



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 10, 2002**

The Board acknowledged the acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Eleanor Zecca, wife of Pete Zecca, retired teacher; Mrs. Beverly Premoshis, aunt of Rebecca Russell, middle school instructor; Mr. Robert Hinish, father of Jeremy Hinish, student at Franklin Primary Center; Mrs. Joyce Kashuba, sister-in-law of Pat Keener, Activities Office secretary; Mr. John A. Cornetta, brother-in-law of Dianne Cornetta, secretary in the Superintendent's Office; Mrs. Marian Kennedy, mother of Carolyn Griffiths, high school instructor; Mrs. Mary Pace, aunt of Carol Resko, high school instructor; and Mrs. Catherine Ruth, grandmother of Brandon Kazan, high school instructor. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

Superintendent's Report

- Miss Jillian Minuto, a 4th grade student at Park Elementary School, won 2nd place in a worldwide Art for Peace contest. The Art for Peace program encourages children around the world to break through language barriers and talk to each other through the exchange of peace-oriented artwork. Jillian is a student in Mrs. Kaufold's class, and the students in Mrs. Kaufold's classroom sent pictures to their pen pal school in Denmark and to many world leaders.
- Dr. Glunk announced that High School Junior Jessica Pachuta won an Honorable Mention at the Derek Freese Video Festival in Philadelphia for her animation What is the Soul? Jessica competed with students from all over the country.
- Steel Valley teachers, Carole Smart, Sandy Fry and Lori Mehalik, were recognized for their Great Idea Mini Grants. Mrs. Mehalik created a puppet library for her kindergarten students at Franklin Primary Center. Park School teachers, Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Fry, entitled their grant Muffins, Manners and More. The activities were designed around writing poetry and stories which incorporated manners. Students learned how to answer the telephone, set a table and make introductions, and the Garden Club sponsored a tea for the students to practice their manners.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kinavey announced Steel Valley Sandcastle Day will be Saturday, June 15.
- Mrs. Denise Hayes, middle school science instructor, initiated a Robotics Club for 6th grade students this year. The students entered the RoboOlympics contest and won awards for Team Spirit and Teamwork, won 2nd place in the Giant Slalom and won 3rd place in Figure Skating.

Educational Leadership

- The Board waived Policy No. 138 School Board Awards and authorized the purchase of a \$250 savings bond for Bryan Gardner, recipient of the 2002 Joseph R. Havrilla Citizenship Award. A policy revision will be made in September.
- Mr. Bonacorso announced that the school district received a \$50,000 donation from Mr. Campbell to repair the Campbell "A" Field and the Field House.

Financial Management

- The Board approved general fund invoices in the amount of \$113,491.36.
- The Board approved real estate tax refunds in the amounts of \$4,076.36 and \$268.66.
- The Board authorized, retroactively, Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to engage the services of Barone, Murtha, Shonberg and White for an appraisal of the Giant Eagle property at a cost of approximately \$3,000.

Operations

- The Board authorized payment to N. Cunzolo Associates in the amount of \$268.50 for services rendered on the Park School boiler replacement.
- The Board approved the facility usage requests.
- The Board approved a quote of \$1,395 from Clean Harbors for chemical waste disposal at the Senior High School.

Personnel Management

- The Board appointed Amy C. Rectenwald to a Temporary Professional position as a Middle School Librarian effective at the start of the 2002-2003 school term.
- The Board appointed Jack Giran to the supplemental position of Athletic/Activities Director for the 2002-2003 school year.
- The Board established an additional position of Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach.
- The Board approved Mr. Rick Fitzgibbons to prepare and submit the eRate application for Year 6 at a rate of \$25 per hour not to exceed 30 hours.

Special Assignments

- Mr. Revak reported that 88 Steel Valley students are enrolled at Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School for the 2002-2003 school year.
- Board President Keith O'Toole noted that he and Mr. Solomon will be attending Port Authority's public hearing on June 12 regarding the proposed reduction in the Steel Valley tripper service.

Previous Board Action

- The Board approved the following:

Awarded High School Diploma to WWII Veteran Raymond M. Vargo
Restructuring the Middle School to include grades 6, 7 and 8
Text adoption for Video Productions course entitled Rebel Without a Crew
Agreement with Temple University for consultant services
Custodial invoices in the amount of \$1,981.32
Bid Awards in the amount of \$160,288.91 for 2002-2003
Fundraising requests
Appointed Nick Seech to the Social Studies position at the Senior High School
Appointed Victoria Aliberti to the Elementary Guidance Counselor position at Park Elementary School and Franklin Primary Center
Accepted, with regret, resignation of John Strom from the position of Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach
Administrative Retreat on June 12-13
Teacher Tutors for the Reading Excellence Program at Park School: Rebecca Beynon, Maria Heddleston, Michelle Morrison, Virginia Nicholson, Jo Slekar, Sharon Kampe and Sandy Fry
Steel Center Operating Budget and the Adult Education Budget for 2002-2003
Presented the Preliminary Budget for 2002-2003
Meeting minutes of May 6, May 13 and May 20
Participation in the Consolidated Federal Programs for 2002-2003
Appeal to Commonwealth Court on cyber charter school withholdings if the school district's request for a hearing is denied
General Fund invoices in the amount of \$53,738.64
General Fund hand checks in the amount of \$1,040,556.79
General Fund Treasurer's Report for April 2002
Food Service invoices in the amount of \$23,777.48
Title I invoices in the amount of \$51,441.78
Athletic/Activities invoices totaling \$7,555.67
Real Estate tax refunds in the amounts of \$287.58 and \$238.96
Workers' Compensation Insurance for \$71,087
Citizens Bank as the depository/treasurer for 2002-2003
Agreement with Compu-Fix for computer equipment maintenance for \$3,311.70
Agreement with Verio to supply internet services
Resolution to cease services of the long-term substitute teachers for 2001-02
Appointed Steven Large, Jason Cendroski, Jennifer Williams, Rebecca Whelan and Regina Takos to temporary professional elementary positions for 2002-03
Appointed Steven Pulleo and Richard Owston to temporary professional positions in the area of Science at the Middle School for 2002-2003
Teacher and Para-professional Tutors for the Reading Excellence Program at Barrett Elementary School: Lori Kenavey, Karen Catterall, Denise Stephenson, Tony Verbanick, Jill Bakota, Jan Bett, Kathy Grimm, Betty Lyons and Julie Carroll
Teacher Tutors for the Reading Excellence Program at Franklin Primary Center: Eileen O'Toole, Shirley Feschuk, Lori Mehalik, Jennifer Awenowicz, Jane Kulhanek and Nicole Adams
Appointed Jennifer Coggin as Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Increased Middle School Gifted Instructor position to full-time status beginning with the 2002-2003 school year
Revised the SVEA collective bargaining agreement to allow professionals to place their retirement incentive into a tax sheltered account