



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
October 28, 2008**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Paul A. Roman, retired math teacher; Mary Bobick, mother-in-law of Holli Bobick and aunt of Joe Ducar; Kayla L. Fisher, sister of Sharon Fisher; Darlene Jackson, aunt of Sharon Fisher; Robert Henderson, Jr., uncle of Sharon Fisher; Helen J. Policastro, aunt of Dr. Carole Policastro; June Gray, cousin of Kathy Marzec; Aquilla Santucci, grandmother of Erin Noblet; James Miskovich, cousin of Donna Kiefer; Hughey J. Mathews, grandfather of Kevin Tomasic; George Takos, uncle of Mike Takos; Leonard L. Fleming, grandfather of Regina Takos; and Lena Cardinale, grandmother of Richard Pireaux. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mr. Ducar to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Vice President's Report

Mrs. Terrick thanked the parents and staff of Barrett and Park Elementary Schools for their cooperation during the Park School roof abatement.

She congratulated the varsity girls' soccer and volleyball teams for their outstanding seasons. She recognized the marching band as grand champions at a recent band competition.

Dual enrollment information will be available at the parent/teacher conferences.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that the Park School roof replacement would be completed at the end of the week.

The Veterans Day programs will be held as follows:

Wednesday, November 5	9:15 a.m.	Barrett Elementary School
Thursday, November 6	9:00 a.m.	Senior High School
Friday, November 7	9:30 a.m.	Park Elementary School

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges announced that the district received a \$45,000 special education performance grant for school-based behavioral health to be used for bullying prevention programs at Barrett and the middle school and a mental health therapist to work within the middle school emotional support class.

High School Counselor Jason Novak highlighted the counseling services at the Senior High School.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

The High School Improvement Team comprised of Leo Schlanger, High School Principal; Ed Colebank, Director of Academics, Information & Technology; Mrs. Fleming-Salopek, Academic Literacy Coach; Emilee

Garcia, Special Education Teacher; and Beth McCallister, Academic Math Coach presented a two-year school improvement plan for the high school.

Mr. Colebank announced that the district would begin using EdLine, a web-based grade book, for parents and students to view grades and attendance online. Parents will receive information in the mail next week with their access code to the program.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro announced that the district will partner with the University of Pittsburgh to receive services worth approximately \$19,000 for a Kindergarten transition program.

Student Representatives' Reports

Junior Kaitlyn Baran reported that the Munhall Fire Department will present a safety program to the Franklin Primary students on October 30. The kindergarten students will also parade in their Halloween costumes in the afternoon. The Queen of Hearts visited Franklin in October.

Park School students and staff will hold the annual Make-A-Wish Parade and fundraiser on October 31 at 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Park School is occurring after school for students in grades 3-5.

Barrett Elementary School held a Family Night on October 15 kicking off a year-long program "Year of the Book: Barrett Reads" to increase parent awareness and participation in education. The schoolwide goal is to read 10,000 books during this school year. Students made book boxes for their home libraries while parents participated in workshops with school staff as well as community organizations.

Miss Miriam McBeth congratulated the Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball teams for making the WPIAL playoffs.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at the Middle School and High School on Wednesday, November 12 from Noon – 3:00 and 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Flu vaccines will be available at the High School on the same date for \$23 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

On Friday, November 14, Bill Campbell and special guests will be speaking with high school students.

Miss McBeth announced the Steel Valley Drama Club will present *Hedda Gabler* on November 20-22 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a resolution permanently expelling a minor male student.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of the September 16 and 23, 2008 board meetings.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for October 2008 in the amount of \$470,376.11
- General Fund hand checks for September 2008 in the amount of \$629,456.45
- Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2008
- Treasurers' Reports for June and July 2008
- General Fund Revenue Report for August 2008
- General Fund Expenditure Report for August 2008

- Food Service invoices for October 2008 in the amount of \$64,266.27
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending August 31, 2008
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending September 30, 2008
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending September 30, 2008
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$8,841.34
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$8,571.73
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$2,543.57
- Adopted the resolution to participate in the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA)

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the French Club to attend a field trip to Quebec City and Montreal, Canada, on February 12-16, 2009, at no cost to the district.

The Board approved the marching band to leave after school on November 6 for the National Band Competition in Annapolis, Maryland, at no cost to the district.

Special Assignments

The Board held a first reading of new Policy No. 800 Records Management and revisions to Policy No. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Special Education Performance Grant/School Based Behavioral Health Grant Contract for Services and authorized the appropriate officials to execute said agreement
- *Getting Results!* 2009 to 2010 Continuous School Improvement Plan for the Senior High School

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Julie Miller to a professional employee position in Health/Physical Education assigned to the Senior High School with salary based upon Step 2 Bachelor's level and fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement effective November 24, 2008, and contingent upon her passing a general physical examination and the mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Nicole Goga to a long-term substitute position for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school term in the area of Science and assigned to the Middle School retroactive to September 24, 2008, based upon Step 1 Bachelor's salary and fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon her passing a general physical examination, which must be completed in 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Brian Keesecker as a long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher assigned to Franklin Primary Center with salary based upon Step 1 Bachelor's level and fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement effective October 29, 2008, and contingent upon receipt of current Act 34 and Act 114 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for

- controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days or the position will be re-opened
- Middle School Teacher Ed Tozzi to attend the Committee for Children-Second Step Program in Seattle, Washington, on December 9-11, 2008, paid for through the Second Step grant
 - New supplemental for a middle school yearbook sponsor effective for the 2008-2009 school year with the stipend to be agreed upon by the School Board and the Steel Valley Education Association
 - Accepted the resignations of Steve Large as Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, Cristin Sargo as Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, Amanda Linder as Art Club sponsor and Bryan Macuga as Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach
 - Russ Gill as the Head Varsity Wrestling Coach and Alex Stright as the Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - Susan Salapa as the Middle School Drama Club sponsor
 - David Morus, Kathleen Milanak, Nicholas Sworden, Terry Brown Groce, and Jacob Hess as day-to-day substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
 - Attached list of volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year, contingent upon receipt of current Act 34 and 151 clearances
 - Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mary Lebeda from her position of general worker in the Senior High School cafeteria, retroactive to September 29, 2008
 - Traci Riley as a general worker in the Park Elementary cafeteria, 2.5 hours per day, at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$9.60 (\$8.16) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, effective October 29, 2008
 - Terry Brown Groce as a substitute in the food service department and as an instructional aide at \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
 - Joyce Kornacki as a substitute secretary and instructional aide at \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
 - Christian Killings as a substitute custodian at \$8.75 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 114 and 151 clearances, passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances