



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
May 26, 2009**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Jean M. Davis, grandmother of Erin Noblet, middle school teacher and aunt of Mary Jo Sklencar, Barrett paraeducator; Mary Matis, aunt of Michelle Maddigan, gifted support teacher; and Wyatt M. Barker, nephew of Dr. Kinavey, Superintendent. It was moved by Mr. Natale and seconded by Mrs. Kubancsek to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced there would be no school for students on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 & 3. The Kennywood picnic would be held on June 2, and a teacher inservice day is scheduled for June 3. The inservice day for employees focuses on training and wellness. Employees will have an opportunity to be certified in CPR, trained on SmartBoards and receive CPI training. They will also be able to participate in free health screenings and sports activities, such as, swimming, walking, volleyball, basketball and softball.

The Senior Awards ceremony will take place on Friday, June 5, in the high school auditorium. The 2009 Commencement exercises will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at the Campbell "A" Field beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The following middle school students were recognized for meeting the Accelerated Reader Book Challenge by reading at least 15 books and passing the tests in addition to their regular reading in language arts:

Sarah Pounds	Maura McGuire	Tyler Smith
Khang Chau	Chelsea Pearson	Nathan Knorpp
Connor Langan	Derek Marcone	Delancy Lewis
Betsy Novotny	Passion Jetter	Brandon Tomasic
Mary Pham	Shane McGuire	Nick Borsch
Michael Borsch	Hailey Smith	Jasmine McCutcheon
Julia Lichtenfels	David Salapa	Chelsea Cannon
Shane King	Julie Robson	Adeziah Hughes
Dom Keyes	Michael Kraycar	Tu Duc Ho
Ryan Lasek	Amber Travis	Carley Rosso
Leah Gatto	Eric Fetsko	Brittany Furlong
Natalie Reedy	Haley Brand	Amina Wilson
Asata Owens	Keyonna Hardy	Joseph Yano
Joseph Neutrelle	Cole Eged	Jennifer Brizes
Isis Cox		

Also recognized were Mrs. Terrie Hoffman, middle school librarian, and language arts

teachers Mrs. Susan Salapa and Mrs. Heather Huber for their encouragement.

Mrs. Jill Fleming-Salopek and Mrs. Michelle Maddigan, sponsors of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club, recognized student members who volunteered for training and participated in the Allegheny County Tobacco Prevention program.

Ms. Jamie Moder of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit brought the district many opportunities for the students to teach their peers about the dangers of tobacco, coordinate an anti-tobacco expo at the middle school, and coordinate a community event at the Waterfront this year. Ms. Moder presented the district with a \$500 mini grant to continue the work started this year.

Students who participated in the training and activities this year were:

Kaitlynn Findlay	Kelli Findlay	Taylor Szczepankowski
Nikki Kwolek	Taylor Stevens	Emily Olson
Tim Szalkay	Lauren Clark	Nicole Drane
Aaron Faux	Destenee Fuller	Ashley McCallister
Ryan Brennan	Liz Lengyl	Sam Clark
Courtney Ross	Meghan Wolf	Kenny Baurle
Jacque Joll	Jonah Labishak	

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Borges reminded parents to have their children's immunizations updated according to the state mandates.

She also asked all parent groups to submit their meeting dates and other activities for placement in the 2009-2010 district calendar by June 1.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank reported there would be an early dismissal for high school students only on June 9.

The middle school student schedules are completed and were sent home with students on May 26. The high school student schedules will be sent out on the last day of school. Parents and students have two weeks to request any changes.

Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Policastro reported that Friday, May 29, is Step-Up Day for all fifth grade students. Students from Barrett and Park Schools will enjoy activities together and tour the middle school building.

The district will be offering Spanish in Kindergarten and first grade during the 2009-2010 school year. This is the second year of Spanish in the elementary schools. The following year, 2nd grade will receive instruction in Spanish.

Dr. Policastro announced that Kindergarten registration would be held on June 4 at Barrett Elementary School from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. The Allegheny County Health

Department will provide free immunizations for children in grades K-12. Parents must be present and bring their child's immunization record.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a resolution approving a three-year contract between the Steel Valley School Board and Dr. William Kinavey, Superintendent, from July 25, 2009, through July 24, 2012.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

- April 21, 2009 worksession meeting
- April 28, 2009 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May 2009 in the amount of \$626,711.58
- General Fund hand checks for April 2009 in the amount of \$388,109.75
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for April 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for April 2009
- Food Service invoices for April 2009 in the amount of \$55,607.80
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending April 30, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$27,216.96
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$200.00
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$946.91
- Proposed General Fund Budget for 2009-2010 with revenue in the amount of \$28,553,523 and expenditures in the amount of \$27,620,888
- Accepted the remaining funds in the amount of \$56,800.29 from the Emergency Management grant
- Authorized Munhall Borough real estate tax refund to Howard Winkelbauer for Lot & Block 131-D-321 in the amount of \$301.99 as a result of an overpayment for year 2008
- Authorized the district to enter into an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for IDEIA-Part B Use of Funds for the school year 2009-2010 and to approve the Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds
- Awarded bids for the following supplies for the 2009-2010 school year: Art \$2,895.27, Athletic \$51,145.72, General School and Office \$41,900.43, Health \$900.46, Library \$127.63, Music \$753.63, Physical Education \$2,739.70, Science \$2,956.94 and Technology \$3,005.25 for a total amount of \$106,425.03
- Awarded the bid for exterior door replacements at Franklin Primary Center and Park Elementary, overhead coiling door replacements at Park Elementary, overhead coiling gates at Steel Valley High School and restroom partition replacements at Barrett Elementary per specifications to AB Specialties, Inc., at a cost of \$205,200.00, to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Authorized the advertisement of bids for the purchase of a planer for the high school industrial arts department to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the attendance of the sixth grade class to Idlewild Park Adventure Days Outdoor Classroom for Walk in our Watershed on May 21, 2009, at no cost to the district

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- 2009-2010 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Educational Services Agreement and authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement
- Accepted a \$500 grant from the Rotary for the district pond renovation
- Approved an 11th grade student for early admission to college in lieu of senior year upon receipt of all documentation from the University of Pittsburgh Admissions Department

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for Karen Catterall commencing March 30 through April 17, 2009
- Family medical leave of absence for Dana Mathews commencing on or about September 3, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Child rearing leave of absence for Emilee Garcia commencing after the birth of her child on or about August 27, 2009, through January 19, 2010
- Appointed Susan Wilder, Shanna Bradfield, Susan Fontanese and Terri Brown-Groce as the special education teachers and Melissa Ladik and Mary Jo Sklencar as the special education paraeducators for the extended school year program from July 6-30, 2009
- Ini Hazatones as a day-to-day substitute for the 2008-2009 school year
- Authorized two (2) additional bereavement days to Leslie Hairston
- Family medical leave of absence for Ronald McKee retroactive to April 14, 2009, and ending on or about August 1, 2009
- Family medical leave of absence for Karen Smith, retroactive to February 11, 2009, with an undetermined date for her return to work at this time
- Michael Carr as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Eugene Doyle as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the

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- Kathy Ligeros as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.75 per hour and a substitute food service worker at \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Deborah Perry as a substitute instructional aide and a substitute food service worker at the rate of \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- Timothy Ross as a substitute instructional aide at the rate of \$7.15 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances
- David Morus to the supplemental position of band director for the 2009-2010 school year