



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
March 28, 2006**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mr. Robert Doebereiner, grandfather of Julie Doebereiner, Barrett teacher; Mrs. Elizabeth Zekany, mother of Lee Ann Zekany and aunt of Nancy Fenner; Mr. John Volk, uncle of Gwen Berchok, High School teacher; Mrs. Rena R. Lenze, mother of Adrienne Miller, retired teacher; Mr. Paul J. Glunk, son of Dr. Janice Glunk, retired superintendent; Mr. Joseph Szekely, father of Dr. Janice Glunk; Mr. Chal Uplinger, father of Kim Watkins, Secretary to the Superintendent; and Mr. Thomas F. McCarthy, former Board Member. It was moved by Mr. Ed McCallister and seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek to place books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries.

President's Comments

Mr. Ducar announced his acquittal on four charges.

Solicitor's Report

The Board expelled three minor male students for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and for the entire 2006-2007 school year.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced there would be no school for students from April 10-14 due to the scheduled Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, April 17.

The Barrett Elementary School will be presenting an All School Musical Revue "Education Rocks" on April 7 in the school's gym. Two performances will be conducted at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Warren Warren introduced Barrett Elementary School Library Media Specialist, LuAnn Szczypinski, who was instrumental in organizing Read Across America Day at Barrett on March 2. First grade students, selected staff and Officer Meals were highlighted on WQED's OnQ program showing the importance of Reading to children. Mrs. Szczypinski showed the video of the program at the board meeting. She also shared an Alphabet Book created by Mrs. Williams' 3rd grade class made for the Manager of Barnes & Noble. Mrs. Szczypinski also highlighted some of the new partnerships in the community, which were made during Read Across America Day.

The High School held a Career Fair for students to talk with over 60 professionals about a variety of careers in the arts, medicine, business, criminology, politics, theology, and the military. Thanks to Michelle Maddigan and the Mon Valley Education Consortium for making this a successful event.

The District received a donation of \$5,000 from the Mon Valley Education Consortium Mini Grant program for the creation of a piano lab in the Senior High School.

Dr. Warren thanked Mrs. Diana Borges for orchestrating savings in special education costs by taking over two additional classes for the 2006-2007 school year.

Student attendance was excellent during the taking of the PSSA tests.

The district received a donation of \$2,500 from Big Lots at its grand opening celebration.

The Senate and House are close to an agreement on property tax reform.

Director of Operational Services' Report

Mr. Bichko reported that the balance of the 2000-2001 Capital Project Fund is \$40,497.76, and the loan was paid in full in 2003.

The salvage and sale of items in the Woodlawn building amounted to a profit of \$1,309 to date.

Mr. Bichko noted that the wrong lights were installed into the emergency lighting system in the high school gym. He is working with the company to correct this problem.

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- February 14, 2006 Special Meeting
- February 14, 2006 Worksession Meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for March 2006 in the amount of \$340,501.12
- General Fund hand checks for February 2006 in the amount of \$422,377.95
- Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2006
- Revenue Report for January 2006
- Expenditure Report for January 2006
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$37,604.62
- Custodial invoices in the amount of \$7,143.44
- Athletic invoices in the amount of \$1,630.00
- Middle School invoices in the amount of \$456.68
- Hand Checks/Custodial in the amount of \$3,935.09
- Athletic Invoices/Hand Checks in the amount of \$2,181.76
- Middle School/Hand Checks in the amount of \$170.96
- Hand Checks/Band Trip in the amount of \$1,770.40

The Board approved the following items:

- Exonerated the Munhall Borough real estate tax collector for year 2005 in the amount of \$577,597.39
- Adopted the resolution that the school district agrees that the assessment appeal shall be settled and discontinued at the attached assessed values for the years 2003 through 2006 and authorizes Maiello Brungo and Maiello to execute a Tax Appeal Stipulation
- Adopted the resolution authorizing Maiello Brungo and Maiello to reject any forthcoming offer of settlement which would grant TGI Fridays an assessment reduction or which would sustain the current assessment of \$2,200,000; further, Maiello, Brungo and Maiello is authorized to obtain an appraisal update for years 2004, 2005 and 2006 to be used in the litigation of the appeal docketed by BV 04-0989

Operations

The Board approved the following:

- Facility rental requests as presented with the exception of Permit No. 3422
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Disposal of 686 obsolete textbooks as requested by High School Principal Leo Schlanger
- Sale of 14 additional shooting jackets to the Woodland Hills High School Rifle Team for the amount of \$490 (\$35 per individual jackets)
- Awarded the bid for two (2) sets of outdoor aluminum bleachers to C. M. Eichenlaub Co., of Pittsburgh, PA, in the amount of \$2,652.00 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- Retroactively awarded the bid for installation of fencing at Griffin Field and the replacement of the backstop to McGuire Fence, 120 West Marietta Street, Munhall, PA, at a cost of \$5,660 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- Retroactively awarded the bid for tree and brush removal at the Campbell Athletic Field to Bowman Landscaping and Tree Service, 4920 Interboro Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207, in the amount of \$5,725 to be paid from the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Account
- Capital Projects Funds Statement of Income and Expenses
- Awarded the auditorium project general contractor's bid to FranJo Construction including base bid plus all four (4) alternatives in the amount of \$476,500; the electrical bid to Right Electric including base bid and one (1) alternative in the amount of \$104,700; and authorize the submission of PDE-3074(a) to the Department of Education for non-reimbursable work
- Termination Settlement Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and SunGard Pentamation, Inc.
- Purchase of 16 SmartBoards, 16 Smart Airliner Wireless Slates, 27 LCD Projectors, 27 Ceiling Mounts and 2 Floor Stands at the State PEPPM pricing total of \$55,055 from SmartEd Services, 1821 East 40th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and for the payment to be made from the 2005 Capital Projects Fund

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Payment of \$700 for the services of a disc jockey and up to \$300 for security at the prom to be held at the Omni Westin William Penn Hotel on May 12, 2006
- Field trip by the Spanish Club to the Hispanic-Flamenco Ballet in Barberton, Ohio, on March 27, 2006
- Field trip by the high school cheerleaders to compete at Six Flags American in Largo, Maryland, and funds in the amount of \$3,176 to the Cheerleader Parent Group to cover the expenses for the trip

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following:

- Held second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 202 Eligibility of Non-Resident Students, Policy No. 202.1 Proof of Residence and Policy No. 202.2 Court Orders
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy No. 216 Student Records
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy No. 237 Behavior Support for Exceptional Children
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy 217 Graduation Requirements

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following:

- 2006-2007 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget totaling \$3,503,000
- Authorized the Administration to notify the AIU that the district intends to take over one or both of the Secondary Learning Support programs at the Middle School and Senior High School effective for the 2006-2007 school year consistent with "Transfer of Entity" state legislation.
- Held a first reading of the list of High School course descriptions for the 2006-2007 school year.

- Appointed Martha Sloan and Keith O'Toole as the Board Representatives to the e-Strategic Planning Committee

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following:

- Authorized the creation of a half-time Speech and Language Pathologist position effective immediately
- Appointed Jonette Bost to a permanent full-time position in Elementary Education with salary and benefits based on 5th step Master's salary (to be determined) as per the collective bargaining agreement effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year
- Granted Yvette Logan two (2) days of unpaid leave of absence on September 28-29, 2006
- Unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Mrs. Katie Pugh retroactive to November 21, 2005, through the end of the 2005-2006 school term
- Megan Davern, Amber Nassan, Patricia Gruber and Catherine Hughes as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$75/day for the first 30 days and \$100/day thereafter
- Attendance of Diana Borges to the PA Association of Pupil Services Administrators Conference in Lancaster, PA, from April 23-25, 2006
- Posting the position of Barrett Elementary Principal for the 2006-2007 school year
- Sports and activities supplemental appointments and volunteers as listed for the Spring and Fall 2006 season
- Employment of Thomas Masley, Denise Hayes, Barbara Miller, Grace James, Daniel Karas and Donald Foulks for the 4-hour cleaner positions and subject to the district's determined need for these positions and the applicant's passing of the required physical and mandatory drug screening
- Jennifer Woolley as a substitute secretary and instructional aide for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$6.50 per hour
- Denied Grievance No. 06-01 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association
- Denied Grievance No. 06-02 from the Secretarial/Aide Educational Support Personnel Association by stating there was no violation of the collective bargaining agreement
- Respond to Grievance No. 06-03 by reposting the position of Secretary in the Athletic/Activities Office at a minimum annual salary of \$15,000
- Authorized the Business Office to prepare a training session for the 4-hour cleaners to be conducted by Fagan Sanitary Supply at no cost to the district beyond the wages of the participants
- Unpaid leave of absence for the period of March 24, 2006, until on or about April 24, 2006, under the Family Medical Leave Act for Loren Ford