



# Steel Valley School District

## Board Brief

**Board Meeting  
December 3, 2013**

### **Re-organization of the School Board**

Mayor Raymond Bodnar of Munhall and Mayor John Dindak of West Homestead conducted the swearing in ceremony of the re-elected and newly elected board members: **Susan Ballas, Coyleen Steele, Michael Terrick and Colette Youngblood.**

Congratulations to **Mrs. Donna Kiefer** on her election as Board President and **Ms. Colette Youngblood** as Vice President of the Board of School Directors.

The Board acknowledged the passing of **Georgeanne Keyock**, cousin of Jodi Geyer, Literacy Coach; **Charles Baughman**, father-in-law of Lauren Baughman, elementary principal; **Mark A. Merichko**, brother-in-law of Diana Merichko, high school cook; **Barbara J. Brown**, aunt of Yvette Logan, high school teacher; **Therese A. Droschak**, daughter of Margaret Forsythe, retired food service worker; **Harry C. Fry III**, brother-in-law of Sandy Fry and uncle of Shannon Fry, elementary teachers; and **Judy Seibert**, sister of Gerri Wilson, Park School cook. It was moved by **Ms. Youngblood** and seconded by **Mr. Terrick** to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative **Brandon Tomasic** reported many of the student activities at Franklin Primary Center in November. To name a few--the Queen of Hearts visited with students, a Title I Family Night was held, and the students enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. In December, the students will shop at Santa's Workshop. Kindergarten students will perform the *Littlest Christmas Tree* on December 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

At the Middle School, students and parents purchased books at the book fair. Eighth grade students are selling Sarris Candy to raise money for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C., and they attended an Edgar Allan Poe play, which correlates with their current readings.

The Keystone testing is taking place this week in Algebra, Literature and Biology at the High School. The Boys and Girls Basketball season will begin December 6 with a Boys Tip-Off Tournament at Brentwood and a Girls Tournament at Moon.

On December 13, The Future is Mine (TFIM) group will be visiting the Pittsburgh Filmmakers to edit their film.

The holiday concert will be held December 18 with the High School & Middle School Band performing at 6:00 p.m. and the High School Choir performing at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent **Ed Wehrer** distributed welcome packets to newly elected school director **Coyleen Steele** and the veteran school board members. The packet of information is designed to introduce PSBA to new members and assist new directors to make a seamless transition to their new role. Newly elected and re-elected school directors also received a certificate.

**Mr. Macuga** and **Mr. McCallister** congratulated the student athletes for their success on the field and in the classroom. Recognized this evening were the fall sports teams, players and the marching band for their academic and athletic accomplishments this year.

Certificates were presented to Varsity Football, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Marching Band, Girls Volleyball, Varsity Golf, Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country.

**Mr. McCallister** announced that our student athletes volunteered to move mattresses and box springs from the Marriott Hotel to the Rainbow Kitchen for future distribution.

**Mr. Wehrer** recognized the Steel Center Extra Effort Award winners. They have gone above what is expected or have made considerable improvement in the classroom or shop. Certificates of Recognition were presented to:

Anthony Wright	Advertising & Design
Brianna Miller	Cosmetology
Amanda Barnett	Health Assistant
Jillian Wellman	Health Assistant
Clarence Willis	Medium/Heavy Truck Technology

### **Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Ed Report**

**Mrs. Diana Borges** announced the upcoming month's school schedule and holiday performances:

#### **Early Dismissals:**

December 10	K-12 Early Dismissal
December 20	K-12 Early Dismissal

#### **Holiday Performances:**

December 17	Holiday Extravaganza	Park Elementary School	9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
December 18	<i>Littlest Christmas Tree</i>	Franklin Primary Center	1:00 p.m. @ HS Auditorium
December 19	Holiday Extravaganza	Barrett Elementary School	9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- October 15, 2013 worksession meeting
- October 22, 2013 regular meeting

### **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for October-November 2013 in the amount of \$1,015,913.99
- General Fund hand checks for October 2013 in the amount of \$560,046.19
- Food Service invoices for October-November 2013 in the amount of \$49,199.07
- Payroll Funding Transfers for October 2013
- General Fund Revenue Report for October 2013
- General Fund Expenditure Report for October 2013
- Cafeteria Revenue Reports for July-October 2013
- Cafeteria Expenditure Reports for July-October 2013
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending October 31, 2013
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$15,958.23
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$3,902.56
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$7,026.43
- Band invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$11,054.75
- Treasurer's Report for October 2013
- Authorized necessary budget transfer of \$200,000 from the cafeteria fund to the general fund for the 2013-2014 school year and additional list of transfers
- Adopted the resolution for the district's participation in the Joint Purchasing Board

- Authorized real estate tax refunds as a result of changes in assessed value to Aqtronix LLC, Lot & Block 132-D-00025 for \$678.73; John and Patricia Draganosky, Lot & Block 182-A-68 for \$665.48; Robert and Diana Portillo, Lot & Block 133-B-15 for \$419.76; and Anne Ashley Memorial Methodist Church, Lot & Block 180-E-196 for \$386.92

### **Operations**

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Appointed Hruska Plumbing as the provider of plumbing services for the district for the 2013-2014 school year at \$25 per man/hour and an overtime rate of \$37.50 per man/hour
- Appointed Canova Electric as the provider of electrical services for the district for the 2013-2014 school year at \$55 per man/hour

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Creation of a Middle School Art Club as a new student activity with Rachele Bersamina as a volunteer sponsor

### **Special Assignments**

The Board held first readings of the following policies:

- Policy No. 808 Food Services
- Policy No. 808.1 Lunch Accounts

Board Member **Tom Olson** congratulated **Mr. Kevin Rice**, Director of Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School, for earning the Director of the Year Award for Western Pennsylvania by Skills USA.

### **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Disposal of outdated educational materials as listed
- Delayed start for the high school on December 3, 4 & 5, 2013, to administer the Keystone Exam
- Adopted 2014 board meeting dates

### **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following items:

- Appointed Donald Fetzko, Esq., as chief negotiator for the collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Board of School Directors and the Steel Valley Education Association (SVEA)
- Family medical leave of absence for Christina Szott beginning February 23, 2014, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Denied grievance #13-237 from the Steel Valley Education Association
- Audit of human resource practices in the school district at no cost to the district
- Appointed Christine Furrick to the two-hour cafeteria monitor position at Park Elementary School at an hourly rate of \$7.25 and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement effective December 4, 2013
- Family medical leave of absence for Mick Pavasko beginning on or about December 2, 2013, not to exceed 60 days
- Karen Brooks 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
- Additional compensation to be paid to Lynn Bohin, Diane Kampetis and Darlene Koroly for performing some of the duties of a food service director