



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
April 26, 2011**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Pat J. Natale, uncle of Vince Natale, School Board member; Helen M. Marks, mother of Bob Marks, Park School custodian; Brian Hensell, cousin of Donald Packer, former middle school custodian; Keifer J. States-Lemmert, 9th grade high school student, brother of Jay Lemmert, 3rd grade Park School student, and nephew of Nicole States, 3rd grade teacher at Park School; Joseph M. Mercuri, Jr., school district tax collector; Ralph Lough, uncle of Diana Borges, Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education; Alvin Raines, Jr., father of Aaliyah Raines, 9th grade student and Alvin Raines III, 10th grade student; Nicole Pliska, mother of Corey Sickler, 10th grade student; Eileen Ezerosky, mother of Dylan Younkins, 11th grade student; George Olsavicky, father of Mary Olsavicky, 10th grade student; and Rose Marie Stader, mother of Kathy Grimm, paraprofessional at Barrett School. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek and seconded by Mr. Ducar and seconded by Mr. Olson place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Cannon reported that Mrs. Ballas, Chairperson, held an Educational Management Committee meeting focusing on the education cuts proposed by the Governor. Members of T.E.A.C.H., Business Manager Mark Cherpak and Superintendent Dr. Kinavey presented information to the public. State Representatives Costa, Gergely and Kortz and Rich Fitzgerald challenged the constituents to tell Harrisburg to do the right thing for the kids.

Mrs. Cannon recognized Munhall Police Officer Boehme for his presentation on cyber bullying that provided a wealth of information for parents, guardians and community members.

Student Representative's Report

Junior School Board Representative Taylor Szczepankowski reported that the Annual Spring Concert at Park School would be held May 5. The All School Revue will be held on May 15 and the Celebration in Education will be held on May 20 at Park School.

The 8th graders will be touring Washington, D.C. on May 12-14. The middle school received a \$5,000 grant for physical education equipment.

The high school held its Mr. Steel Valley contest and the prom will be held at the Doubletree Hotel on May 13. The marching band will compete in the Apple Blossom Festival in Virginia this week.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized several middle school teachers for their efforts in garnering Great Idea Grants from The Consortium for Public Education. Sixth grade teachers Steve Singer and Heather Huber wrote a grant "More Than Just Super Heroes" and were awarded \$2,050.95 to create a graphic novel library to increase fluency and comprehension among middle school students. Middle School Teachers Mike Hofbauer and Steve Large secured \$1,935 for their proposal "Mathgellen: Charting a New Course in Mathematics." The grant will allow teachers to purchase gel boards for students to solve problems and reveal their answers to their teachers.

Dr. Bethany Fenyus, 8th grade Language Arts Teacher, reported on the good news from the Steel Valley Middle School. She reported that the middle school provides team support to students, two drama productions, an active PTO, art, music performances, bully free campaign, and academic assemblies. It is a loud and busy building with active learning going on. Eighth grade student Jacob Miller read his letter to Governor Corbett stating that the future of students is in jeopardy.

Dr. Kinavey recognized and thanked the parent and community volunteers for their dedication and support of the children of the community. The volunteers received a pen imprinted with Steel Valley Volunteer.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services & Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges reported that the Barrett and Park School combined Family Night was held April 14 in the Barrett gym and 55 families attended.

She announced that the Annual Literacy Fair would be held on April 28 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten registration would also occur that evening.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank announced that the High School Drama Club would present Bite of Broadway and a pasta dinner on April 30.

Mr. Colebank reported the Keystone exams would be conducted May 2-9 as follows:

Algebra 1	Grades 8 & 9
Biology	Grade 10
Online Language Arts	Grade 10

The report cards will be distributed April 1, and the Body Mass Index ratio (BMI) will be included on the report card of secondary students..

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of:

March 15, 2011 board meeting
March 22, 2011 worksession

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for March and April 2011 in the amount of \$735,282.69
- General Fund hand checks for March 2011 in the amount of \$554,069.09
- Payroll Funding Transfers for March 2011
- Treasurer's Report for February 2011
- Food Service invoices for March 2011 in the amount of \$61,889.66
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending March 31, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$11,013.79
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$4,120.47
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$9,456.14

- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$9,186.88
- Adopted the resolution in opposition to the proposed reductions in state education funding for the 2011-2012 school year
- Adopted the resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 1, the implementation of a tuition voucher program

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

The Board denied the field trip for JV and Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Teams to KSA Tournament in Orlando, Florida, December 14-19, 2011.

Special Assignments

The Board held a first reading of new Policy No. 450 Credit for Salary Placement.

Mr. Olson announced that Steven Spence earned the Extra Effort Award in Auto Body and Collision at the Steel Center Vo-Tech School.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit_s 2011-2012 Program of Services Budget totaling \$3,815,375

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Family medical leave of absence for Rebecca O'Shell retroactive to April 22, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Family medical leave of absence for Dr. Mary Cay Rojtas-Milliner retroactive to February 28, 2011, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Karen Catterall retroactive to April 7, 2011, through the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year
- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for Brian Bungard retroactive to March 15, 2011, not to exceed the 10 days he's eligible over a one-year rolling period
- Compensated Professional Leave of Absence for Lori Kenavey for the purpose of professional development during the 1st semester of the 2011-2012 school year per the provisions of Article XV of the collective bargaining agreement
- Rachel Dilla, Abbe Dirling, Paul Thomas and Brittany Bellovich as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$75 per day for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
- Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as school dentist for the 2011-2012 school year
- Jena Bence as the Varsity Cheerleading Coach for the 2010-2011 school year
- Amy Murgie as an activity volunteer for the 2010-2011 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 & 151 clearances
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Rudy Valiska from the position of high school custodian effective May 1, 2011
- Eliminated the position of High School Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2011
- Created the position of Secondary Assistant Principal for the Middle School and High School and approved the job description effective July 1, 2011
- Appointed Scott Meade to the position of Secondary Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2011
- Adopted a resolution to eliminate administrative, elementary, secondary and support personnel positions for the 2011-2012 school year