Board approved a one day unpaid leave of absence request for Ms. Maria Bajus.
- The Board approved a three day unpaid leave of absence request for Ms. Jane Turoczy.
- The Board approved the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2001-02 school year:
Cynthia Mentzer Mathematics Barbara Balog Elementary Education
Heather Popovich Social Studies Bridget Belavic Elementary Education
- The Board appointed Mrs. Aldine Coleman to the position of District Coordinator of Special Projects.
- The Board appointed Mr. Randy Zirkle to a Technology Education position at the Senior High School.

Co-Curricular Leadership

- The Board accepted a \$200 donation from Mr. Herbert D. Jackson, a 1937 Homestead High School graduate.

Previous Board Action

- The Board approved the following:
 - Appointed voting delegates to PSBA
 - Readmission of a Minor Male Student
 - Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2001
 - Student Code of Conduct

Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices \$336,593.45

Food Service Invoices \$6,761.25

- Treasurer_s Report for July 2001
- Real Estate Tax Refunds
- Payment to Bryan Mechanical for Barrett Boiler in the amount of \$10,800
- Michael Chalus as Middle School Technology Education Instructor
- James Brooks as Middle School Physical Education Instructor
- Matthew Janov as Half-time Elementary Physical Education
- Instructor James Oriss as substitute Elementary Guidance Counselor
- Carrie Nikoden as Long Term Substitute Special Education Instructor
- Megan Latusek as a Substitute in Elementary Education
- Accept, with regret, supplemental resignation of Mike Grimm as Assistant Girls_ Soccer Coach
- Fall Sports and Activity Supplemental Assignments for the 2001-02 school year
- Field Trip to Summerville, SC for the Varsity Baseball team
- Ironmen Hardball Club
- Purchase of uniforms for cheerleaders
- Policy No. 240 Identification Cards (First Reading)
- Readmission of a Minor Male Student
- Workshop Minutes of August 6, 2001
- Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2001
- School to Work Program

Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$184,561.37
Title I Invoices	\$48,828.93
Custodial Invoices	\$1,715.54
Activities Invoices	\$4,427.49
Custodial Invoices/Hand Checks	\$180.25
Activities Invoices/Hand Checks	\$1,705.00
Middle School Invoices	\$406.78

- Facility Rentals Fundraising Requests
- Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Matthew Demharter from the position of Technology Education teacher at the Senior High School.
- Ms. Sherri Titmus as part-time Instructional Aide at Barrett Elementary
- Accept, with regret, resignation of Christopher Miller as Junior High Assistant Football Coach
- Accept, with regret, resignation of Michelle Maddigan as High School Intramural Sponsor
- Michelle Sabo as 7th Grade Middle School Basketball Coach
- Amanda Marini as 8th Grade Middle School Basketball Coach
- Megan Davern as Varsity Cheerleading Coach and Michelle Sabo as Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- Job description and create new position of District Coordinator of Special Projects
- Job description and permit posting for part-time clerk at the Senior High
- Payment of \$150 to Student Council to pay for the DJ at the Homecoming Dance
- Policy No. 240 Identification Cards