



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
May 23, 2006**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Clarence Kohnak, uncle of Gail Meister, Senior High teacher; Mr. Louis Milke, grandfather of Shannon Fry, Middle School teacher; Mr. Jack Leskanic, uncle of Ed Wellman, Middle School teacher and Darlene Koroly, Middle School Food Service; Mrs. Mary Waratuke, aunt of Shirley Feschuk, Kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Beverly Swanson, aunt of Tameka Hutcherson, Barrett teacher; Mrs. Joan Dellidonne, aunt of Jill Bakota, Park teacher; Mrs. Mary Evanko, grandmother of Debra Hrabosky, Middle School teacher; Mrs. Maria Condosta, grandmother of Daniel Condosta, Middle School/Senior High teacher; Mr. Daniel Ross, uncle of Brandi Chalus, Park/Franklin Guidance Counselor; Mrs. Patricia Reddecliff, aunt of Lori Kenavey, Barrett teacher; Mr. Timothy Tarpey, uncle of Kathy Grimm, Barrett Instructional Aide; Mr. Albert Tyler, father-in-law of Rosemary Tyler, Senior High teacher; Mrs. Erma Holup, aunt of Donna Kiefer, Middle School custodian; Dr. Samuel A. Baker, cousin of Amber Thomas, School Nurse; Mrs. Bernadette Godec, aunt of Mary Cay Rojtas-Milliner, Senior High Librarian; Mr. Myron Strothers, uncle of Wanda Burwell; Barrett Cafeteria Monitor; Mr. John Yelenic, cousin of Dianne Cornetta, secretary to the Superintendent. In their memory, books will be placed into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Comments

- Mr. Joseph Ducar, Board President, thanked Mr. William V. Campbell for his generous donation to the school district for construction of a new Middle School Gymnasium. At the recent groundbreaking for the new gym, Mr. Campbell informed Mr. Ducar that he will be donating an additional \$15,000 for the summer football program. Mr. Campbell is also investigating a new program in conjunction with the National Football League for 9th graders.
- Mr. Ducar also thanked school district employees for coordinating the event as well as members of the media and community who were in attendance.

Solicitor's Report

- Board approved the following expulsions:

A minor male student for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and the entire 2006-07 school year

A minor male student from April 5, 2006 through April 4, 2007

A minor male student permanently

A minor female student from April 19, 2006 until June 30, 2007

Pupil Personnel & Special Services Report

- Mrs. Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Services, introduced Ms. Alice Mahler and Mr. Douglas Spencer from the Allegheny Children's Initiative, Inc., who have been working with students and families in the district. The Allegheny Children's Initiative provides behavioral health services including academics, peer or family relationships, depression, anger and bullying. The Initiative also provides educational workshops for parents, guardians, teachers and other school personnel and finds programs and services most suited to a child's individual need.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations to the Girls' Softball team and the Boys' Baseball team and their coaches on successful seasons.
- Park and Barrett Elementary Schools will present their Merit Awards on June 8

- Commencement will be held on June 9th at Campbell Field
- Congratulations to the Varsity Cheerleaders who presented the School Board with two First Place trophy's won during their recent competition in Baltimore, Maryland.

Board Secretary's Report

- Mr. Michael Bichko reported on the residency office's new enrollment and re-registration initiative taking place in the district.
- The Board approved the April 18 Worksession and April 25, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

General Fund invoices for May 2006 in the amount of	\$523,648.18
General Fund hand checks for April 2006 in the amount of	\$418,428.08
Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2006	
Revenue Report for March 2006	
Expenditure Report for March 2006	
Food Service invoices in the amount of	\$20,914.71
SV Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense	
Capital Improvements 2000-2001 State of Income and Expenses	
Custodial invoices in the amount of	\$1,000.00
Hand Checks/Custodial in the amount of	\$20,305.19
Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks in the amount of	\$210.00
Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of	\$7,507.00
Hand Checks/Band Trip	\$2,155.87
Reimbursement of \$13.00 to John Ackermann	
Real estate tax refund in the amount of \$751.99 to Edward J. & Lawrence J. McNeilis	
Retroactively transfer \$208,878.38 from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund to the district's General Fund as reimbursement for payments made by the General Fund for various capital projects for the period of February 24, 2006, through April 30, 2006	
Transfer of \$795,532.82 (principal of \$791,121.62 and interest of \$4,411.20) from the district's General Fund to the district's 2005 Capital Projects Account	
Request from Maiello Brungo Maiello for a preliminary evaluation of Lot and Block No. 89-S-100 at a cost not to exceed \$500	

Operations

The Board approved the following:

Facility rentals as presented

Fundraising requests as presented

Business Office to advertise for bids for refuse hauling and exterminator services for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years

Renew contract for photography services to Primetime Shots, Inc., of Munhall, PA for the 2006-07 school year, with an option to renew annually at the district's discretion with the proviso that the "child find" photograph and information be provided free of charge

Accept the donation of an Ivory Silk Lilac tree to be planted professionally on Park School grounds

Award the bid for the construction of a handicapped accessible ramp at the rear of Barrett Elementary to Marvana Construction Co in the amount of \$3,200 to be paid from the 2000-01 Capital Projects Account

Employment of up to three (3) student summer workers from the CISCO IT class, per Mr. Colebank's recommendation, for the period June 19 to August 18, 2006, at the rate of \$7.00 per hour for six hours per day. Benefits and duty-free non-compensated lunch hour are excluded

A lease-to-own agreement with Apple Computer to obtain 151 staff computers to be spread over three years at 0% for the replacement of computers and related equipment for the 2006-07 school year

Business Office to advertise for competitive bids for the replacement of the steamers, walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer in the High School Cafeteria

Business Office to advertise for bids for painting the High School Gymnasium and refurbish the High School tile floor

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

Adopt and purchase the textbook entitled, Elementary Statistics – Picturing the World, by Larson & Farber and published by Prentice Hall for the 2006-07 school year at an approximate cost of \$1,986.75 plus 10% shipping costs

The 2006-07 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Educational Services Agreement and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following Personnel items :

Accepted, with deep regret, the resignation of Keith O'Toole from the elected position of Member of the Steel Valley Board of School directors effective May 31, 2006

Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Karen Catterall retroactive to April 17 through on or about May 15, 2006, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration

Unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for Amber Thomas effective at the start of the 2006-07 school year not to exceed 12 weeks in duration

Appoint Heather Pfeifer to a permanent full-time position in Social Studies with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement

Appoint James Johnson to a permanent full-time position in biology with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Master's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon his passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appoint Jessica Joseph to a permanent full-time position in Language Arts with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appoint Jennifer Clugsten to a permanent full-time position in Secondary Art with salary and benefits based on 1st step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon her passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appoint Todd Rasbach as a long-term substitute in Social Studies with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school year and contingent upon receipt of current clearances, his passing a general physical exam and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances which must be completed within 30 days or the position will be re-opened

Appoint Emilee Bedillion to a permanent full-time position in Special Education with salary and benefits based on 2nd step Bachelor's salary to be determined by the successor collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-07 school

Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Emma Bugel from her position as a general worker in the cafeteria at Park Elementary School effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year

Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Thomas Donaldson from his position as custodian at Franklin Primary Center effective at the close of business on August 5, 2006

Authorized the proper officers to execute the agreement with UPMC Health Services for athletic training services at a cost of \$18,000 for the 2006-07 school year; \$19,000 for the 2007-08 school year; and \$20,000 for the 2008-09 school year

Approve Jeff Catterall to the supplemental position of 9th Grade Head Football Coach, Steve Molnar to the supplemental position of 9th grade Assistant Football Coach and Dan Drane, Justin Reichert, Jeff Pingor and Scott Pisula as football volunteers for the Fall 2006 season and contingent upon receipt of current clearances with the exception of Jeff Catterall and Dan Drane

Approve Josh Andreyo as a substitute custodian at \$8.75 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34 and 151 clearances and passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days

Approve the employment for up to six (6) student summer workers at the rate of \$7.25 per hour for a ten-week period commencing June 12, 2006 through and including August 25, 2006 as needed

Appoint Maria Heddleston, John Strom and Steven Singer to the positions of Summer Tutoring Facilitators beginning June 19 through July 27, 2006 at a rate of \$25 per the current collective bargaining agreement

Approve the services of John Yaklich at the rate of \$225 per diem not to exceed 20 days

Approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Steel Valley Education Association and the Steel Valley School District for the 2006-2007 through 2010-2011 school years

