



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
March 23, 2010**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Paul Blasco, uncle of Denise Blasko, Park School paraprofessional; Jane McKeeta, retired business education teacher; Wilma Yeschenko, aunt of Tony Verbanick, Barrett teacher; Margaret Gannon, aunt of Ed Wellman, middle school teacher. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mr. Olson to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon praised the Steel Valley Drama Club for a phenomenal musical, *Anyone Can Whistle*. She congratulated the students on all their hard work and dedication.

She congratulated Ryan Dunmire, the TFIM students and the Environmental Club for receiving a \$15,000 grant to continue their Extreme Home Makeover Project in the community this spring.

Student Representatives' Reports

Lance Miller reported that the middle school would be visited by Chaz Kellem of the Pittsburgh Pirates on March 30. Annual field trips are planned for 6th grade to Venture Outdoors, 7th grade to Wildwood Family Fun Center and an 8th grade trip on June 1. Students and their families attended the Title I Family Night held on March 2 to play bingo at the middle school.

Park School PTO held a book fair the week of March 22.

Kaitlyn Baran reported that the high school held a Career Day with eight presenters on March 17. The Mr. Steel Valley contest will be held tomorrow evening in the high school auditorium. Spring sports are getting underway. Students in the TFIM and Environmental Club are preparing for their Extreme Home Makeover Project.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey announced that the high school is looking for homeowners to apply for a home makeover. Any Steel Valley resident who would like to be considered to have repairs or beautification on the outside of their house should contact Ryan Dunmire at 412-464-3600 x2232.

He recognized the Steel Valley Drama Club and adult sponsors for their outstanding work in Anyone Can Whistle. Assistant Director Jonathan Edwards thanked the district for recognizing the amazing and excellent performance of the students.

Dr. Kinavey announced that spring break for students would be Thursday and Friday, April 1 and 2. Students shall return to school on Monday, April 5.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education Report

Mrs. Borges reported that the next Parent Support Meeting would be held March 31 in Room 113 of the middle school from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

She announced that the elementary staff is preparing students for the PSSA testing scheduled in April. Breakfast will be provided for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students on testing days.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank met with Dr. Daley from the Middle States Accreditation organization prior to the visiting team arriving April 26-29 at the high school. He reported that the staff is preparing middle school and high school students for the PSSA assessments. The high school student scheduling process has begun.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a resolution to expel a minor male student.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

- February 16, 2010 special meeting
- February 16, 2010 worksession meeting
- February 23, 2010 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for March 2010 in the amount of \$440,376.13
- General Fund hand checks for February 2010 in the amount of \$374,574.00 Payroll
- Funding Transfers for February 2010
- Treasurer's Report for January 2010
- Food Service invoices for February 2010 in the amount of \$79,525.23
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending January 31, 2010
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 28, 2010
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense

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- Foundation for Education Barrett Project Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending January 31, 2010
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- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$34,672.83
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$1,984.67
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$7,480.32
- Software maintenance agreement with ProSoft Technologies, Inc., for the period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Fundraising requests as presented
- Accepted a \$500 grant from the Edith and Albert Derzak Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation on behalf of the Office of Pupil Services for the Barrett Therapeutic Classrooms
- Waived all fees for Permit No. 3861 for Steal City Basketball

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2010
- Attendance of the senior students and chaperones from The Future is Mine group (TFIM) to attend the 10th Annual Future is Mine Student Leadership Conference on April 22-23, 2010, at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center Hotel, at no cost to the district

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted revisions to Policy No. 113 Special Education

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Revisions to the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented
- Elementary mathematics curriculum for grades 3, 4 and 5
- 2010-2011 school calendar as presented
- Allegheny Intermediate Unit's 2010-2011 Program of Services Budget totaling

\$3,817,800

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for Ed Wellman commencing March 24 through on or about April 23, 2010
- Joseph Rogers, John Arrigo-Nelson and William Flow as day-to-day substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year
- Attendance of Diana Borges to the Department of Education Conference “Educational Practices That Work” on April 7-9, 2010, at no cost to the district
- Mike Shields as a spring sports volunteer contingent upon receipt of Act 34 & 151 clearances
- Voted for Richard Rose as a School Board Trustee for the Southeastern Region of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for a two-year period effective March 29, 2010
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jessann Sabo, special education paraeducator, retroactive to March 1, 2010
- Quy Van Nguyen 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
- Meghan Hyland as a substitute instructional aide and a substitute secretary 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
- Rodney Steele to the supplemental position of Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2010-2011 school year