

Regular Meeting
Steel Valley School District Board of Directors
Senior High School Library
October 24, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Ducar at 7: 30 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

Absent: None

Also present: Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Bichko, Mr. Fetzko, Mrs. Borges,
Ms. Fenyus, Mrs. Sabo, Mr. Shawn McCallister and
Mr. Colebank

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following deaths in the Steel Valley School District families: *Mr. Samuel Sabo*, aunt of Jess Ann Sabo, instructional aide at Franklin Primary Center; *Mr. William Fenner*, uncle of Nancy Fenner, copy clerk and cafeteria monitor at Park Elementary; *Mr. Luke Haney*, father-in-law of Joe Nejman, retired guidance counselor; *Mrs. Genevieve R. Bandola*, mother of Connie Garrison, retired elementary teacher.

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

- Mrs. Paula Borsch commented on Items 6.8 (substitute teachers) and 6.4 (Athletic Director).
- Mr. Mike Terrick commented on the position of Athletic/Activities Director.
- Mrs. Kathy Ligeros questioned Item 2.5 (paving of the track surrounding Griffin Field), 6. 1 (appointing Director of Elementary Education and changing the status of the Athletic/Activities Director.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman commented on the need for more microphones in the auditorium; Items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.8 (facility rental requests, fundraising requests and bid specifications for replacement of windows in Park Elementary Gym); Item 4.1 (Resolution approving the Sixth Amendment to the Jointure Agreement); Item 5.1 (District's Strategic Plan) and Item 6.7 (the cost to the district of the attendance at the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.)
- Mrs. Ligeros questioned the wellness program.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar:

- Mr. William V. Campbell will be in attendance on November 17 at 4:00 p.m. for the dedication/ribbon cutting of the new James J. Campbell Middle School Gymnasium.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Fetzko:

- Mr. Fetzko discussed the need to secure the services of a certified appraiser in the Guardian Assessment Appeal and recommended Mr. Mark Ackerman, a licensed appraiser, at a cost not exceed \$3,500.00.
- Mrs. Fedor questioned Mr. Fetzko on his plan for collection of delinquent real estate taxes and the processing of installment payments; the availability of a delinquent tax collection report,

the necessity of issuing a 34-page opinion on a citizen's inquiry to a policy violation and the fees that he charges the school district.

Director of Secondary Education Report

Ms. Fenyus:

- The FBI Adopt-A School program begins October 25.
- The annual "Veteran's Day" program will be held at the Senior High School on November 17 at 9:00 a.m. The Middle School will hold its program on November 22.

Grant and Special Programs Coordinator's Report

Mrs. Sabo:

- Beginning in January, if enrollment meets the necessary criteria, the Community College of Allegheny County will offer the following two courses on Saturdays at the Senior High School – "Intro to Psychology" and "History of Women."
- Dr. Beverly School from the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be monitoring the EAP tutoring program at the Senior High School. Dr. School has previously evaluated programs at Barrett Elementary and the Middle School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey:

- On Friday, October 27, there will be no school for students. In the morning, teachers will be attending Mon Valley Learns programs held at numerous schools in the area. Teachers will then return to the district and participate in various in-service activities scheduled in the afternoon.
- Currently there are 175 teachers in the school district. Class sizes range from 25 at the secondary level to 19 at the elementary level.

Board Secretary's Report

Mr. Bichko: No report

Student Representatives' Reports

- Park Elementary now has a Library Club where students not only read, but also check the condition of books located on shelves.
- Barrett Elementary is holding a "Fun Night" and dance on October 26th for the first and second grade students
- The week of October 23rd is "Red Ribbon Week." Students learn the hazards of drugs and discuss alternative activities during health classes.
- Charlie Batch will be taking 40 "well-behaved" Barrett students to the circus on November 2nd.
- Franklin Primary Center will hold their Halloween parade on October 26th.
- Mrs. Roslyn Stulga, Park Elementary Art teacher, will be a presented at the "Gateway to the Arts" on November 1.
- Congratulations to Jessie McDonough, Homecoming Queen, and her Court which included Ashley Kondas, Tara Douglass, Angie Ruggieri, Callie Cortazzo, Julie Moore, Jenna Bence, Courtney Wrigley, Lauren Pipchok and Vanessa Weir.
- The Middle school began the "Study Island" program, a PSSA prep class which will assist in improving and increasing test scores.

Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Heddleston moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 28, September 13 and September 19. Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Kubancsek, Edward McCallister, Tim McCallister, Sloan, Terrick, Cannon and Ducar. Abstain: Ducar on September 13 minutes. Negative: None. Motion carried.

Financial Management

Mr. Heddleston moved and Mr. Ed McCallister seconded the motion to approve the following:

- General Fund accounts payable checks for September 15, 2006, in the amount of \$382,947.56
- General Fund accounts payable checks for September 22, 2006, in the amount of \$168,769.76
- General Fund accounts payable checks for September 29, 2006, in the amount of \$672,918.01
- Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2006
- General Fund Revenue Report for September 2006
- General Fund Expenditure Report for September 2006
- Capital Improvements 2000-2001 Statement of Income and Expenses for the month ending September 30, 2006
- Capital Improvements 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending September 30, 2006
- Hand Checks/Custodial in the amount of \$18,844.86
- Hand Checks/Middle School in the amount of \$1,343.00
- Hand Checks/Athletic in the amount of \$14,462.92
- General Fund invoices for October 2006 in the amount of \$257,640.90
- General Fund hand checks for October 2006 in the amount of \$15,338.81
- General Fund accounts payable checks for October 18, 2006, in the amount of \$45,342.77
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$52,389.45

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. Fedor requested a public meeting of the Financial Management Committee. Mr. Heddleston replied he would have the Superintendent's Office ask the committee members for dates of availability and then schedule a meeting.

Operations

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

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Approve the payment of Burt Hill invoices number 0118532 in the amount of \$2,361 as presented on their progress billing for the High School Auditorium Renovation project
- Approve the disposal of the sewing machines that are no longer in good working order
- Accept the bid from Coppola Construction, Inc., 1413 Schaufler Drive, West Homestead, PA, in the amount of \$3,500 for paving the fractured areas of pavement of the track surrounding Griffin Field
- Accept a donation of three flowering trees from the Munhall Garden Club to be planted in the front of the Senior High School
- Approve the agreement to lease to own with Xerox for five new office machines at \$5,849 per month including all repair, maintenance and supplies except paper, staples (60 months) and approve the service agreement on the donated Xerox machine, \$165 per month including all repair, maintenance and supplies except paper, staples and per page cost (36 months) for the school district
- Authorize the district's Business Office to advertise for competitive bids for the painting of the Park Elementary School Gymnasium with the cost of the project to be paid from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund
- Approve the donation of obsolete wall mirrors from the Woodlawn facility and the used wall safety mats from the High School Gymnasium to the youth club begin established by District Magistrate Thomas Torkowsky

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 Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Approve the award of the replacement of the cafeteria boiler tank at the high school, serving lines at Park and Barrett Elementary Schools, removal of old equipment, and plumbing and electrical work at a cost of \$41,527.50 as quoted at the state contract bid price.
- The creation of a chess club at the middle school/senior high school with Mrs. Maddigan and Mr. Ivan Braszo as volunteer sponsors

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. Terrick thanked the volunteer sponsors for their service to the chess club.

Special Assignments

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

- Adopt the resolution approving the Sixth Amendment to the Jointure Agreement to add the Bethel Park School District as a member of the Steel Center Area Vocational Technical Joint Board
- Hold a second reading and adopt Policy No. 142 Wellness

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

Educational Leadership

Mrs. Terrick moved and Mr. Tim McCallister seconded the motion to hold a first reading of the District's Strategic Plan.

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 Mr. Heddleston seconded the motion to approve the following:

- Appoint Carole Policastro to the administrative position of Director of Elementary Education at an annual salary of \$65,000 effective at a mutually agreed upon date between Steel Valley and East Allegheny School Districts, and contingent upon receipt of current clearances and her passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be reopened
- Change the status of Kelly Sabo from a long-term substitute to a permanent teacher assigned to Mathematics in the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary effective immediately
- Change the status of Richard Pireaux from a long-term substitute to a permanent teacher assigned to Mathematics in the Senior High School with salary and benefits based upon 1st step Bachelor's salary effective immediately
- Change the status of the position of Athletic/Activities Director from temporary to a permanent full-time position within the collective bargaining agreement effective immediately
- Appoint Katie Pugh as a tutor at Park School at a rate of \$30 per hour, Deirdre Kamauf as a tutor at Franklin Primary at a rate of \$30 per hour, and Sherri Titmus as a paraprofessional at a rate of \$15 per hour as part of the EAP tutoring grant from September 5, 2006, through May 8, 2007

- Authorize the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Services to contract with the Allegheny Children's Initiative, Inc., for psychological services at a rate of \$40 per hour
- Approve the attendance of Bethany Fenyus to the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development annual conference to be held November 19-21, 2006, in Hershey, PA, with costs to be covered by the school district
- Approve Barbara Thayer, Kelly Emro, Patricia Mitchell and Diane Toloczko as substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day thereafter
- Appoint Kevin Tomasic to the supplemental position of Technology Technician at Park Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year at a stipend of \$1,746.23
- Appoint LuAnne Szczypinski to the supplemental position of Technology Technician at Barrett Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year at a stipend of \$1,746.23
- Approve the 2006-2007 Department Head supplemental appointments as listed
- Authorize the creation of a Personal Care/Special Education Aide position
- Approve Carol Howley as a substitute aide and substitute cafeteria worker at the rate of \$6.50 per hour with no fringe benefits
- Approve Jessica Hahn as a substitute in the food service department at the rate of \$6.50 per hour contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Approve the volunteers as listed for the 2006-2007 school year contingent upon receipt of current Act 34 and 151 clearances
- Retroactively approve an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Rudy Valiska commencing on or about October 20, 2006
- Approve the creation of a four-hour cleaner position assigned to the high school and approve the accompanying job description
- Appoint Melissa McMahon to the position of four-hour cleaner assigned to the high school, at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, with no fringe benefits, effective October 25, 2006

Upon roll call the following members voted affirmatively: Fedor, Heddleston, Edward McCallister, Sloan and Ducar. Abstain: Tim McCallister on Item 6.4 (Change in status from temporary to permanent full-time position within the collective bargaining agreement for the Activities/Athletic Director.) Negative: Kubancsek, Terrick and Cannon on Item 6.4. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

- Mrs. Paula Borsch questioned Item 6.16 from minutes of September 26, 2006 and asked to check the vote.
- Ms. Donna Dreshman commented on Woodlawn and asked how many residency letters were returned.
- Mrs. Ligeros commented on the academic coaches.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by:



Michael F. Bichko
Board Secretary