



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
August 18 , 2009**

Board Meeting August 18, 2009 The Board acknowledged the passing of William O_Brien, Jr., son of Anne O_Brien, retired secretary; Charles C. Braddock, uncle of Grace James, high school custodian; Dorothy Ford, aunt of Loren Ford, high school custodian; Helen Havrilla, aunt of Carol Sekura, high school teacher; Dawn Williams, stepdaughter of Walt Baranowski, high school custodian; Dr. Mary Ravita, Assistant Superintendent at South Fayette School District; Grace A. Maskil, aunt of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Education and Elementary Education; and Heidi Overmier, Elizabeth Gannon and Jody Billingsley, victims of the LA Fitness shooting. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mrs. Cannon to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that the teachers and paraprofessionals will participate in professional development programs on August 24 and 25 and a clerical day on August 26. The students will return to school on Thursday, August 27. A delayed start time will occur as follows:

Kindergarten	10:15 a.m.	August 27 & 28
Grades 1 _ 5	8:00 a.m.	August 27
Grade 6	8:00 a.m.	August 27
Grades 7-8	9:45 a.m.	August 27
Grade 9	7:30 a.m.	August 27
Grades 10-12	9:45 a.m.	August 27

Mr. Jeffrey Soles has been appointed as the new Senior High School Principal.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced Meet the Principal Night at Park School on August 19, and Barrett will hold a Meet the Principal Night on August 20.

The early dismissal and open house schedule will be as follows:

Building	Early Dismissal	Open House	Date
Franklin	12:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	September 1
Barrett School	1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	September 2
Park School	1:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	September 2
Middle School	12:05 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	September 3

Mrs. Borges announced there would be training for the special education teachers on IEP writing with ProSoft. A committee has been writing the K-5 Social Studies curriculum and teachers will pilot several book series this school year.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank reported that the secondary faculty and staff will focus on Differentiated Instruction this year. Edline will be available to parents to view their child_s grades, attendance and discipline. Also posted on Edline is the school calendar. Training on the use of Edline will be held for parents in October. Edline will also be available for middle school and elementary school parents and students.

Solicitor's Report

The Board approved resolutions:

- Authorizing Legal Tax Service, Inc., to secure the income tax data from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the prior three tax years.
- Establishing reasonable costs for collection of the delinquent tax claims pursuant to Act 20 of 2003
- Authorizing, for a limited period of time, a waiver of interest on delinquent real estate taxes, a waiver of interest and penalty due on 511 taxes, and establishing an avenue for delinquent realty where the delinquent far exceed the fair market value be put back on the tax rolls

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

- June 16, 2009 worksession meeting
- June 23, 2009 regular meeting
- June 30, 2009 special meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$344,181.18
- General Fund invoices for July and August 2009 in the amount of \$555,483.74
- General Fund hand checks for June 2009 in the amount of \$463,185.07
- General Fund hand checks for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$32,174.57
- General Fund hand checks for July 2009 in the amount of \$371,735.59 Payroll Funding Transfers for June and July 2009
- Treasurer_s Reports for May and June 2009
- General Fund Revenue Report for June 2009
- General Fund Expenditure Report for June 2009
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending June 30, 2009
- Foundation for Education Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending June 30, 2009
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$17,449.19
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$17,470.72
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$886.35
- Cash management services agreement with Citizens Bank for a three-year period commencing September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2012, at a cost of \$1,500.00 per month
- Proper officers of the district to sign the engagement letter dated June 30, 2009, from local auditor, Maher Duessel, at a cost of \$12,710 for basic financial statements and the Single Audit, \$2,115 for the audit of the Act 511 tax collector, and \$1,750 each for the Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead tax collectors
- Reimbursement to Tammy Law of classroom materials that were damaged in the classroom at Park Elementary School
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of a new wood planer for use in the industrial arts department at the high school to Saw Sales & Machinery, per bid specifications, in the amount of \$10,800, to be paid from the Capital Projects 2005 fund
- Cafeteria budget for the 2009-2010 school year with expenses in the amount of \$698,298.00

- Proposal through Cusumano Insurance Agency for renewal of package, automobile, boiler equipment and umbrella insurance for the 2009-2010 school year for a total cost \$58,842.00

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests with the exception of Permit Nos. 3805 and 3806
- Fundraising requests as presented

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Grant from The Grable Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Steel Valley Athletic Department for the Steel Valley Extreme Makeover Project
- Marching Band to attend a band competition in Preston, West Virginia, on September 19, 2009
- Athletic/Activities Handbook for the 2009-2010 school year

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- Held a second reading and adopted New Policy Nos. 248, 348, 448 and 548 Unlawful Harassment
- Board Member Thomas Olson to the PSBA Legislative Policy Council and approved his attendance at the School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, on October 15, 2009, with all expenses paid by the district
- Board Member Susan Ballas to apply for the Federal Relations Network for 2010 and cover all costs for her participation for a one-year period

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Elementary Parent/Student and Elementary Faculty Handbooks for the 2009-2010 school year
- Middle School and High School Parent/Student and Faculty Handbooks for the 2009-2010 school year
- Disposal of various high school textbooks
- New textbooks for High School World Language, Social Studies and Science curriculum once the ARRA stimulus or local funds are available

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Board President to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley Education Association and the Steel Valley School District in settlement of Grievance #08-199
- Board President and Board Secretary to execute Professional Employee Contracts for Thomas Kendro, Steven Singer, John Strom, Melissa Walters, Beth Catterall, Emilee Garcia, Jonette Bost, Matthew Simpson, Sara (Bouton) Sullivan, Jessica Andzelik, Carrie Cope, Marguerite Luvara, Shanna Bradfield, Ryan Dunmire, Bridget Ellis, Lana Gainer, Michael Hofbauer, Cara Hritz, Heather Huber, Deirdre Kamauf, Christina (Levkus) Szott, Amanda Linder, Patrick Loughran, Scott Manns, Erin Noblet, Lori Oleksak, Jennifer Pecora, Catherine Pisula, Jennifer Smith and Bridget Stright
- Family medical leave of absence for Shannon Fry commencing August 24, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration

- Family medical leave of absence for Rebecca O_Shell commencing August 24, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Concurrent family medical leave of absence and a child rearing leave of absence for Amber Thomas commencing after the birth of her child and for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year
- Child rearing leave of absence for Julie Doebereiner commencing August 24, 2009, through January 19, 2010
- Maureen Revetta to the position of speech and special education teacher effective at the start of the 2009-2010 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances, health record and screening for controlled substances to be completed within 30 days
- Alex Stright to the long-term substitute position of Social Studies teacher assigned to the Middle School effective for the 2009-2010 school year
- Kimberly Gennari and Mandy Davern as tutors at a rate of \$30.00 per hour and Betty Lyons and Lilly Phouthavong as paraprofessionals at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to the Title I summer camp from July 27 through August 7, 2009
- Kindergarten tutoring program beginning September 14, 2009, through May 31, 2010, and approve the posting of four (4) teaching positions at \$30.00 per hour and two (2) paraprofessional positions at \$15.00 per hour
- Keelyn Matta, Kristin Gregory, Kathryn Karoleski, Samantha Humanic, Kathleen Kraus, Pamela Sloan, Tracy Watkins, Nicole Guballa, Silica Weary, Jessica Nicholas, Cicely Hanner, Elizabeth Spiker, Nicole Vento, Jamie Dolton, Megan Yost, Eric Wilkins and Rebecca Proie as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$75.00 per day for the first 30 days and \$100.00 per day thereafter
- List of substitute teachers and nurses for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$75.00 per day for the first 30 days and \$100.00 per day thereafter
- Joy Kardos as a consultant to assist the district with food service operations at a mutually agreed upon rate of \$20.00 per hour for eight (8) to ten (10) hours per week
- Office of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education to contract with Steel City Therapy, LLC for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years
- Resignations of Carol Sekura and Mary Cay Milliner from the supplemental position of Interact Club and Susan Wright from the supplemental position of Rhythm Club
- Supplemental positions as listed for the 2009-2010 school year
- Carol Chontos as a full-time custodian at the Senior High School at an hourly rate of \$10.00 plus all benefits per the collective bargaining unit effective August 24, 2009
- Dorothy Alexandroff as a substitute food service worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for control substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- List of marching band volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 & 151 clearances

Previous Board Action

The Board approved the following items:

- Resolution to accept the homestead/farmstead exclusion for the school district for the 2009-2010 school year
- 2009-2010 General Fund Budget with revenue in the amount of \$28,555,095 and expenditures in the amount of \$27,664,815 with the millage rate to remain the same at 21.21. One mill is equal to \$2,121 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, \$212.10 per \$10,000 of assessed valuation, \$21.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$2.12 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Job description for the position of Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education
- Appointed Diana Borges to the administrative position of Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education
- Resolution opposing the proposed Keystone Exams requiring students to pass a series of standardized graduation competency assessments in order to get a diploma