



Steel Valley School District

Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 30, 2014**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Virginia Katz**, sister of Gerri Wilson, Park School cafeteria worker; **Frederick M. Lebeda**, retired middle school/high school math teacher; **Catherine D. Johnston**, retired high school custodian, Homestead and Steel Valley School Districts; **Anna Rose Perri**, cousin of John Zenone, Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary. It was moved by **Ms. Youngblood** and seconded by **Mr. Olson** to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Donna Kiefer welcomed John Zenone as the newly appointed Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary.

She announced that the Steel Valley **Ironmen Football Team** would represent the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 7 on 7 tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent **Edward Wehrer** introduced **Dr. Bethany Fenyus**, Middle School Language Arts Teacher and coordinator of the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Dr. Fenyus thanked the School Board for providing the students with an opportunity for learning beyond the classroom, and she shared a PowerPoint presentation of the trip in May. Students **Kelsey McCafferty** and **Bret Nowowiejski** discussed their favorite memories of the trip. Bethany Fenyus added that the most memorable visits were of the memorials, monuments, museums and national zoo.

She also thanked **Mr. and Mrs. Lienhardt** for their donation, which allowed students to visit the American Indian museum and have lunch at the museum. Students experimented with entrees, such as, fried octopus, buffalo and wild boar at the restaurant.

Elementary Teacher **Cindy Kortz**, Middle School Teacher **Larry McKern**, Assistant Principal **Tom Shaughnessy** and **Barbara Lease**, Science Coordinator for the AIU, presented the new science curriculum. The Science Curriculum Team has developed a K-12 cohesive and developmentally appropriate science curriculum with project-based learning and hands-on activities and labs. The curriculum will be interactive with our SmartBoards and technology in the classroom. The Science Curriculum Team consists of **Sue Olsen, Yvette Logan, Yvonne Smid, Jeff Deabner, Ben Lander, Larry McKern, Cindy Kortz, and Nicole States**.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Diana Borges announced that Summer Reading Camp is going on at Barrett Elementary School this summer. Camp dates are July 7-17 and July 21-31 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Contact Alyson Fisher to register: afisher@steelvalleysd.org or 412-464-3600 ext. 5521.

Teachers from Park School, Barrett School and the Middle School are working on professional development for the schoolwide behavior support program this summer.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a proclamation for middle and high school students to participate in the West Mifflin Area School District's wrestling program.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- May 28, 2014 worksession meeting
- May 29, 2014 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May 2014 in the amount of \$345,449.55
- General Fund hand checks for May 2014 in the amount of \$275,670.13
- Food Service invoices for May 2014 in the amount of \$34,965.57
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2014
- General Fund Revenue Report for May 2014
- General Fund Expenditure Report for May 2014
- Treasurer's Report for May 2014
- Cafeteria Revenue Report for May 2014
- Cafeteria Expenditure Report for May 2014
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2014
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$8,445.84
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$6,310.59
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$1,575.41
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$281.30, as a result of a change in assessment, to **Ronald and Nellie Player**, for Lot & Block 132-F-142
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$428.11, as a result of a change in assessment, to **John S. Fitch**, for Lot & Block 180-A-210
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$605.21, as a result of a change in assessment, to **Dianne and Paul Cain**, for Lot & Block 132-F-150
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$85.63, as a result of a change in assessment, to **Harold L. and Elaine H. Phillips**, for Lot & Block 180-B-265
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$256.87, as a result of a change in assessment, to **Laurita Ann and Edward M. Churma**, for Lot & Block 133-S-190
- Real estate tax refund for year 2013 in the amount of \$135.03, as a result of a change in assessment, to **Patricia Sommers**, for Lot & Block 181-A-043
- Awarded bids for general school supplies for the 2014-2015 school year to vendors as presented at a total cost of \$9,110.85
- Renewed the district's workers' compensation insurance coverage for the period July 1, 2014, through and including July 1, 2015, at a cost of \$225,828 from Old Republic Insurance Company through PSBA Insurance Trust
- General Fund Budget for 2014-2015 with projected revenue of \$29,590,198 and projected expenditures of \$30,059,404 with no change in the millage rate, which is 21.31. The millage rate equates to a tax of \$2.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation, \$21.31 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$213.10 per \$10,000 of assessed valuation and \$2,131 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation

Mrs. Ballas thanked the **Safety Committee** for its efforts in reducing our workers' compensation insurance premium by \$5,000 this year.

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized CEOT (Center for Environmental & Occupational Training, Inc.) to perform the AHERA three-year re-inspection service at a total cost of \$1,000 and a cost of \$15.00 per sample if required
- Replacement of carpet in five classrooms in the middle school and also carpet in the middle school office
- Awarded bid proposal for pool renovations by Franjo Construction in the amount of \$236,000
- Awarded bid proposal for high school roof replacement by Tremco in the amount of \$503,254.40
- Retroactively approved advertising for bids for Park Elementary replacement of steam traps, heat exchanger and main boiler; DDC system throughout district buildings; and post frame metal building for storing district vehicles
- Rejected all bids for replacement of the DDC system
- Awarded bid for steam trap replacement at Park School to Honeywell for \$17,852 payable from either Capital Projects 2005 account or Capital Projects 2014 account
- Awarded bid for replacement of the main boiler at Park School to Honeywell for \$73,325 payable from either Capital Projects 2005 account or Capital Projects 2014 account
- Awarded bid for replacement of the heat exchanger in the annex boiler room at Park School to Quality Mechanical for \$22,770 payable from either Capital Projects 2005 account or Capital Projects 2014 account

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Primetime Shots as the student photographer for the 2014-2015 school year
- Attendance of the Varsity **Football Team** and Coaches to the National 7 on 7 Tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 13-16, 2014, at no cost to the district

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Addition of an after school high school course entitled “Creating Value” for the 2014-2015 school year
- Educational Services Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley School District for the 2014-2015 school year and authorized the appropriate officials to execute said agreement
- Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley School District to comply with Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program
- Accepted the donation from the **Campbell Educational and Community Foundation** of turf shoes to the Varsity Baseball Team

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for **Debra Wright** beginning August 26, 2014, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Recalled **Julie Miller** from the furlough list effective with the start of the 2014-2015 school year
- Renewed the agreement with **Rudolph Antoncic, III, MD**, as the school physician
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Jamie Dolton** from the position of 8th grade middle school girls volleyball head coach for the 2014-2015 school year
- Appointed **Lori Oleksak, Tameka Akins, Amy Selick, Kristin Vetro** and **Lisa Lawson** as the 2014 Extended School Year special education teachers and appoint **Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Mary Jo Craycraft, Melissa Ladik** and **Ashley Hanley** as the special education paraeducators for the 2014 Extended School Year program
- Approved **Roy C. Mort** to the position of full-time districtwide custodian at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$10.00 (\$8.50) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- Approved **Toi White** as a substitute secretary at the rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- Tabled the Memorandum of Understanding for an early retirement incentive for custodial staff
- Adopted the use of Form P-2 to review all support personnel

Previous Board Action

The Board held a second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 221 Dress and Language