



# Steel Valley School District Board Brief

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**Board Meeting  
March 22, 2011**

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The Board acknowledged the passing of Francis E. Fetsko, uncle of Don Fetzko, school solicitor; Lynn A. Sobczak, mother-in-law of Bryan Macuga, Park School Principal; Mike Monaco, cousin of Joe Panaia, Park School custodian; Carl May, grandfather of Rebecca O\_Shell, 4th grade Park School teacher and uncle of Michael Pavasko, Barrett custodian; Hugh R. Scott, grandfather of Mariann Reilly, high school teacher; and Mary Cotton, grandmother of Christina Szott, high school teacher. It was moved by Mrs. Kubancsek 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 announced that our students and staff put on a phenomenal performance of Seussical and there is so much talent in our district.

She also noted that over 300 students and family members attended Park School's Seussical on Tour Family Night activities thanks to the generosity of John Bajus, brother of Teacher Maria Heddleston and son of Board Member Donald Bajus. Thanks to Maria Heddleston, Park School teacher, for coordinating the event.

## **Student Representative's Report**

Junior School Board Representative Taylor Szczepankowski reported that the Steel Valley Literacy Team fundraiser took place on March 2 at Uno\_s Restaurant with story time by the Seussical cast.

The high school drama club presented the musical Seussical on March 10-13. All members did a fantastic job and it was a huge success.

The spring sports season is underway.

On March 15-18, the juniors took the PSSA Reading and Math assessments, and on March 29-30 they will take the PSSA Writing assessments.

On March 28, there will be no school for students. Report cards will be distributed on April 1.

At the middle school, students also finished the PSSA Reading and Math assessments.

Charlie Batch will take 85 students on a field trip on May 16.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kinavey introduced Athletic Activity Director Shawn McCallister who recognized the winter sports teams and players with certificates of recognition.

The Boys and Girls Swim Team had another successful season. One individual who symbolizes the success of the team is Junior Zack Graham. He came within 4 seconds of qualifying for the WPIAL championship, and he

placed 5th at the Section 5 swimming invitational. The overall GPA of the swim team was a 3.5. Great job to the Swim Team and Coach Matt Simpson.

Mr. McCallister reported the Girls Basketball Team's hard work and determination advanced them to the WPIAL playoffs earning a spot in the Sweet 16. Five players are in the top 10 of the junior class in academics. The overall GPA of the Girls Basketball Team was a 3.6. Congratulations to the Lady Ironmen and Coach Kelly Sabo.

The Ironmen Boys Basketball Team worked extremely hard and earned a spot in the WPIAL playoffs. The boys were underdogs against Northgate in the opening round and upset them 52-43. The overall GPA of the Boys Team was a 3.0. Congratulations on a terrific season to the team and Coach Shawn McCallister.

We had two wrestlers qualify for the Southwest Regional and two wrestlers in the Section finals. The last three years we had three section champs, four regional qualifiers, and this year, we had a state finalist. Andre Ellis was a section runner-up, finished 7th in the WPIAL and qualified for the Southwest Regional. The wrestlers had a team GPA of 2.8. Great job wrestlers and Coach Russ Gill.

Senior Mike Pavasko became one of the most successful wrestlers in the history of Steel Valley High School. He now holds the record for most career wins at 112. He was also a two-time Section champion at 140 and 152 pounds. He was a two-time WPIAL runner-up, and a three-time Southwest Regional qualifier. He is Steel Valley's first PIAA place winner by finishing 4th. He also placed 4th at the Allegheny County Championships. Congratulations to Mike Pavasko as he represented Steel Valley and displayed sportsmanship in every match.

Mr. McCallister reported that this is the 3rd year for the Boys and Girls Bowling Teams to compete in the WPIBL. Both teams showed determination to maintain their status among the 44 teams from other school districts. The students on the bowling teams maintained a 3.2 GPA during the season. Individually, Alex Delserone rose to the top of his division throughout the season. He maintained a 205+ average that has been a Steel Valley record for the past three years. He even bowled a perfect 300 during practice. Alex qualified for the WPIBL individual championships finishing 3rd in his section, and he finished 13 out of all 74 bowlers. Congratulations to the Bowling Teams and Coach Scott Manns.

Dr. Kinavey recognized Steve Singer and Denise Williams, middle school teachers, for sponsoring the Alice Club. Alice is a free program from Carnegie Mellon University that allows students to create 3D animations, video games and other computer programs. Students who participate in the after school activity were presented with certificates:

Efrain Lanz	Caylee Cannon	Davide Hill
Cologeno Lanza	Haley McDonald	Michael Ondike
Anne Ribeiro	Aujahnea Turner	Chyanne Sapien
Gerrison Clemons	Will Frank	Bailey Johnson
Nick Michaels	Chad Navarro	Janelle Jea
Austin Riley	Hecatese Simpson	Alex Tomko
Danny Urban	Luke Navarro	Dustin Pisarcik
Jacob Jea	Amber Birkhamer	RJ Frank
Michael Kraycar	Jimmy Rogers	

Middle School Language Arts Teacher Heather Huber recognized the 6th grade language arts students who had their non-fiction essays published in Celebrating What is Important to Me by Creative Communications. The school district and Mrs. Huber were recognized in the book as being one of the Writing Achievement Honor Schools for the fall of 2010 because we had over 50% of our entries published. The following students were recognized with certificates:

Krista Bayus	Amani Blakney	Tanner Cannon
Abbey Caspar	Isabella Colaianni	Tavion Fisher-Boynes
Salvidor Gori	Alexander Grace	Lindsey Gratton
Jamaela Green	Carrie Hardy	Richard Hartnett

Roya Herrle	Tori Hunt	Brandon Ivaska
Makala Kaiser	Sam Keane-Paul	Evan Lasek
Reganne McMichael	Marice McWhite	Alexander Pepke
Jolene Potoma	Annie Ribeau	Tomaiya Robinson
Nicole Scotillo	Delainy Seech	Brandon Siska
Gunnar Smith	Bailey Stoken	Taraya Strothers
Riley Tate	Alexis Vargo	Chandler Veverka
Dymond Williams		

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

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:

February 8, 2011 board meeting  
 February 15, 2011 worksession  
 February 24, 2011 regular meeting

## **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for February 2011 in the amount of \$553,604.09
- General Fund hand checks for February 2011 in the amount of \$554,069.09
- Payroll Funding Transfers for February 2011
- Treasurer's Reports for December 2010 and January 2011
- Food Service invoices for February 2011 in the amount of \$48,740.83
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 28, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending February 28, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$14,043.42
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$5,196.08
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$8,485.46
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$563.45
- Authorized a real estate tax refund to John and Donna Patsen in the amount of \$1,635.25 for year 2010
- Renew Sunesys as the Metropolitan Network Provider for the Steel Valley School District under E-Rate reimbursement program
- Sprint as the Wireless Phone Provider for the Steel Valley School District under E-Rate reimbursement program

## **Operations**

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized the business manager to bid the electrical, plumbing and pest control work effective immediately

## **Co-Curricular Leadership**

- Fundraising requests as presented

## **Educational Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Revisions to the 2010-2011 school calendar
- Adopted the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented
- Accepted a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$15,000 to Steel Valley High School for the School Demonstration Project, Music Technology for the 3rd Millennium. Mrs. Ballas recognized Music Teacher Brad Thompson for his efforts in receiving this grant.

## **Personnel Management**

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Drew Vautier from the position of English as a Second Language teacher effective at the close of business on August 19, 2011, in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement
- Family medical leave of absence for Melissa Walters commencing on or about April 20, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Jaquan McNeil to the supplemental position of Boys Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach and Lisa Harrier to the supplemental position of Drama Vocal for the 2010-2011 school year
- Appointed Kathy Salapa as a general worker in the Barrett cafeteria 3.5 hours per day at the 90-day probationary rate of 85% of \$9.60 (\$8.16) per hour and all benefits per the collective bargaining agreement effective immediately
- John Vaughan as a volunteer for the 2010-2011 school year contingent upon receipt of Act 34 & 151 clearances
- Accepted the resignations of Nicole Waters as Varsity Cheerleading Coach and Marlo Petersavage as Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective March 22, 2011
- Eliminated the following positions, six (6) custodians and six (6) paraprofessionals, and to authorize the administration to send notices to the appropriate employees

