



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
February 11, 2002**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Jessie Mae Leacock, mother of David Santiago, Barrett student; Mr. Raymond N. Lonzo, uncle of Dianne Cornetta, Secretary to the Superintendent; Mr. Bernard Pollack, uncle of Mary Ann Smith, Park School instructor; Mr. Emmett Echols, grandfather of Ginny Nicholson, Park School instructor; Mr. Richard Dell, husband of Betty Dell, retired Senior High Secretary. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. Pat Metinko and Ms. Marion Kociban, Middle School Language Arts instructors, reported on the various ways their students can utilize the 16 new iBook laptop computers, purchased through the Campbell Grant. Reports and papers can now be typed. Final drafts can be revised, edited and corrected using these computers. Using Internet access, students are studying what life was back in the early 1900's, which coincides with their visit to The Pittsburgh Opera to see "Street Scene."
- Mrs. Beth McCallister, Middle School Math instructor, explained some of the new Math software utilized on the iBooks. The following students demonstrated some of the various Math programs available: Molly Johnston, Amanda Sabo, Melissa Kaufold, Juliana Sampson, Dan Powers, Corey Nevills, Ashley Kondas and Mike Cullenc
- Ms. Judith Stokes, ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor, recognized the following students for their academic accomplishments and awards: Paul Han, Sean Han, Khang Chou, Phong Chou, Mary Pham, Tommy Pham, My Kim Pham, Jeffrey Cao, Thomas Nguyen and Eric Nguyen.
- Dr. Janice Glunk recognized the Operation Weed and Seed funded MUSA grant proposal and thanked MUSA for the two laser printers awarded to Barrett Elementary to augment their computer lab. Additionally, Dr. Glunk would like to thank Reverend Cannistraci and Aldine Coleman for their support on behalf of the students in the Steel Valley School District.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- February 18, 2002 is an Inservice Day. There is no school for students.
- Congratulations to the following teachers on their nominations for the Teacher Excellence Award:

Toni Besh
Sandra Fry
William Lazaro
Mary Beth Maola
Susan Olsen
Denise Stephenson

William Edwards
Maria Heddleston
Susan Little
Kathy Marzec
Cathy Rochford
Jane Turoczy

Student Representatives' Report

- The Barrett Elementary PTO will meet on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Family Night at Barrett Elementary will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. featuring the works of Dr. Seuss.

- Park Elementary is having a Sarris Candy fundraiser, which concludes on February 20.
- The 5th grade "Wonder of Wonders" field trip is scheduled for February 25 and 26.
- On February 20, all Middle School 7th grade students will visit backstage at The Pittsburgh Opera and on February 21 they will see the production of "Street Scene" at the Byham Theater.
- The Senior High will hold a Valentine's Day Dance on February 16 sponsored by the baseball team.
- Steel Valley students in grades 6-12 have begun scheduling for next year.

Educational Leadership

- The Board adopted a 9th grade Science textbook titled "A Balanced Approach" for the 2002-03 school year.
- The Board adopted a new Biology textbook for grades 10-12 titled "Biology – An Ecological Approach" for the 2002-03 school year.
- The Board approved the addition of "The Skin I'm In," by Sharon G. Flake, to the Middle School reading list.

Financial Management

- The Board approved the following Financial Items:

General Fund Invoices	\$368,789.16
Title I Invoices	\$39,814.26
Custodial Invoices	\$882.66
Middle School Invoices	\$104.74
Band Trip	\$1,086.50
Activities Invoices/Hand Checks	\$450.00

- The Board accepted the audit report from Maher Duessel for the fiscal year ending 6/30/01.

Operations

- The Board approved Facility Rentals and Fundraising Requests as listed.
- The Board adopted revisions to Policy Nos. 222, 323, 423 and 523 Smoking.
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Personnel Management

- The Board authorized a one year sabbatical leave for restoration of health for Mr. Paul Kuszaj.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Carrie Nikoden, Special Education Instructor at Park Elementary.
- The Board appointed Ms. Francesca Norgren to a long-term substitute position in Special Education effective February 13, 2002.
- The Board appointed Nicholas Seech to the new position of Assistant JV Boys' Baseball Coach.
- The Board approved the following additional substitute teachers:

Carmella Pucci	Elementary Education
Matthew Janov	Physical Education
Christina Sierzega	Foreign Language
James Orris	Guidance

- The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Dolly Gregor, Secretary at the Middle School.
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Co-Curricular Leadership

- The Board approved the attendance of Dawn Kunca-Kapolka and approximately six students at the Teen Institute on March 14-15.
- The Board approved the attendance of seven Senior High gifted students to see "The Twelfth Night" at Seton Hill College.
 - General Fund Invoices \$151,392.79
 - General Fund Hand Checks \$1,042,914.16
 - General Fund Revenue Report
 - General Fund Expenditure Report
 - Food Service Invoices \$25,862.20

Previous Board Action

- The Board approved the following: Worksession Minutes of January 7 Meeting Minutes of January 14 2002-2003 Academic Handbooks for Grades 6-12 Financial Items:
 - Exonerate Homestead and Munhall Borough tax collectors
 - West Homestead Real Estate Tax Refunds
 - Homestead Real Estate Tax Refunds
 - Board Liability Insurance
 - Facility Rentals
 - Fundraising Requests
 - Disposal of Equipment
 - Purchase of Chairs for Park Elementary
 - Revisions to Policy Nos. 222, 323, 423 and 523 Smoking (First Reading)
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. Raymond Supak
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. James Nicholson
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. James Warden
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Katherine Barnes
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. George Barnes
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. James Baranowski
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. Regis Wolf
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. Joseph Nejman
 - Appointed Ms. Tammy L. Hall as a Temporary Professional Science Instructor
 - Appointed Ms. Susan Olsen as Science Department Chairperson
 - Approved Scott Houck, Peter Stoval and James Jaskowski as substitute teachers
 - Attendance of Aldine Coleman, Ray Supak, Carol McKenna and Sharon Dektor at the annual Federal Programs Conference
 - Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Brian Smith as Assistant Varsity Boys' Volleyball Coach
 - Spring Supplementals:
 - Baseball Head Coach Jim Bartko
 - Varsity Assistant Kevin Tomasic
 - Varsity Assistant Eric Chalus
 - Varsity Assistant Posting up February 5
 - Boys' Volleyball Head Coach Rick Owston
 - Varsity Assistant Resignation
 - Boys' Tennis Head Coach Maria Heddleston
 - Softball Head Coach Katie Getsy
 - Assistant Coach Posting up February 15
 - Extended leave of absence for Jill Fleming-Salopek, Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach
 - Approved Ms. Anita Crawford as a substitute Secretary and Food Service worker
 - Approved leave of absence for Sharon Yonkovitz
 - Approved attendance of Mrs. Maddigan and Mr. Braszo to the PAGE Conference
 - Appointed Ms. Therese Safko as a district wide Special Education Aide