



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 29, 2010**

The Board acknowledged the passing of James McGrath, uncle of Shari Fetzko, elementary teacher; Anita J. Doyle, wife of Dr. Wayne Doyle, retired superintendent from Hempfield Area School District, Bridget M. McGrath, cousin of Dr. Carole Policastro, elementary teacher; Raquel Fooks, cousin of Leslie Hairston, instructional aide at Franklin; Mary Johnston, mother-in-law of Mandy Olson, middle school teacher; and Frances Fenyus, grandmother of Bethany Fenyus, middle school teacher. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mr. Terrick to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon congratulated the Class of 2010 and wished them much success in their endeavors.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that the School Board will meet on July 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report

Mrs. Borges announced that a core team of teachers at Park Elementary School have been trained in the Olweus Bullying Prevention model and will move forward in the fall to train all building level staff and to implement the program.

Also, a core team of teachers from both Barrett and Park Elementary Schools received training in Elementary Student Assistance Program (E-SAP). The E-SAP program will provide assistance to at-risk students.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank announced the district received a grant to provide LCD projectors in all classrooms in grades 5-11. Training will occur to assist teachers to better utilize all the technology available.

Mr. Colebank reported that the district shall address the secondary curriculum in the coming school year.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of May 18 and May 25, 2010.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for June 2010 in the amount of \$655,428.04 except for invoice number 10-24

- General Fund hand checks for May 2010 in the amount of \$365,623.47
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2010
- Treasurer's Report for April 2010
- Food Service invoices for May 2010 in the amount of \$29,965.28
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending May 31, 2010
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$18,174.13
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$87.18
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$7,423.65
- Workers' compensation insurance coverage through School Boards Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, Inc., for the 2010-2011 school year at an annual premium of \$192,081
- Resolution to accept the homestead/farmstead exclusion for the school district for the 2010-2011 school year
- Real estate tax refund to Ken Weir for Lot & Block 131-D-120 in the amount of \$750.21 for real estate taxes paid for year 2008
- Real estate tax refund to Linda Vignetti and Patricia Ramicone for Lot & Block 130-L-299 in the amount of \$706.72 for real estate taxes paid for year 2009 as a result of a change in assessment
- Real estate tax refund to John S. Fitch for Lot & Block 180-A-210 in the amount of \$471.83 for real estate taxes paid for year 2009 as a result of a change in assessment
- Real estate tax refund to Waterfront Partnership for Lot & Block 90-D-225 in the amount of \$8,907.39 for real estate taxes paid for year 2006 as a result of a change in assessment
- Real estate tax refund to Waterfront Partnership for Lot & Block 90-D-225 in the amount of \$9,985.51 for real estate taxes paid for year 2007 as a result of a change in assessment
- Single Audit for year 2009 from Maher Duessel with a typographical change from Munhall Borough to the Steel Valley School District under the Tax Anticipation section and any other corrections that are found
- Resolution to authorize the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note from Citizens Bank in the amount of \$2.9 million at 2.7% to mature on 6/30/2011
- 2010-2011 General Fund Budget with revenue in the amount of \$27,950,668 and expenditures in the amount of \$27,570,375 with the millage levy rate to be set at 24.07 mills. This equates to \$2,407 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, \$24.07 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$2.407 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented except permit numbers 3871 and 3874 were tabled and permit number 3912 was approved through July 30, 2010 only
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Awarded the bid for refuse hauling services to Allied Waste Services of Pittsburgh for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years at a cost of \$2,045.64 per month for all areas with changes in the contract to follow the Munhall and Homestead Borough codes

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the attendance of the Marching Band to Magic Music Days in Orlando, Florida, on April 10-17, 2011, at no cost to the district.

Special Assignments

The Board approved the Southeast Area Special School and Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School Administrative Budgets for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board held second readings and adopted the following policies:

- Revisions to Policy No. 108 Adoption of Textbooks
- Revisions to Policy No. 114 Gifted Education
- Revisions to Policy No. 119 Creating Effective Partnerships
- Revisions to Policy No. 203 Communicable Diseases and Immunizations
- Revisions to Policy No. 222 Smoking
- Revisions to Policy No. 225 Relation with Law Enforcement Agencies
- New Policy No. 250 Electronic Devices
- Revisions to Policy No. 607 Tuition Income
- Revisions to Policy No. 618 Student Activity Funds
- New Policy No. 712 Service Animals
- Revisions to Policy No. 832 Internet Safe and Responsible Use
- Revisions to Policy No. 835 Email
- Revisions to Policy No. 907 School Visitors
- Revisions to Policy No. 916 School Volunteers

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Steel Valley School District for the 2010-2011 school year and authorized the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

Personnel Management

The Board denied a child rearing leave of absence for Emilee Garcia for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board approved the following items:

- Unpaid leave of absence for Amy Gusky on August 23, 26 and 27, 2010
- Family medical leave of absence for Jill Callahan beginning August 23, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Dawn Kunca-Kapolka beginning August 23 through November 15, 2010
- Appointed Susan Wilder as special education teacher for the in-home position and Mary Jo Craycraft as the special education paraeducator for the extended school year program from July 6-29, 2010
- Relief sought as stated on grievance #09-203
- Joy Kardos as a consultant to assist the district with food service operations at a mutually agreed upon rate of \$20 per hour at 8 to 10 hours per week
- Nathan Geer, Kimberly Zylinski and Lynetta Moore as day-to-day substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year
- Kristen Varhola as a day-to-day substitute nurse for the 2009-2010 school year retroactive to June 7, 2010
- Accepted the resignations of Holly Jabs from the supplemental positions of middle school volleyball coach and high school assistant volleyball coach; Erik Jabs from the supplemental position of middle school girls volleyball coach; Kelly Sabo from the supplemental position of middle school girls basketball coach; and Ryan Dunmire from the supplemental positions of prom committee advisor and yearbook advisor
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Judi Radaci, secretary in the high school, effective September 3, 2010
- Mark A. Zelena as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$8.75 per hour with no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days
- Paige L. Ford as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$8.75 per hour with no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed in 30 days

- 2010-2011 salary increases and annual salaries for the two confidential secretaries