



## **STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Memorial Books**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Joseph Bellowicz**, uncle of Kelly Chalfa, high school food service worker; **Edward Schauer**, uncle of Melissa Walters, middle school teacher; **Rita McGrath**, aunt of Sara Sullivan, middle school teacher; **Carmen Marini**, grandfather of Amanda Olson, middle school teacher; **Danielle Churilla**, sister-in-law of Traci Churilla, middle school teacher; **Stephen Shiner**, father of Sherri Titmus, middle school secretary, and grandfather of Dylan Titmus, Park School custodian; **Paul Resko**, husband of Carol Resko, retired high school teacher; **Patricia Stenger**, aunt of Melissa DelPino, high school paraprofessional; **Robert O'Leary**, father-in-law of Loren Ford, Franklin custodian; **Michael Sullivan**, father of Michael Sullivan, middle school student, and Matthew and Kaylee McGlaughlin, high school students; **Louis J. Bodenlos**, cousin of Jean Emro, high school paraprofessional, and David Emro, Cyber School Coordinator; **Mary Esper Robinson**, sister of Mayor Betty Esper, Homestead Borough; and **Reverend Dr. John "Jack" MacLeod**, retired pastor of the Homestead United Presbyterian Church. It was moved by **Mr. Rojtas** and seconded by **Mrs. Yuhas** to place appropriate books into the school libraries in their memory.

### **Board President's Report**

**Mr. Bulger** welcomed the public to the meeting at Barrett Elementary School. He added that it is nice to hold the School Board meetings in a different school and municipality. He had an opportunity to attend the Black History program held at Barrett School, which included the Living Museum exhibits and student performances and portrayals of famous African-Americans. He thanked the teachers who coordinated this outstanding program. He appreciates what a great job our teachers do.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Junior School Board Representative **Kristen Craycraft** reported that Park School held an assembly for its new Maker Space. The Director of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives from **Quaker Valley School District** reached out to the staff at Park School, and on March 2, Quaker Valley will bring a team to see the great things happening at Park Elementary School.

Barrett Elementary School has completed its last fundraiser to support the yearbook. The PTO held two meetings discussing the Cash Bash that will take place March 7 at Whitaker Fire Hall. Tickets can be purchased at Barrett Elementary School for \$20. Kindergarteners attended a field trip to the **Children's Museum** on February 27. Second graders attended the **Pittsburgh Ballet** on February 14.

The middle school completed various activities throughout February in honor of Black History month. The middle school started its Sarris Candy fundraiser, and **Officer Boehme** began the D.A.R.E. Program with the fifth grade students.

The high school students will be taking the second round of CDT assessments this week. Teachers will use this data to determine areas of need prior to the Keystone exams in May. **Student Council** will host its third and final blood drive on March 17. The **Drama Club** will be performing the musical, *My Fair Lady*, starting February 27 through March 1.

## **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Wehrer** announced that High School Senior **Evan Riley** earned the Top of the Shop award for the first semester at **Steel Center Career and Technical Education Center**. He also earned Student of the Month Award for February. Evan is enrolled in the welding program, which makes him very employable after high school. Mr. Wehrer wants families to understand that pursuing a trade during high school is a good choice for students who want to learn a skill and get a job after high school. The 40 Steel Valley students do well in the Steel Center programs.

He congratulated Ms. **Jonette Bost** and her team of teachers for a fantastic Black History program held at Barrett Elementary School on February 20. "Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers" was an interactive Living Museum to celebrate and honor black history. The various themed displays included a taste of soul food, student artwork, artifacts and live performances and portrayals of famous African Americans. Mrs. **Dianne Furnival** assisted the third grade with cooking soul food dishes for participants to taste.

Ms. Bost noted that through the interactive living museum, we are giving our elementary school students and community a way to honor the past and inspire the future. The elementary students look up to the high school students, and this year the number of high school student participants doubled.

The high school students and Barrett alumni portrayed famous entertainers, sports figures, and civil rights activists, under the direction of Ms. **Sharon Kampe**, secondary music teacher. The students listed below received a Certificate of Recognition:

**Danielle Chaffin**  
**Mark Fulmore**  
**Riont'e Carter**  
**Robert Fowler**  
**Solaris Fowler**  
**NyJair Wilkerson**

**Kwaimaine Cash**  
**Channing Griffin**  
**Kaiden Jefferson**  
**Chamarra Ford**  
**Shayla Wilson**  
**TaNiah Edwards-Upshaw**

## **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report**

**Mrs. Borges** reported on the gifted support activities. The fifth and sixth grade students participated in the Science Bowl at the **Heinz History Center** and won the bonus round. Students had an opportunity to pull their own flowers at the **Pittsburgh Glass Center**, and a group of students visited the **University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms**.

An early dismissal for students will occur on Tuesday, March 10, while teachers and staff participate in a professional development activity.

11:50 AM	Senior High School
12:15 PM	Barrett and Park Elementary Schools
12:34 PM	Middle School

## **Director of Academics, Information & Technology's Report**

**Mr. Colebank** reported an engineer from **Apple** would be visiting Steel Valley in April to review our protocols. Also a trainer from Apple will be available for coding training. Mr. Colebank will be requesting that students save the data on their iPads to the iCloud before turning in iPads for the summer. There will be a new operating system installed in August.

The departments are preparing the Middle School and High School Academic Handbooks for approval by the School Board at the March Board meeting.

## Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- January 21, 2020 worksession meeting
- January 23, 2020 regular meeting

## Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for February 2020 in the amount of \$484,824.14
- General Fund hand checks for January 2020 in the amount of \$819,264.07
- General Fund Revenue Report for January 2020
- General Fund Expenditure Report for January 2020
- General Fund Balance Sheet for January 2020
- Food Service invoices for January 2020 in the amount of \$40,761.41
- Food Service Revenue Report for January 2020
- Food Service Expenditure Report for January 2020
- Food Service Balance Sheet for January 2020
- Payroll Funding Transfers for January 2020
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2020
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2020
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2020
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2020
- Capital Reserve Balance Sheet for January 2020
- Capital Reserve Revenue for January 2020
- 2019 Capital Project Balance Sheet for January 2020
- 2019 Capital Project Revenue for January 2020
- June 30, 2019 Financial Statements and Management Report as submitted by **Mahe Duessel**
- Payment to **Kudravy Architects, LLC**, in the amount of \$4,035.00 for the professional architectural services rendered on the Steel Valley High School/Middle School HVAC upgrades and approve payment to **BDA Engineering, Inc.**, for phase II completion of services in the amount of \$38,940.00. The funds will be paid out of the 2019 Capital Project Fund.
- Refund to **1108 Greenfield Associates LLC**, c/o Howard Hanna Management Division, for Lot & Block 131-C-20 in the amount of \$735.72 for year 2019
- Place out for bid the general school supplies and athletic supplies. The bids will be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and placed on the website for ease of use by bidders.
- Payment to **Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP** in the amount of \$17,712.50. The amount is to be paid out of Capital Reserves Fund.

## Operations

The Board approved the following items as presented:

- Facility rental requests contingent upon clarification of the requested dates by **Steel Valley Soccer** and the **Pittsburgh Futbol Club**
- Classified the special education vision equipment as surplus and accepted the bid from **Woodland Hills School District** in the amount of \$3,069.50
- Authorized the administration to place out for bid the Student Transportation Services and to advertise in the appropriate papers of circulation and place on the website for ease of use by bidders.

## Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items as presented:

- Fundraising requests
- Created a **Middle School Football** program for the 2020-2021 school year

## Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items as presented:

- Held second reading and adopted the revisions to Policy 210.1
- Held first reading of revisions to Policies 004, 150, 201, 222, 233, 302, 311, 317, 323, 333, 335, 707, 805.2, 810.1, 810.3, 904 and 913
- Nominated **James E. Bulger** as a candidate to the **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Board of Directors**

**Mrs. Ligeros** announced that February was Career and Technical Education Month. On February 2, Steel Center held a Celebration Dinner prepared by the culinary arts, baking and pastry students. A First Responder Appreciation Dinner was held in January, and a Citizen Appreciation Dinner for veterans and senior citizens was held in November. These events are part of a community appreciation initiative led by the Steel Center faculty. The culinary arts and baking/pastry students prepared the meals, and free cosmetology services and portraits were compliments of the cosmetology and advertising design students. Another appreciation dinner will be held in the spring.

Two blood drives were conducted, which helped 66 hospital patients. Since the donation goals were met with each drive, two \$250 scholarships will be given to two Steel Center students.

There will be three new career programs offered at Steel Center next school year: Veterinary Assistant, Medical Professions and Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Services. They are excited to offer Stem-rich programs to interested students.

Mrs. Ligeros congratulated **Malaysia McCutcheon**, Medical Assisting program, for her 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Skills USA District 8 competition.

## Educational Leadership

The School Board approved the following items:

- Accepted donations from the **Pennsylvania Department of Education** for a reach in freezer at Barrett Elementary School in the amount of \$3,800.00 and a convection steamer for the High School cafeteria in the amount of \$16,085.00
- Accepted donations from **Grow Pittsburgh** for sustainable support of the Franklin Garden in the amount of \$400.00
- Accepted a donation from **Donors Choose** for a classroom project entitled, "Take a Stand for Music," in the amount of \$659.97 for 18 new high school music stands
- Accepted donations from the **Arconic Foundation** to defray the cost of admission and transportation for 85 high school science students to the Carnegie Science Center on April 17, 2020, in the amount of \$1,180.00
- Accepted a donation from Donors Choose for a classroom project entitled, "Hip Hop Hooray," for 14 books about the history of Hip Hop in the amount of \$260.82
- **Sapphire (K12 Systems, Inc.)** agreement to perform as the Student Information System (SIS) for the district beginning with the 2020-2021 school year

**Ms. Adams** thanked and congratulated the teachers who wrote grants for activities, equipment and supplies and had them funded through various organizations.

## **Communications**

**Mrs. Fitzgerald** thanked **Mr. Colebank** for inviting her to a presentation of the new student information system and sharing the advantages for the school district.

She reported that she met with administrators, teachers and guidance counselors to discuss how the school district is being portrayed. She would like to see the Steel Valley website more robust. She announced that a new full-color marquee would be installed at Barrett Elementary School. She added that a liaison group would be created to present the events going on in the schools and outline the positive areas of growth and improvement.

## **Personnel Management**

The School Board approved the following items:

- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Employee No. 808 retroactive to February 4, 2020, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Employee No. 33 retroactive to February 12, 2020, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- **Tracey L. McPherson** as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the 2019-2020 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, teaching certificate and passing the district's pre-employment screenings