



## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting  
April 21, 2016**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Daniel Sacco Jr.**, grandfather of Lisa Lawson, high school teacher; **Raymond F. Cush**, brother of Joy Kardos, retired food service director; **Edward J. Slava**, cousin of Clay Karadus, cyber school coordinator, and Mary Yuhas, Board member; **Andrew M. Vautier**, father of Drew Vautier, retired teacher; **Mary Napolitano**, retired cafeteria worker; and **William V. Campbell Jr.**, Friend of Steel Valley, 1958 Homestead graduate and 1987 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and commencement speaker. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mr. Bulger** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

### **President's Report**

**Ms. Colette Youngblood** reported that she visited the schools during the PSSA testing weeks, and she found a calming atmosphere in the buildings.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Wehrer** reported that Bill Campbell's family would be participating in the West Field Rededication on May 19.

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

**Mrs. Borges** announced the Educational Leadership Meeting of the School Board would be held on April 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Barrett Elementary School. The **National Honor Society** Induction ceremony will occur on May 6 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

During the week of May 9, exciting celebrations for **STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math)** will take place.

On May 9, the **Spring Arts Festival** will begin at 5:00 p.m. featuring student art displays, community mosaic and art demonstrations. Musical performances by middle and high school vocal ensembles, band and percussion ensembles and a senior vocal showcase will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

**Remaking Steel Valley: Title I Ironmen Innovation Night** will be held on May 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school with hands on activities for the whole family.

Barrett Elementary School's Annual **Title I Family Night Carnival and Creativity Fair** sponsored by Remake Learning will be held on May 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be an early dismissal for all students on May 10 to conduct professional development for the staff. The early dismissal times are as follows:

11:50 a.m.	Senior High School
12:00 p.m.	Franklin Primary Center
12:15 p.m.	Barrett Elementary School
12:15 p.m.	Park Elementary School
12:23 p.m.	Middle School

Also on May 10, Kindergarten registration will be held at Franklin Primary Center between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students must be five (5) years old by September 1, 2016, to be eligible for the full day program. Staff will conduct a readiness screening of upcoming kindergarten students. Free kindergarten readiness books and materials will be distributed to help prepare students over the summer.

The **Dr. Griffin Senior Honor Awards Banquet** will be conducted on May 12 at St. John's Cathedral Center.

### Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- March 22, 2016 worksession meeting
- March 30, 2016 regular meeting

### Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for March 2016 in the amount of \$1,074,850.44
- General Fund hand checks for March 2016 in the amount of \$1,242,401.56
- General Fund Revenue Report for March 2016
- General Fund Expenditure Report for March 2016
- General Fund Balance Sheet for March 2016
- Food Service Revenue Report for March 2016
- Food Service Expenditure Report for March 2016
- Food Service invoices for March 2016 in the amount of \$43,007.59
- Food Service Balance Sheet for March 2016
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2016
- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending March 31, 2016
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for March 2016
- Payments from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$1,575.56 to **Tower Engineering**, \$10,519.00 to **Kudravy Architects, LLC**, \$8,469.00 to **Delrey Windows**, and \$10,417.28 to **DES** for a total of \$30,980.84
- Exonerated the Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead tax collectors for the year 2015 for the uncollected amounts of \$263,020.98, \$645,429.79 and \$145,326.17 respectively
- Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2016-2017 with a millage rate of 22.013. The General Fund Revenues are projected at \$32,253,460 and the Expenditures are projected to be \$35,343,981. The deficit of \$3,090,521 will be absorbed by the General Fund Balance.

### Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
  - **Peter Caruso Company** for a base bid amount of \$494,690.00 and soft area square foot amount of \$2.40 for the Bituminous Paving Project for 2016
  - General Contractor **Swede Construction** \$66,800.00
  - Plumbing **John Haughey and Sons** \$66,800.00
  - HVAC **John Haughey and Sons** \$14,400.00
  - Electric **Golon Inc.** \$49,500.00
- for a total amount of \$197,500.00 covering the ADA Restroom Alterations for the 2016-2017 school year

## Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

## Special Assignments

The Board held second readings and adopted the revisions to Policy 217 Graduation and Policy 240 Awards.

## Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Special Education Plan report for July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019
- Comprehensive School Counseling Chapter 339 Plan
- Bringing a dog into Park Elementary School on a daily basis beginning in June 2016, contingent upon the dog passing the Canine Good Citizenship Test before working with students and continuing with advanced training

## Communications

The Board approved the following items:

- Sending the Superintendent to California to represent the school district at **Bill Campbell's** funeral
- Planning and hosting a memorial tribute to Bill Campbell on May 19 in coordination with the dedication of the West Field Project and in conjunction with community leaders

## Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for **Lisa Runco** effective May 2016
- Created a part-time 10-month secretarial position at the Middle School and approved the job description
- Unpaid leave of absence for **Virginia Franklin** retroactive to January 26, 2016, as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement
- Accepted, with regret, the resignations of **Michelle Blasko**, from the supplemental position of After School Program Coordinator at Park School, **Brittany Youngblood** from the positions of Middle School Girls Basketball Coach and Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- Accepted, with regret, the resignations of **Lori Cannon** from the position of Educational Computer Lab/Tutor at Barrett Elementary School retroactive to March 23, 2016, and **Lynan Cochrane** from the position of District Assessment Support on a mutually agreed upon date
- Appointed **Jennifer Merichko** and **Rikki Dunmire** to Districtwide KtO Support positions for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and no benefits for 27.5 hours per week, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing a health examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- **Barb Hurley** to be paid a stipend of \$15.00 per hour to be taken from AthLife Foundation Inc. Grant, and compensation may not exceed salary of \$4,282.84
- **Amy Lewkowicz**, **Jim Bartko** and **Wendy Ollis** as substitute staff for the KtO program for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, passing a health examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- **Pat Swindell** as the Junior High and Varsity Boys Volleyball athletic volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year