



# Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting  
February 9, 2004**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of Mr. Joseph P. Gentile, Middle School Teacher and brother of Bill Gentile; Miss Alexis M. Vargo, Kindergarten student; Dr. William G. Kaliden, Jr., 1992 Steel Valley Commencement speaker; Mr. Paul Butler, father of Corey Beth Miller; Mrs. Florence Noll, grandmother of Jennifer Williams; and Mrs. Marie DeLuca, grandmother of Cindy DeLucar. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

## **President's Report**

- Mrs. Bartko commended the Crisis Management Team for their fantastic work counseling students, staff and teachers following the passing of Mr. Joseph Gentile

## **Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Glunk recognized Senior Michael McNeil for his achievement of Eagle Scout Rank. For his service project, Michael cleared and leveled the land and planted grass and shrubs adjacent to the Anne Ashley United Methodist Church.
- Children's author Anna Egan Smucker donated a copy of her book entitled, No Star Nights, to the Franklin Primary Center. The book describes growing up in a steel town with all the sights, smells and sounds.

## **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Kinavey announced that school would be in session on Monday, February 16, for students and staff. This is a make-up day for one of the school cancellations.
- Park School's fourth graders have learned sign language as part of a Great Idea Mini Grant received by Mrs. Kaufold from the Mon Valley Education Consortium. The students, teachers and staff members signed to the song entitled, What A Wonderful World. They also invited others to visit them to learn sign language. The students will be visiting the School for the Deaf and communicating with deaf students later this year.

## **Solicitor 's Report**

- .Mr. Fetzko reported that the real estate tax appeal hearing for WHEMCO will be held February 26.

## **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following items:

- General Fund invoices for February 2004 in the amount of \$202,288.67
- General Fund hand checks from December 2003 in the amount of \$1,302,942.21
- Food service invoices in the amount of \$22,124.26
- General Fund Revenue Report for December 2003

- General Fund Expenditure Report for December 2003
- Title I invoices in the amount of \$33,259.53
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$1,957.18
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$625.00
- Custodial/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,544.67
- Athletic/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,368.75
- Local audit report from Maher Duessel for fiscal year 2002-2003
- Real estate tax refunds in the Borough of Homestead totaling \$227.52
- Payment to School Security Services in the amount of \$7,633.72

## **Operations**

The Board approved the following:

- Facility rentals and fundraising requests

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following:

- 8th grade field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 21-22, 2004
- 8th grade field trip to the U.S. Holocaust Museum on April 6, 2004
- Payment to the Senior Reception Committee in the amount of \$2,500 to help defray the costs for the 2004 Senior Reception
- Payment to the Prom Committee to cover \$600 for the disc jockey's services and \$468 to cover the cost of security at the Prom to be held at Sheraton Station Square on May 14, 2004

## **Special Assignments**

Mr. Revak, school district representative to the Steel Center Advisory Board, announced that Steel Center Vocational-Technical School awarded Extra Effort Awards to the following students:

Chris Rudge	Diesel Mechanics
Kevin Coleman	HVAC
William Clifford	Protective Services
Scott Coles	Auto Mechanics

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the following:

- 2004-2005 Academic Handbooks for the Middle School and Senior High School
- Cooperative Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to conduct career education services with the students in the Student Support Center at a cost of \$1,479 from November 2003 through May 2004
- Declared the week of February 2-6 as National School Counseling Week

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following Personnel Items:

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Ms. Adrienne Miller from her position of Middle School Language Arts teacher at the close of the 2003-2004 school term
- Appointed Mr. Scott Meade to serve as Acting High School Principal during Mrs. Hines' absence effective on or about March 15 through May 14, 2004 or until Mrs. Hines returns

- Appointed Mr. Gene Bujdos to serve as Interim Assistant High School Principal effective on or about March 15 through May 14, 2004
- Appointed Ms. Jill Bakota as a long-term substitute assigned to Park Elementary School in Grade 2 for the second semester of the 2003-2004 school year or for the duration of Mrs. Pisula's leave of absence effective January 23, 2004
- Re-appointed the following facilitators from February 2 – June 30, 2004

Mrs. Julie Angelilli Franklin Primary  
 Mrs. Connie Garrison Grade 1, Park  
 Ms. Ginny Nicholson Grade 2, Park  
 Mrs. Katie Pugh Grade 3, Park  
 Mrs. Susan Kaufold Grade 4, Park  
 Mrs. Linda Terrick Grade 5, Park  
 Ms. Rebecca Beynon Special Areas, Park  
 Mrs. Denise Hayes Science, Middle School  
 Mrs. Beth McCallister Mathematics, Middle School  
 Mr. Shawn McCallister Social Studies, Middle School

- Ms. Kanz, Ms. Coggin, Ms. Drozd, Mr. Kubicsek, Ms. Mastroni, Mr. Seidl, Ms. Williams and Mr. Parilla as day-to-day substitute teachers/nurse for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year
- Attendance of Mr. Jack Giran to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Convention on March 17-21, 2004, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
- Attendance of Ms. Bethany Fenyus to the 2004 State Conference of the Pennsylvania Middle School Association on March 15, 2004, in State College, PA
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Richard Owston from the supplemental position of Jr. Varsity Wrestling coach
- Appointed the following supplementals  
 Jim Bartko Head Baseball Coach  
 Kevin Tomasic Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach  
 Eric Chalus Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach  
 Nick Seech Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach  
 Christian Marini Head Boys' Varsity Volleyball Coach  
 Katie Pugh Head Softball Coach  
 Jenn Lewis Varsity Assistant Softball Coach  
 Matt Janov Varsity Assistant Softball Coach  
 Eric Gress Head Girls' Volleyball Coach  
 Rebecca Russell Middle School Band  
 William Gentile Elementary Music
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Pat Ignatz from her position in the High School Food Service Department
- Ms. Nikki Rojtas as a tutor at Park School and Mr. Jason Dorio as a tutor at Barrett School at a rate of \$10 per hour