



STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Memorial Books

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Alice Tomredle**, volunteer at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools; **Donna L. Wallace**, aunt of Kim Watkins, secretary to the superintendent; **Chester A. Wrobel**, retired Chief of Police, West Homestead Borough; **Frank J. Catterall, Jr.**, brother-in-law of Karen Catterall, retired elementary teacher; **Laura Moutshler**, aunt of Betty Lyons, Barrett paraprofessional; **Dominic Wyno**, father of Nicole Mackey, health services aide; **Randy Geyer**, uncle of Jodi Geyer, academic literacy coach; and **Calvin Thompson**, father of Bradley Thompson, elementary music teacher. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mrs. Yuhas** to place a selection of appropriate books into the school libraries in their memory.

Board President's Report

Mr. Bulger reported that Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated in all schools. He expressed his gratitude to the teachers and all those who touch the lives of our students.

The ReMake Learning event at the middle school was spectacular. Students enjoyed unique hands-on learning in the new space called **The Forge**.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) brought attention to distracted driving by writing positive messages on the street around the high school.

Mr. Bulger and **Mrs. Yuhas** participated in the Girls on the Run 5K event on May 20. He thanked the sponsors and the coaches who worked with the students to complete the 5K race. Both elementary schools were well represented by students and staff members.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. Isabella Furrick reported that Barrett students were recognized at the Annual Merit Day celebration on May 23. The All School Review would be held on May 31 at 12:30 p.m.

The third and fourth graders at Park School used team work to solve problems during the Math/Science Olympiad. The elementary students are excited for the All School Review, field trips and walks to the pond.

Ms. Abby Ferson, Senior Student Representative to the School Board, announced that the Remake Learning event was held at the Middle School in The Forge using hands on learning activities.

The **National Honor Society** Induction Ceremony was held on May 4, and new members were inducted into the NHS during a candle lighting ceremony. Congratulations to Mrs. Toni Besh for being named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year voted on by the National Honor Society members.

Abby announced that the **Middle School Drama Club** was performing this week.

Jump Start for Juniors was held May 9 for juniors and seniors to explore future options including planning for college applications, making connections for careers after graduation and information about immediate employment after graduation.

Abby thanked the Board of School Directors for the opportunity to be a Student Representative for the past two years.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer reported that Barrett Elementary School was transformed into a beautiful reception hall for the Merit Day Event for Barrett students. He thanked the Best of the Batch Foundation for spearheading such a special celebration and recognition of our students.

He thanked **Abby Ferson** and **Izzy Furrick** for their dedication to serving as the Student Representatives to the School Board. Abby has served two years as the Student Representative, and she has done an outstanding job. She will be attending Duquesne or Point Park for music and theater. Izzy Furrick served as the Junior Representative reporting on the happenings in the elementary schools.

Mr. Wehrer reported that the Girls Softball team had an outstanding season beating Deer Lakes 9-6 in the WPIAL 3A playoff game but lost to Southmoreland in the last inning of the game. Coach Janov stated that it was a wonderful season, and the girls showed their strength as a team. Mr. Wehrer thanked **Coach Janov** for his leadership.

The Boys Baseball team also qualified for the WPIAL 3A playoffs and won in the first round. They lost to Riverside 3-1 in the quarterfinal game. **Coach Vickers** stated that the players persevered through this year's injuries. Mr. Wehrer thanked the players and Coach Vickers for a strong program under his leadership.

Mr. Wehrer invited the community to the 2018 Commencement exercises on Friday, June 8, beginning 7:00 p.m. at the William V. Campbell Athletic Field. Our distinguished alumna this year is **Dr. Elayne Arrington**, the valedictorian of the Homestead Class of 1957. He hoped the community would come out to celebrate our seniors.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the high school gymnasium. Shuttle buses will be available from the high school to Campbell Field starting at 6:00 p.m. and returning to the high school at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges announced the upcoming events:

May 29	9:00 AM	Middle School Academic Ceremony
May 30		Celebration in Education – Park School
June 1		4 th Grade Step Up Day – Middle School
June 4	1:00 PM	4 th Grade Merit Day – Park School
June 5		Kennywood Picnic – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 6	8:00 AM	Senior Breakfast – High School
June 8		Last Day of School
June 8	7:00 PM	Commencement – William V. Campbell Athletic Field
June 11		Clerical Day for Staff
June 11	8:30 AM	Retirement Breakfast Celebration – HS Cafeteria

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank announced that next week he will be collecting electronic devices at the middle school. Prior to turning in iPads, students are to save their information onto the cloud.

The third round of CDT tests will be administered to third and fourth grade students. The kindergarten, first and second graders will take the MAPS testing.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- April 16, 2018 worksession
- April 19, 2018 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May 2018 in the amount of \$477,265.80
- General Fund hand checks for April 2018 in the amount of \$217,504.13
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2018
- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2018
- General Fund Balance Sheet for April 2018
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$44,395.93
- Food Service Revenue Report for April 2018
- Food Service Expenditure Report for April 2018
- Food Service Balance Sheet for April 2018
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2018
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for April 2018
- Capital Projects Revenue Report for April 2018
- Capital Projects Expenditure Report for April 2018
- Capital Projects Balance Sheet for April 2018
- Exonerated the Homestead Real Estate Tax Collector for the 2017 real estate taxes
- Transferred the Committed Fund Balance of \$2,000,000 to the Unassigned Fund Balance
- Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2018-2019 with a millage rate of 23.489, an increase of .7280 mill. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$34,218,190 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$36,885,813. The deficit of \$2,667,623 will be absorbed by the General Fund's Fund Balance.
- Awarded the general supply and athletic bid list as presented to the selected vendors at a total amount of \$33,810.28
- Resolution regarding the reimbursement to the General Fund from the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Notes
- **Clark Hill PLC** as the Bond Counsel for the Emergency Debt at a rate of \$20,000 plus \$300.00 to \$385.00 per hour for preparation and attending Hearings. **Janney Montgomery Scott** is awarded the Investment Banker Advisor to be compensated at a discount rate of \$6.50 per \$1,000.00 bond. Bond Counsel and the Investment Bankers will explore the possibility of debt restructuring.

Operations

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted the following policies:

- Section 900 of the Steel Valley Board Policy Manual
- Revisions to Policy 251 Homeless Students
- Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Revisions to Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics

The Board approved the following items:

- 2018-2019 **Steel Center for Career and Technical Education** Combined Budgets (Administrative, Operating, Perkins and Workforce Development) and approve the **Southeast Area Special Schools** 2018-2019 Administrative Budget as presented
- Sixth Amendment to Jointure Agreement with Southeast Area Special School as presented
- Seventh Amendment to Jointure Agreement with Steel Center for Career and Technical Education as presented

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted the donation of potting soil and compost from Lowes Home Improvement at the Waterfront for the Franklin Grows Garden
- Designated 133 white 17" iMac computers as unused equipment and approved disposal of the computers
- Move the internal placement program for secondary students from the Batch Center to the Franklin Administration Building for the 2018 – 2019 school year

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following:

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of **Mark Fallon** from a professional teaching position as a Social Studies teacher according to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 19, 2018
- Appointed **Nicole States** as point person and **Susan Wilder, Jonette Bost, Tony Verbanick, Jennifer Ambrozic, LuAnne Szczypinski** and **Tameka Akins** as staff for the 2018 Elementary Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$32.00 for 20 hours beginning June 19 through the week of July 12
- Appointed **Lori Oleksak, Traci Churilla, Lisa Lawson** and **Kristie Spotti** as special education teachers for the 2018 Extended School Year Program at a rate of \$32.00 per hour, and appointed **Melissa Ladik, Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Christine Furrick, Holli Bobick** and **Betty Lyons** as special education paraeducators for the 2018 ESY Program at their hourly rates
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Jamie Dolton** from the supplemental position of Varsity Swim Coach effective immediately
- Hired **Daniel Urban** as a substitute custodian at \$9.00 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing physical and drug screening exams and compliance with Act 168

Special Meeting

The School Board approved the following actions at the special meeting held on May 17, 2018:

- Adopted a resolution to seek court approval to permit the school district to issue notes necessary to pay unfunded debt incurred by the school district during this fiscal year
- Approved **Clark Hill PLC** to perform the services of Bond Counsel and be compensated at a rate of \$10,000 to Petition the Court and \$5,000 to file all applicable documents with DCED