



STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Memorial Books

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Minta J. Miner**d, aunt of Edward Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology; **Martin M. Giran**, brother of Jack Giran, retired Athletic/Activities Director; **Michael Cushion**, uncle of Jean Fedak, high school cafeteria worker; **Barbara Suto**, aunt of Michael Coyne, groundskeeper; **Robert E. Walendziewicz**, son of Teresa Walendziewicz, substitute food service worker; and **Mary M. Sobocinski**, retired secretary and mother of Karen and Joe Ducar, former School Board member. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mrs. Yuhas** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. **Isabella Furrick** introduced herself as the Junior Representative to the School Board and stated that she is looking forward to working with the School Board to relay the positive things happening in the schools. The students at Park School have been working hard and trying their best in the classroom, and more importantly, they have been very nice and kind to one another.

The Park School Book Fair was a huge success. The students loved the Officer Phil program, where they learned about being the best person they could be. The first graders were excited about Grandparents Day, which was held on September 27.

Senior Student Representative **Abigail Ferson** reported that the high school is focusing on increasing student attendance this year. They are conducting contests for grade levels, homerooms and individual students to promote the least amount of absences and tardies.

The first blood drive was held on September 19, which was organized and run by the **Student Council** and **Mrs. McCallister**. This was the first of three blood drives that would be held this year; the next blood drives will be held on December 19 and March 8. Community members are always welcome to donate at any of the blood drives. Thirty-seven donors registered and 29 blood products were collected. One unit of blood can save up to three lives; therefore, this drive helped support life for 87 hospital patients. There is a great need for blood due to the recent hurricanes. Two states will be out of commission for blood collections for an extended time, and all of the blood centers are trying to collect as much as possible for the national need.

The **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** sponsored a visit by the Safety Bug on September 22. The Safety Bug tested the driving skills of seniors and how their reaction time is affected when they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Some of the SADD student leaders will be teaching their peers how to check tire pressure and treads on their tires as part of the "Tread Wisely" campaign. They received free kits from the National Organization for Youth Safety for this peer-to-peer activity.

The **Student Government** is busy planning Homecoming Spirit Week. The themed days include:

Tired Tuesday	October 10
Color Wednesday	October 11
Throwback Thursday	October 12
Ironmen Maroon and Gold Day	October 13

The Student Government is also planning the semi-formal dance, which will be held at the Westwood Golf Club on Saturday, January 6, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

At the Middle School, Abby reported that weekly updates are communicated via the AlertNow system every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. The Middle School is utilizing an app based program called eBackpack, a cloud-based learning management system, which allows teachers to assign, annotate, collect and grade on any internet-connected device. Parental codes to the eBackpack system were sent home to parents in early September.

Ms. Ferson added that the students are excited to start another year and look forward to making it a great year for all students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer recognized **Colette Youngblood** and **Michael Terrick** with certificates from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for eight years of service on the Board of School Directors. Today, school districts are expected to offer more services along with world-class instruction, with limited resources. These expectations provide a tremendous challenge for school directors who are unpaid volunteers who work tirelessly, giving of their free time, away from their families to contribute to the schools and communities they serve. He thanked our long-term school directors for their dedicated years of volunteer service to our children, the communities and public education.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges reported that progress reports would be distributed on October 4. A districtwide early dismissal for students is scheduled on Friday, October 6, and there will be no school for students on Monday, October 9, due to a professional development day for staff.

Flu shots will be available for staff members on October 9 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Senior High School.

Mrs. Borges added that onsite mental health therapy is available to students provided by Mon Yough Community Services. More information on warning signs is available from the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that parents are able to login in to Edustar, the online grade system, but not the grade card. Apple released version 11.01 and 60% of the iPads have been updated. The remaining iPads will be updated over the weekend.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- August 21, 2017 worksession meeting
- August 24, 2017 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2016-2017 paid in 2017-2018 in the amount of \$17,162.27
- General Fund invoices for September 2017 in the amount of \$653,825.89
- General Fund hand checks for 2016-2017 paid in 2017-2018 in the amount of \$753.29
- General Fund hand checks for August 2017 in the amount of \$105,592.29
- General Fund Revenue Report for August 2017
- General Fund Expenditure Report for August 2017
- General Fund Balance Sheet for August 2017
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$24,350.79
- Food Service Revenue Report for August 2017
- Food Service Expenditure Report for August 2017
- Food Service Balance Sheet for August 2017
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2017
- Capital Projects Revenue Report for August 2017
- Capital Projects Expenditure Report for August 2017

- Capital Projects Balance Sheet for August 2017
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2017
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2017
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2017
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for August 2017
- Workers' Compensation Panel as presented
- Entering into a credit card for the Family and Consumer Science Department in care of Jamie Dolton, not to exceed a \$1,500 credit limit
- Temporary transfer of \$100,000 to the Food Service Fund from the General Fund
- Real estate refund to Donald E. Arnold and Margaret Brown in the amount of \$534.89

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- List of remaining bus/van drivers submitted by PA Coach and Mr. **Walter Baranowski** and Mr. **Keith Caito** that are currently driving for the district in the 2017-2018 school year

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Field trip request for the **History Club** members and chaperones to tour Boston, Massachusetts, and West Point, New York, on June 1-4, 2018, at no cost to the district
- Payment of \$350.00 for the disc jockey services at the winter semi-formal dance held on January 6, 2018
- Creation of a **3D Printing Club** for high school students for the 2017-2018 school year with Mr. **Randy Zirkle** as a volunteer sponsor

Educational Leadership

The Board designated a book title listed as surplus books and authorized the administration to dispose of the title listed.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Maria Heddleston** retroactive to August 23, 2017, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Gwen Berchok** retroactive to August 30, 2017, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Employment of **Christine Schott** as a substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year
- Supplemental coaches and sponsors for fall, winter and spring seasons as presented for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Volunteers as presented for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and a verification of volunteer form
- Settlement Agreement and Release and authorized the Board President to execute the agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and the Steel Valley Education Association as presented
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Colleen Andreyo**, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Melanie Zortea** from the position of cafeteria monitor at Park School, retroactive to September 21, 2017
- Hired **Jill Conway** to the 2.5 hour position as Park School Cafeteria Monitor with all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 and passing a physical exam and controlled substances screening, which must be completed within 30 days

- Hired **Alexandra Wagner** to the 3.5 hour position in food service at the Middle School at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, with a probationary rate of 90% or \$10.80 per hour for 90 calendar days and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon receipt of current Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168, and passing a physical exam and controlled substances screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Appointed **Nicole Mackey** to the position of full time Health Care Aide effective on a mutually agreed upon date at the hourly rate of \$10.10 per hour plus \$1.50 per hour for highly qualified status plus benefits as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing a physical exam and screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days
- Hired **Keith Caito** as a substitute in food service to be paid at the rate of \$8.50 per hour, contingent upon passing a physical exam and controlled substances screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Hired **Diane Lacey** as a substitute secretary to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 and passing a physical exam and controlled substances screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Hired **Carol Jasko** as a substitute secretary to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour and as a substitute food service worker at the rate of \$8.50 per hour, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 and passing a physical exam and controlled substances screening, which must be completed within 30 days
- Hired **Lyndon Thornton** as a substitute custodian to be paid at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, contingent upon compliance with Act 168 and passing a physical exam and controlled substances screening, which must be completed within 30 days