



## Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting  
April 27, 2010**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Daniel F. Kolton, retired high school teacher; Marion Kolton, wife of Daniel Kolton; Stephen G. Gress, father of Eric Gress, high school teacher; Maria D. Pido, sister-in-law of Holli Bobick, Park instructional aide; Richard D. Olasz, former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; John V. Popovich, uncle of Mary Arovits, Barrett food service and Clay Karadus, middle school teacher; Michael Pascarella, cousin of Grace James, high school custodian; Anthony Paci, cousin of Randy Zirkle, high school teacher; Janet T. Burkholder, mother of Tracy Findlay, elementary substitute teacher; Karen Smith, instructional aide at Park and Franklin Schools; William E. Zapf, Class of 2000 graduate; Helen Ostrowski, mother of Pat Keener, retired secretary; Santo J. Cordinale, grandfather of Richard Pireaux, high school teacher; Joyce A. McPherson, mother of senior Leslie McPherson; William Bouton, grandfather of Sara Sullivan, middle school teacher; Herbert McKinney, grandfather of Brian Bungard, middle school teacher; James Strain, uncle of Katie Pugh, Park School teacher; Bill Gordon, uncle of Rebecca Kristen, middle school teacher; Thomas Kristen, father-in-law of Rebecca Kristen, middle school teacher; Walter Wentzel, Jr., brother of Winifred Stegena, Barrett food service and John R. Bost, father of Jonette Bost, Barrett teacher. 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.

### ***President's Report***

Mrs. Cannon announced that April is National Volunteer Recognition Month and the school district is happy to recognize our school volunteers tonight.

### ***Student Representative's Report***

Lance Miller announced that Charlie Batch will be taking 90 middle school students to the Football Hall of Fame. The 8th grade students will be touring Washington, D.C., from May 13-15.

The girls' softball team is having a good season and will hopefully be in the playoffs. The boys' baseball team traveled to Florida for spring training.

Prom tickets are on sale for \$45 each. Senior Ryan Brennan was voted Mr. Steel Valley. High school student government members attended the District 3 Spring Conference at the Dorseyville Middle School. High School students will be participating in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon.

### ***Superintendent's Report***

Dr. Kinavey recognized the many school volunteers for their dedication and support of the children of the community. Volunteers make a difference every day in the school district. Some of the ways these volunteers serve our students are through mentoring, coaching sports and activities, being a member of the PTO, fundraising, chaperoning dances, field trips, parties and other events. Community members also serve on the Literacy Team, Community Crisis Team, District Leadership Team, Parent Advisory, Veterans Day Committee and Calendar Committee.

## ***Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report***

Mrs. Borges and Mrs. Hiegel, ACI School Community Coordinator, presented an overview of the prevention programs in place in every grade level of the school district. As part of the School Based Behavioral Health grant, the district has a solid base of preventative mental health programs, such as, safe boundaries, bullying prevention, girls circle groups, 2nd step, cyberbullying prevention, sister-to-sister mentoring and healthy relationships. At Park School, students are encouraged to wear their anti-bullying T-shirts on Fridays. Girls Circle groups are occurring between 6th grade girls with positive results.

## ***Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report***

Mr. Colebank announced that the National Honor Society Induction ceremony would be held on Friday, May 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The middle school spring band and chorale concert will be held May 11 and the high school chorale concert will be held on May 12 in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Students have completed the PSSA Reading, Math and Writing assessments. They will finish the Science assessments this week.

Mr. Colebank announced that the Middle States Accreditation Team is in the school district this week and will present an oral report on Thursday. This is the same organization that accredits colleges and universities. In 2017, the school district will undergo a districtwide accreditation.

## ***Solicitor's Report***

The Board adopted a resolution and authorized the Board President to execute the contract between the school district and the Director of Operational Services/Board Secretary retroactive to January 13, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2016.

## ***Meeting Minutes***

The Board approved the meeting minutes of March 16 and March 23, 2010.

## ***Financial Management***

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for April 2010 in the amount of \$908,068.26
- General Fund hand checks for March 2010 in the amount of \$527,790.13
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2010
- Treasurer's Report for February 2010
- Food Service invoices for March 2010 in the amount of \$58,565.51
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2010
- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2010
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$45,400.43
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$2,843.00
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$12,869.36
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$645.84
- Adopted the resolution to approve HB 2135 or SB 1185
- Re-appointed Citizen's Bank as the district's depository and treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year

## ***Operations***

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental and fundraising requests as presented
- Proper officers of the district to sign the Equitable Gas Delivery Service Agreements, effective September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015
- Disposal of old and unusable band equipment

## ***Co-Curricular Leadership***

The Board approved the renewal of the contract for student photography services to Primetime Shots, Inc., of Munhall, PA, for the 2010-2011 school year, with an option to renew annually at the district's discretion, and with the proviso that the "child find" photograph and information be provided free of charge.

## ***Special Assignments***

The Board held first readings of the following policies:

- 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. 832 Internet Safe and Responsible Use
- Revisions to Policy No. 907 School Visitors

Mr. Olson congratulated Samantha Grimes, Jaelynne Kirksey and Stephanie Thompson for earning their Food Service Certification from Steel Center Vocational-Technical School.

## ***Educational Leadership***

The Board approved the following items:

- Concurrent Enrollment Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and Community College of Allegheny County for the 2010-2011 school year
- School District Entity Demonstration Grant for the Music Technology project in the amount of \$15,000
- Accepted a \$15,000 grant through the Pittsburgh Voices of Youth Competition to continue the Extreme Home Makeover project

## ***Personnel Management***

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for Susan Wright commencing May 7, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Karen Catterall retroactive to April 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2010
- Unpaid leave of absence for Bobbi Vargo for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year • Jamie Stahl, Amy Scholl, Nicole Dembski, Jaylynn Sapsara, Philip Biondo as day-to-day substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year
- Kristen Gregory to the supplemental position of Band Director for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year
- Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as school dentist for the 2010-2011 school year
- Consulting services of Andy Vettel at a rate of \$200 per day for a maximum of 190 days for the 2010-2011 school year to be paid from the Steel Valley Education Foundation-Technology Account
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Elva Cherep, food service worker at the high school,

effective June 11, 2010

- Unpaid leave of absence for Donna Kiefer retroactive to April 26 through May 14, 2010
- Termination of employee #344
- Two (2) additional paid bereavement days for Holli Bobick, paraprofessional at Park School
- Christian Maola and Michael Voit as substitute custodians 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
- Lisa Vehec as a substitute instructional aide at an hourly rate of \$7.25 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