
Steel Valley School District Board Brief



**Board Meeting
June 9, 2003**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Esther Kiefer, sister-in-law of Donna Kiefer; Mrs. Reubenia Chamberlain, aunt of Aldine Coleman; Mrs. Elizabeth Rickenbach, grandmother of Tammy Hall; Mr. Charles McAlister, grandfather of Jill Fleming-Salopek and stepfather of Elva Cherep; Mrs. Florence Zecchini, grandmother of Becky Beynon; Mr. Lawrence Berwick, brother-in-law of Betty Lyons; and Mrs. Cleo Madera, great grandmother of Dave Emro. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Comments

- The Board cancelled the board meetings on July 7 and 14, 2003.
- The Board approved the meeting minutes from the May 5 worksession, the May 12 board meeting and the May 19 preliminary budget meeting.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. recognized the Steel Center "Top of the Shop" winners--John Mesko for Aircraft Mechanics and James Mosser for Machine Shop. Also recognized were the Extra Effort Award students. The following winners of this award were honored at a reception:

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| Bobbie Sue Sabol | Carpentry |
| Corey Amaya | Collision Repair & Refinishing |
| Nicole Stefanic | Health Assisting |
| Jessica Chedwick | Microcomputer Information Systems |

- Dr. Glunk presented certificates from the Mon Valley Education Consortium to the recipients of the Great Idea Grants. Dr. Beth Tully, Park Principal, and Kathleen Ligeros, a parent volunteer, created wall murals throughout the building displaying the academic standards in student-friendly language. Also recognized were Judith Stokes and Karen Catterall, third grade teachers from Barrett Elementary School, for their Teacher Grant entitled "Pin the State on the USA." They developed and created a magnetic map of the United States,

which was painted on a classroom wall. The students gathered information about each state and identified the states, cities, waterways and a tourist attraction in each state.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kinavey reported that the Senior Awards assembly would be held on Thursday, June 11, and the 2003 Commencement program will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell Athletic Field.
- Dr. Kinavey reported that the Franklin Primary PTO sponsored a celebration for the kindergarten students. Each student received a variety of books, notebooks, crayons, wipe off board and markers and scissors to practice reading and writing this summer. PTO officers Amy Ruffing, Jennifer Robson, Toni Stevens and Lisa Szczepankowski, and all the members of the PTO did a remarkable job this year.

Solicitor's Report

- The Board expelled a minor male student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year and for the 2003-2004 school year.

Student Representatives' Report

- Miss Samantha Koutsavlis announced the last day of school for students will be June 12, and Commencement will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell Athletic Field.

Fincancial Management

The Board approved the following Financial Items:

- General Fund invoices in the amount of \$99,385.98
- General Fund hand checks for May in the amount of \$1,181,468.58
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$28,174.17
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2003
- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2003
- Title I invoices in the amount of \$72,624.24
- Custodial Invoices in the amount of \$8,838.48
- Athletic Invoices in the amount of \$33.44
- Middle School in the amount of \$1,692.80
- Band Trip in the amount of \$2,221.34
- Band Trip/Custodial in the amount of \$4,155.08
- Custodial/Hand Checks in the amount of \$17,538.41
- Real estate tax refunds in Homestead totaling \$3,621.16
- Real estate tax refunds in Homestead totaling \$3,832.53
- Real estate tax refunds in Munhall totaling \$997.53
- Workers' Compensation Insurance from PSBA through Cusumano Insurance at a premium of \$75,324
- PNC Bank as depository for the PSDLAF beginning July 1, 2003
- Bid Awards for 2003-2004
- Appraisal for ASKO property by W. D. Biernacki & Associates at a cost of \$1,800

The Board will hold a meeting on Monday, June 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the High

School Conference Room to discuss proposed budget cuts, the bond issue, the fund balance, and other budget related issues.

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Facility rentals and fundraising requests as presented
- Held a second reading and adopted Policy No. 837 Health Insurance and Portability Accountability Act
- RAM Furniture Clinic to construct a storage cabinet to house the alumni plaques at a cost of \$2,300
- Accepted donations of money, plants, top soil and mulch from the Franklin PTO, Franklin Primary Pop Fund, Adult Education Committee, Mr. Scott Stevens, Mrs. Susan Vasilevich, Mr. Regis Robson and Home Depot
- Accepted donation of paperback books for the Middle School from the Weed and Seed program
- Network Access Corporation to provide firewall service for 2003-2004 at a cost of \$3,848.20
- Software maintenance agreement with ProSoft Technologies in the amount of \$942 per month

Co-Curricular Leadership

- The Board denied the request to establish a new student activity, Steel Valley Rhythm Club, for the 2003-2004 school year.

Special Assignment Report

- The Board approved the Steel Center Operating Budget and the Adult Education Program Budget for the 2003-2004 school year.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- Participation in the Power4Kids Reading Initiative study if chosen by the grantor
- Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for Special Education Services for the 2003-2004 school year

Personnel Management

- Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Mrs. Michelle Blasko beginning May 20 through August 24, 2003
- Resolution informing the long-term substitute teachers that their services will cease at the conclusion of the 2002-2003 school term
- Attendance of Mrs. Aldine Coleman to the CFL Leadership Conference in Philadelphia on June 16-18, 2003, at no cost to the district
- Payment of \$150 to Dr. William Englert to present a three-hour workshop to administrators on June 19
- Payment of \$500 to Wingspan Consulting Group for the HIPAA training on June 3
- Jennifer Awenowicz, Rebecca Beynon, Sharon Kampe, Virginia Nicholson, Paulette Smart, Sue Salapa, Maria Heddleston, Kathryn Andreyo, Janet Bett, Lori Kenavey, Kathy Marzec, Denise Stephenson, Jacelyn Pulleo and Kathy Grimm as teachers, substitutes, and a tutor for the 2003 Read to Succeed Summer Program at Park and Barrett Elementary Schools at the rate of \$25/hour for teachers and \$12.50/hour for tutors

- Appointed Mr. Shawn McCallister to the supplemental position of Boys' Basketball Head Varsity Coach
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Mark Schmidt from the supplemental position of Foreign Language Department Chairperson
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Jeff Catterall from the supplemental position of Middle School Girls' Soccer Coach
- Unpaid leave of absence for Ms. Anita Crawford beginning June 2 through June 6, 2003
- Unpaid leave of absence for Mr. Rudy Valiska beginning June 20 through June 27, 2003
- Agreement with UPMC Health System for services of a certified athletic trainer at a cost of \$15,000 for 2003-2004, \$15,500 for 2004-2005 and \$16,000 for 2005-2006
- New salary ranges and percentage increases for the confidential secretaries