



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
July 30, 2015**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Dr. Helen S. Faison**, former Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent; **Clementine L. DeGiovanni**, retired elementary music teacher; **Andrew J. Banyas, III**, father-in-law of Jane Banyas, 1st grade teacher at Park School; and **Gerald G. Ford**, cousin of Loren Ford, Franklin custodian. It was moved by **Mr. Olson** and seconded by **Mrs. Steele** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer announced that 5th grade student **Lorraine West** was chosen as one of three "2015 Strong Award" recipients as part of the Strong Women, Strong Girls mentoring program. Strong Girls awards include young women, who through their actions, activities, leadership and positive influence on others, have proven themselves to be exceptional community members. Lorraine will be recognized August 21 at the Strong Awards Breakfast, and again by Allegheny County Council with a special proclamation on August 18. Mrs. **Betty Lyons**, Barrett's paraeducator and after school program coordinator, nominated Lorraine for this award.

Girls from both Barrett and Park Elementary Schools are invited to be part of this after school program each year.

The School Board Educational Leadership Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Elementary School, Room 203.

Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, students are now permitted to wear navy blue pants, shorts, jumpers, skirts, capris and skorts. No changes have been made to the color of tops. The collared shirts permitted to be worn by students are white, maroon, yellow, gold, black and gray.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges reported that she attended the Special Education Leadership Conference in Bedford. It was an exciting conference learning about gifted support, special education case law, early intervention for reading and the latest research regarding the neuroscience behind learning to read. Research strongly supports early intervention for reading difficulties and found that early intervention actually creates new neuro-pathways in the brain much faster than it does in later school years so intervening early is key.

She announced that the Franklin *Meet the Principal Night* would be held on August 17, and Park School will hold its *Meet the Principal Night* on August 18. Both will begin at 5:30 p.m. *Meet the Principal Night* at Barrett Elementary School is August 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that the work on the projection and soundboard in the high school auditorium has been completed.

The district will form a **Steel Valley Geek Squad** using secondary students to help support the districtwide iPad initiative. The district is adding additional email addresses for correspondence with parents and students.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- June 22, 2015 worksession meeting
- June 25, 2015 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2014-2015 paid in 2015-2016 in the amount of \$484,559.74
- General Fund invoices for July 2015 in the amount of \$57,810.60
- General Fund hand checks for June 2015 in the amount of \$1,021,615.68
- General Fund Revenue Report for June 2015
- General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2015
- General Fund Trial Balance for June 2015
- Food Service Revenue Report for June 2015
- Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2015
- Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2015
- Payroll Funding Transfers for June 2015
- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending June 30, 2015
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet
- Athletics Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense Statements
- Retirement Incentive Payments
- Refunds due as a result of a change in assessments in the amount of \$482.41 to **Charles & Maria Getty**, Lot & Block 132-C-1, for year 2014, and \$20,526.69 to **Rite Aid Corp.**, Lot & Block 130-H-150, for year 2013
- Payments from Capital Projects to **Allegheny City Electric, Inc.**, in the amount of \$28,571.25 and to **Delrey Windows, Inc.**, in the amount of \$3,883.50
- Created a Trust Fund and opened a bank account for the following:

Band Trip	\$2,704.11
Boys Basketball Club	\$2,547.97
Girls Basketball Club	\$22.95
Girls Soccer Club	\$1,513.16
Gridiron Club	\$298.72
MS PTO	\$9,013.74
- Created a Capital Projects checking and savings account at **First Commonwealth Bank** in Munhall

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Bituminous paving bid in the amount of \$146,450 to **Murin & Murn**
- Rejected all bids for the Park ADA bathroom project

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- **Primetime Shots, Inc.** as the school photographer for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years
- Approved, on a one-year basis, bagged lunches for away game events at a cost of \$4 per meal. The cost of the meal will be covered by the General Fund
- Band to pursue a spring trip to Disney including the possibility of air transportation. Field trip request must be submitted and approved by the School Board.

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted all policies in Section 300 of the Board Policy Manual.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Created the **Kids of Steel** program at the elementary and middle school levels
- Created the **Girls on Track** program at the middle school level

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Created two (2) full-time districtwide professional teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year
- Appointed **Jillian Braszo** to a temporary professional position for the 2015-2016 school year based upon Bachelor's Step 2 salary plus benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement and contingent upon passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- Appointed **Jeffrey Pingor** as a long-term substitute teacher for the 2015-2016 school year based upon Bachelor's Step 2 salary plus benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement and contingent upon passing the district's mandated screening for controlled substances and compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- Contracts for **Mrs. Cindy Delehanty, Ms. Kimberly Koebler Santez** and **Ms. Sarah Thompson** as certified school psychologists upon compliance with Act 168 of 2014
- **Dr. Dennis Zabelsky** as the school dentist for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, at the rate equal to the subsidy amount from the state, which is currently \$1.50 per exam
- Appointed **James Bartko** to the supplemental position of High School Golf Coach for the 2015-2016 school year
- Appointed activities and athletic supplementals for the 2015-2016 school year as listed, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Erica Pitacciato** from the position of Assistant Girls High School Soccer Coach retroactive to July 27, 2015
- Created a districtwide paraeducator position effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year
- Increased hourly rates for the respective substitute personnel groups:

Cafeteria workers	\$8.25
Custodians	\$9.00
Paraprofessionals (aides)	\$8.75
Secretaries	\$8.75
- Proposed Superintendent's Contract Extension

Special Board Meeting – July 15, 2015

The Board approved the following items:

- Held second reading and adopted revisions to Policy 221
- Held first reading of all policies in Section 300 of the Steel Valley Board Policy Manual
- Refinanced the Series of 2010 A, B and C issues with First Commonwealth Bank note at a rate of 1.87% as specified with the documents as presented