

**Regular Meeting**  
**Steel Valley School District Board of Directors**  
**Senior High School Library**  
**August 22, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar at 7:52 p.m.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Mrs. Fedor, Mr. Heddleston, Mrs. Kubancsek,  
Mr. Edward McCallister, Mr. Tim McCallister,  
Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Terrick, Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Ducar

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges, Ms. Kardos,  
Mr. Bichko, Mrs. Sabo

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

**Acknowledgements**

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. Douglas Dougherty*, cousin of Pam Terrick, School Board Member; *Mrs. Helen Timko*, grandmother of Jennifer Williams, Barrett teacher; *Mr. Harmon Jackson*, uncle of Toni Besh, Senior High teacher; *Mrs. Nellie Lonzo*, aunt of Dianne Cornetta, secretary, Superintendent's Office; *Mr. Dominic Serapigli*, father-in-law of Stephanie Bellini, Probation Officer and Mayor of the City of Clairton.

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to purchase memorial books to be placed into the district libraries in memory of the above departed.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

- Ms. Donna Dreshman questioned the Solicitor's appraiser fee and requested copies of Items 1.1.06 (SV Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense), 1.11(Payment of \$10,000 to the Carnegie Library of Homestead), 2.1 (Facility rental requests), 2.2 (Fundraising requests), 5.1(Letter of Agreement between the school district and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit), questioned Item 6.1 (Salary of Jill Fleming-Salopek as Secondary Literacy Coach at \$57,162), Item 6.4 Districtwide School Resource Officer; Item 6.7 (the deletion of creating the administrative position of Director of Facilities); and Item 6.8 (the approval of substitute teachers and nurses)

## President's Comments

Mr. Ducar: No report

## Solicitor's Report

**Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Terrick seconded the motion to authorize Mark Ackerman to do an appraisal for the Steel Valley School District on the Guardian Self Storage located at 1002 East Waterfront Drive, Munhall, Lot and Block Nos. 179-L-225 and 179-L-350 for an appraisal fee of \$2,500.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report

Mrs. Borges:

- Introduced Lisa Gamrat as the new part-time Speech Teacher

## **Director of Secondary Education Report**

Ms. Fenyus:

- Reported that her goals for the 2006-2007 school year are to form a community of teachers and learners that stress high expectations and academic rigor, orient new faculty members and provide them with curricular and instructional support, and maintain cohesiveness between the middle and high school staff. She will stress the importance of teaching in a culture of change and data driven instruction. Her curricular and instructional goals include providing teachers with scholarly research to benefit their professional development, planning and implementing professional development workshops that focus on data driven instruction, direct instruction, authentic assessment and reflective practice. In addition, she will share and model innovate teaching strategies with the staff that will challenge students academically. She will analyze and revise curriculum-writing projects in order to create a proper scope and sequence and rigor across disciplines and content areas and guide instruction for the PSSA preparation classes in the Middle School and Senior High School.

## **Grant and Special Programs Coordinator**

Mrs. Sabo:

- Announced that the elementary Educational Assistance Program (EAP) for tutoring begins Tuesday, September 5, after school for students in grades one through eight. Letters have been sent home to parents whose children are eligible to participate. She encouraged parents to permit their children to participate. The tutoring program in the high school will be conducted during the school day as a scheduled course for students in grades nine through twelve. The District has been awarded \$219,506 for the EAP Program during the 2006-2007 school year.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey:

- Reported that the last evening for *Meet the Principal Night* will be conducted on Wednesday, August 23, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin Primary Center and 7:00 p.m. at the Senior High School. The renovated auditorium will be showcased to the High School parents and students that evening.
- The first day of classes for students is Monday, August 28. Kindergarten and first grade students will report to their respective schools at 8:00 a.m. Parents are invited to join their children in the classroom until 8:30 a.m. Students in grades two through five will report at 10:00 a.m., and parents are welcome in the classroom until 10:30 a.m.
- At the Middle School, sixth grade students are to report at 8:10 a.m. for an orientation assembly. Students in grades seven and eight shall report to their homerooms at 9:45 a.m. Students in grade nine will report at 7:45 a.m. for orientation to the Senior High school. Students in grades ten through twelve shall report at 9:45 a.m. Students shall report at regular time for the remainder of the week.
- Announced that the District has a new phone system in place. All persons shall call the main number at 412-464-3600 and follow the prompts of the automated message or use the extension, if known.
- A three-day orientation for new teachers was conducted August 21-23 in the High school Library. Thursday, August 24, is a scheduled clerical day for all faculty and staff members to prepare their classrooms, and Friday, August 25, will be an inservice day for faculty and staff members.

### **Board Secretary's Report**

Mr. Bichko:

- The net profit from the clean out of the Woodlawn building was \$262.04.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded to approve the June 29, 2006, meeting minutes.** Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward

McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

## **Financial Management**

**Mrs. Sloan moved and Mr. Edward McCallister seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- General Fund invoices for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$275,433.11
- General Fund invoices for August 2006 in the amount of \$166,646.25
- General Fund hand checks for July 2006 in the amount of \$501,659.94
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2006
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$2,076.33
- SV Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expense
- Capital Improvements 2005 Statement of Income and Expenses
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$3,000.80
- Hand Checks/custodial in the amount of \$1,882.33
- Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$1,121.68
- Retroactively approve payment to FranJo Construction in the amount of \$122,859 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project identified as Payment Application No. 2
- Approve the payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117541 in the amount of \$1,720.31 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- Approve the payment of Burt Hill Invoice No. 0117969 in the amount of \$9,168.07 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation Project

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Sloan moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- Accept the newly offered Interest Rate Management Plan as presented by the district's Investment Bankers and Independent Financial Advisors, subject to the review and approval by the Board Solicitor Donald Fetzko and District Bond Counsel Anthony Ditka, and authorize the Board President, Vice President, Board Secretary and District Superintendent, as required, to execute the necessary documents to accept the offered Constant Maturity SWAP transaction
- Approve the payment of the first lease payment for the new computers to GE Capital Corporation in the amount of \$39,796.16 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund
- Approve payment of \$10,000 to the Carnegie Library of Homestead from the General Fund
- Approve the transfer of \$484,295.67 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund to the district's General fund as reimbursement for payments made by the General Fund for various capital projects through July 31, 2006

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### Operations

**Mrs. Kubancsek moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- The renewal of the contract with the Steel Valley Midget Football Association for the 2006-2007 school year for cleaning Campbell Athletic Field after all scheduled events on an as need basis at a cost of \$250 per event
- The agreement to lease to own with Xerox three (3) office machines at \$424.36 per month including all repair, maintenance and supplies except paper, staples at a per page cost for 60 months for the Business Office, High School and Middle School; and approve the agreement to lease to own with ComDoc three (3) office machines at \$637 per month including all repair, maintenance and supplies except, paper,

staples and per page cost for 60 months for the Superintendent's Office, Activities Office and Technology Office

- Authorize the District Business Office to proceed with the development of a program for maintenance, repair and any needed replacement of the roofs of the district's occupied instructional buildings

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

**Mrs. Cannon moved and Mrs. Kubancsek seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- The field trip by the Marching Band to Magic Music Days in Disneyland in Anaheim, California in April 2008
- Authorize the proper officers of the district to sign a contract for the purchase of meals from the district by Eloise & Edith Day School

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Special Assignments**

There were no action items or update.

### **Educational Leadership**

**Mrs. Terrick moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- To execute the Letter of Agreement between the school district and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide non-public services to low income students at St. Therese and Ascension Schools for the 2006-2007 school year

- The new Family and Consumer Science curriculum “Growing Up Ready” by Paxton/Patterson for the 2006-2007 school year at a cost of \$46,415 for the Middle School and Senior High School

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Negative: None. Motion carried.

### **Personnel Management**

**Mr. Edward McCallister moved and Mrs. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the following:**

- Appoint Jill Fleming-Salopek as a professional employee to the position of Secondary Academic Literacy Coach with salary and benefits based upon Step 14 of the Master’s salary effective with the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Appoint Maria Heddleston, Regina Takos, Jonette Bost, Amanada Olson, Kim Gennari and Steven Singer as facilitators for the educational Assistance Program (EAP) at a rate of \$30 per hour according to the collective bargaining agreement beginning September 5, 2006, through May 8, 2007
- Appoint Kathy Marzec, Cindy Kortz, Beth Stasik-Catterall, Melanie Tozzi, Erin Moore, Tara Toboz, Jessica Andzelik, Shanna Bradfield, Erin Cumming, Maribeth Meals, Karen Catterall, Rebecca Whelan, Becky Beynon, Jane Kulhanek, Debbie Hrabosky, Denise Barron, Susan Kaufold, Susan Wilder, Heather Pfeifer, Emilee Bedillion, Melissa Pentin, Ivan Braszo, Marguerite Luvara, Rebecca Kristen, Nicole Adams and Vonnie Smid as tutors at a rate of \$30 per hour according to the collective bargaining agreement; appoint Mary Jo Sklencar and Kathy Grimm as paraprofessionals at a rate of \$15 per hour according to the Educational Assistance Program (EAP) tutoring grant; and appoint Melissa Ladik as an aide at a rate of \$10 per hour according to the EAP tutoring grant beginning September 5, 2006, through May 8, 2007
- Approve the position description for a Districtwide School Resource Officer as presented



- Authorize the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to renew the contract with Physical Rehab, Inc., for physical therapy services at \$57 per hour as needed
- Appoint Dennis Zabelsky as school dentist for the 2006-2007 school year
- Approve substitute teachers and nurses per the attached list for the 2006-2007 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Appoint Jodi Geyer to the supplemental position of Junior Class sponsor at a stipend of \$931.32 and appoint Sharon Ellis to the supplemental position of Student Government sponsor at a stipend of \$2,211.89 for the 2006-2007 school year
- Appoint Michael Takos to the position of Personal Care/Special Education Aide at an hourly rate of \$7.00 contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances, First Aid/CPR certificate and passing the mandated physical exam and controlled substances screening beginning with the 2006-2007 school year
- Approve Michael Pons as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days
- Approve Lynne Kinney as a substitute in the Food Service Department at \$6.50 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable results of the district's mandated physical examination and drug screening beginning with the 2006-2007 school year
- Approve the extension of employment of two (2) student summer workers from the CISCO IT class at a rate of \$7.00 per hour not to exceed eight (8) hours per week without approval from the Superintendent's office and no fringe benefits are included

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Abstain: Heddleston on Item 6.2 (Facilitators for the EAP Tutoring Grant) Negative: None. Motion carried.

## Citizen Comments

- District resident Donna Dreshman thanked the Board for the final report on the Woodlawn contents sale; questioned the status of the Woodlawn building regarding its demolition; thanked the Board for completing the removal of the modular classrooms at the Barrett Elementary School; asked several questions about changing the current policy to extend the retention period for the board meeting tapes; asked how a member of the public could review minutes of prior meetings; and questioned the direction contained in the original district merger agreement as to the representation from each municipality.
- Retired Home Economics teacher Carol Resko presented additional comments in regard to the changes in Family consumer Science curriculum and her disagreement with the changes.

## Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by:



Michael F. Bichko  
Board Secretary