



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 21, 2004**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Barbara Sneberger, sister of Ray Ferchak; Mrs. Vivien J. Phillips, mother of Geri Palmieri; Mrs. Margaret Schilling, grandmother of Rebecca Kristen; Mr. Joseph Moran, father of Tammy Hall; Mrs. Ruth Hanchak, sister-in-law of Carole Smart; Mrs. Nancy Ritter, sister-in-law of Carole Smart; Mr. Regis Martin, brother of Marcia Price; Mr. Robert Stephenson, uncle of Denise Stephenson; and Mrs. Helen Rousch, sister of Marge Forsythe. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Report

- Mrs. Bartko announced that the School Board is asking the community's input on the search for a Superintendent. Forms are available at the Carnegie Library of Homestead and will also be available at the Community Input meeting on June 22. All staff members and employees will receive surveys as well.
- Mrs. Bartko congratulated the students and parents of the Class of 2004. Commencement was a memorable experience, and she was honored to present the diplomas to the graduates.
- She also announced that numerous students received scholarships and academic recognition at the Senior Awards Assembly.
- The Board approved a settlement agreement

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Glunk presented The Honorable Tom Torkowsky with a Friend of Steel Valley award. Justice Torkowsky and the Law Committee planned and implemented the 1st Annual Law Week in the school district this year. Mock trials were held in all schools for students in third grade and above. The high school held a mock DUI crash scene and followed up with a DUI trial. There were many safety and law activities for students.
- The school district will receive \$308,000 for the Accountability Block Grant program. With these funds, the district will implement an all-day Kindergarten program beginning in the 2004-2005 school year. The teachers are working with a representative from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit planning a comprehensive full day program. There will also be an option for a half-day session.

This grant will also fund the appointment of a Literacy Coach to work with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers modeling strategies in the classroom, showing teachers how to use data to impact instruction and conducting professional development for the staff.

The funds will also be used to impact the social needs of students to improve learning. A mentoring program will be developed and an intervention team will look at the social needs of students and bring together social agencies and the mentoring components. Dr. Glunk noted that these three programs would impact on student achievement.

- Architect Rob Pillar of Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates will be presenting the findings of the Building Feasibility Study and the current condition of the district facilities at a Community Input meeting on Tuesday, June 22. The community at-large is invited to the presentation and to participate in roundtable discussions regarding the options of repair and/or new construction of our buildings. The meeting will be held in the High School cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. The school district is very interested in community input on this very important topic.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- **Dr. Kinavey announced the Steel Center Vocational-Technical School's Top of the Shop Award for the 2nd semester was awarded to Bobbie Sue Sabol in the area of carpentry.**
- **In addition, Mr. Revak announced the Extra Effort Awards at Steel Center, which were given to Adam Stype for Graphics Communications, Matt McDowell for Protective Services and Amy Nicholson for Meat Cutting. Seventy Steel Valley students are enrolled at Steel Center Vocational-Technical School for the 2004-2005 school year.**

Financial Management

The Board approved the the following list of bills:

- General Fund invoices for June 2004 in the amount of \$38,916.69
- General Fund hand checks for May 2004 in the amount of \$1,225,210.55
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$31,274.11
- Title I invoices in the amount of \$52,202.19
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$4,468.44
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$30.41
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$442.50
- Custodial/Hand Checks in the amount of \$17,770.89
- Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$17,089.50
- Band Trip/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,689.47

The Board approved:

- Munhall Borough real estate tax refunds for a total of \$11,281.84
- Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance through PSBA Insurance Trust for 2004-2005 at an annual premium of \$84,551 with the quarterly payment option
- Upgrade of the mailing machine to a digital mailing machine at a cost of \$150/month

Operations

The Board approved

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Administration to advertise and solicit bids for the boarding up of the Woodlawn building
- Donation of \$5,000 to the Carnegie Library of Homestead and authorized an additional contribution up to a limit of \$2,000 to match employee contributions
- Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates to facilitate a Community Input meeting on June 22 relative to the district's feasibility study at a cost of \$1,500
- Retain services of Mr. Leonard Nowicki to conduct a facility evaluation and present the completed evaluation to the Board at a cost not to exceed \$3,500
- Facility rental requests as presented
- Accept the proposal from Kees Waterproofing Systems to repair the exterior steps and landing at the Barrett Elementary School at a cost of \$2,400
- Sealing of the module roof occupied by the Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services as per the quote of \$1,296 payable to Applied Coatings Company

Co-Curricular Leadership

- The Board rejected the bids received and authorized the Business Manager to re-advertise for bids to include seeding the field.

Special Assignment Reports

- The Board approved the Steel Center Area Vocational -Technical School Operating Budget and Adult Education Program Budget as presented for the 2004-2005 school year.

Educational Leadership

The Board adopted the Prentice Hall series, Realidades, for the Spanish I program for the 2004-2005 school year at a total cost of \$6,356.40 plus shipping and handling costs.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Unpaid leave of absence for Russell Owston for the 2004-2005 school year
- Sabbatical leave for restoration of health for Dr. Carol McKenna beginning on or about December 6, 2004, through on or about December 5, 2005
- Medical leave of absence for Tom Vincent using his accumulated sick leave for the entire 2004-2005 school year
- Unpaid leave of absence for Jay Poroda effective August 6, 2004, through June 30, 2005
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Vince DePaolo from his position as 6th grade Language Arts instructor and waived the 120-day notification under the provisions of Article XXIX of the collective bargaining agreement effective June 12, 2004
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Nicholas DeMartino from his position as 6th and 7th grade Language Arts instructor and waived the 120-day notification under the provisions of Article XXIX of the collective bargaining agreement effective June 12, 2004
- Appointed Anthony Natale to a full-time temporary professional employee in Social Studies assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master's salary (\$36,760) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year
- Appointed Bradley Bachman to a full-time temporary professional employee in Language Arts, assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary (\$35,546) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year
- Approved Michelle Maddigan and Yvette Logan as core subject teachers and Carl Seidl as the physical education teacher for the 2004 high school summer school program at the rate of \$25/hour
- Authorized the administration to solicit quotations for school physician services for the 2004-2005 school year with the provision that the physician be engaged in family or general practice
- Appointed Jill Bakota as a half-time temporary professional employee in Social Studies assigned to the Middle School with salary and benefits prorated upon one-half of 2nd step Bachelor's salary (\$35,546) as per the collective bargaining agreement
- Re-appointed Jack Giran to the supplemental position of Athletic/Activities Director for the 2004-2005 school year
- Approved the attendance of Yvonne Smid to the Florida Master Naturalist Program to be held on June 14 – July 8, 2004, in Naples, Florida, and to cover the \$200 registration fee
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Tracey Miller from Yearbook Advisor, Rusty Owston from Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach and Environmental Club Sponsor and Bruce Campbell from Boys' Middle School Soccer Coach effective immediately
- Approved HelenJean Emro as a substitute secretary contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days at a rate of \$6.25 per hour

- Approved salary increases for the three confidential secretaries for the 2004-2005 school year as presented
- Denied Grievance No. 03-175
- Denied Grievance No. 03-176
- Approved hiring six (6) students to work 49 days over the summer at a rate of \$6.25 per hour.

Previous Board Action

The Board approved the following:

- General Fund invoices for June 2004 in the amount of \$334,874.24
- General Fund revenue report from April 2004
- General Fund expenditure report from April 2004
- Authorized real estate tax refund in the amount of \$689.74
- Presented the preliminary budget for the 2004-2005 school year
- Facility rentals as presented
- Unpaid family medical leave of absence for Jill Fleming-Salopek beginning May 28, 2004
- Appointed, retroactively, Eric Chalus, Kristy Williams and Deborah Hrabosky as tutors at Barrett, Park and the Middle Schools from May 3 – June 3
- Approved Lynn Bohin as a three-hour general worker in the high school cafeteria
- Unpaid leave of absence for Stephanie Harbulak from June 1 – June 11, 2004