



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
February 24, 2011**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Mary C. Arovits, Barrett food service employee and aunt of Clay Karadus, middle school teacher; William Emro, brother-in-law of Jean Emro, Barrett instructional aide and uncle of Dave Emro, high school teacher; Carmine Bellini Jr., father of Stephanie Bellini, probation officer; Georgeann Wright, mother of Debbie Hrabosky's fiancée, Park School teacher; Phyllis Swallow, aunt of Ellen Sabo, Coordinator of Grants and Special Programs; and Robert Ault, grandfather of Jeff Soles, high school principal. 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 congratulated the Girls Varsity Basketball team for a fantastic season. It was also noted that the starting five players are in the top 10 of their junior class.

She announced that Fuddrucker's has changed its name to Pittsburgh Burger Company, and they will honor the Ironmen Card sold by the Middle School students.

Student Representative's Report

Junior School Board Representative Taylor Szczepankowski announced that on February 10, Park School hosted a 5th grade social with Barrett Elementary students. During the week of February 14, students at Park School raised \$532.00 for Make-A-Wish Foundation by purchasing tickets for an opportunity to have lunch with Principal Bryan Macuga.

Middle School students completed the NAEP, which is the National Assessment Education Progress. The students are preparing for the PSSA assessments. Both the 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball teams finished with great seasons.

At the Senior High School, the Harmony Club of Homestead made a presentation during Black History month. The Senior Ski trip was a success. Senior Mike Pavasko is competing in Sections at a wrestling tournament over the weekend. The Boys Varsity Basketball team is playing tonight at Keystone Oaks against Sto-Rox. The Girls Varsity Basketball team lost a heartbreaker to Jeannette Wednesday night.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey recognized Middle School Teachers Bethany Fenyus and Heather Huber for their presentation at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference in November. They also were awarded a \$5,000 grant to purchase visual classroom aids.

Mr. Colebank recognized the Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School students:

Top of the Shop Awards for 2nd

Quarter Jessica Coddington _ Advertising & Design
Andrew Chasko _ Food Service
Nicholas Ivaska _ Auto Mechanics

Extra Effort Award Winners for 2nd Quarter

Zachary Grace _ Building Trades
Terrell Hart _ Computer Aided Drafting
N_Tosha Caldwell _ Health Assistant

Dr. Kinavey introduced Academic Literacy Coach Jill Fleming-Salopek and she congratulated Hannah Fallon for winning the writing award from the One College, One Community Project. Hannah_s poem was entitled Innocent Until Proven Guilty. She won a CCAC shopping bag, tee shirt and an iPod nano.

Barrett Principal Sharon Fisher presented information on the School Wide Positive Behavior Support program at Barrett Elementary School. Mrs. Alyson Fisher provided information on the achievements of students. The 4th and 5th grade students on the Production Team recited a poem entitled Just One under the director of Mrs. Kenavey. Ms. Kampe led the students as they performed a song entitled Jazz. The following students were presented with certificates: Brandon Ausburn, Latrece Brimage, Nazir Brimage, Haley Reber, DeMon Ross, Brooklyn Sanders, Kyrissa Thomas, Stephanie Thomas, DaeShawn Washington, Trinity Wilson, Hayley Bair, Derrick Chaffin, Abigail Ferson, Myia Gaines, Aliyah Haddad, Aniah Hughes, Janea Jackson, Simyah Jenkins, Erick Meadows, Destiny St. Julien and Ricci Wright.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges announced that the elementary staff is preparing students for the PSSA assessments. The special education department will be monitored the week of March 7.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that the secondary staff is working hard with students in preparation for the PSSA assessments. He noted that 9th and 10th grade students would be taking Keystone exams in Biology, Literature and Algebra in May. Next year, students will take Geography, Chemistry and Social Studies. Starting in 2015 the Keystone exams will replace the PSSA assessments, and the Classroom Diagnostics Tool (CDT) will replace the PSSA in grades 3-8.

Solicitor's Report

The Board adopted a resolution expelling a minor female student.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of the January 18, 2011 worksession and the January 25, 2011 regular meeting.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for January 2011 in the amount of \$590,435.61
- General Fund hand checks for January 2011 in the amount of \$398,965.55
- Payroll Funding Transfers for January 2011
- Food Service invoices for January 2011 in the amount of \$45,314.05
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending January 31, 2011
- Foundation for Education Technology Account Statement of Income and Expense for the month ending January 31, 2011
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$15,282.94
- Athletic hand checks in the amount of \$2,752.82
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$2,146.78
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$730.80
- Authorized a two-year agreement with All-American Sports Posters to begin in the fall of 2011 and end after spring 2013
- Tuition rate (to be determined by the state) for employee Katie Pugh_s daughter to be enrolled as a kindergarten student at Franklin Primary Center for the 2011-2012 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202
- Tuition rate (to be determined by the state) for employee Lori Mehalik_s son to be enrolled as a kindergarten student at Franklin Primary Center for the 2011-2012 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202
- Exonerated the West Homestead, Homestead and Munhall tax collectors for year 2010 for uncollected amounts of \$177,104.85, \$325,077.75 and \$839,934.40 respectively

- Authorized a real estate tax refund to James Dolney, a tax-exempt veteran, in the amount of \$943.54 for year 2009

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Accepted the donation of furniture from a local company

Co-Curricular Leadership

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Authorized payment of \$2,500 to the Senior Breakfast/Reception account to defray the costs of the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2011

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Letter of Agreement between the Steel Valley School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide nonpublic services in the amount of \$66,429.93 for eligible students at St. Therese School for the 2010-2011 school year
- Revisions to the 2011-2012 High School Academic Handbook
- Revisions to the 2011-2012 Middle School Academic Handbook
- 2010-2011 High School PSSA schedule as presented

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Rick Dunmire from the position of health/physical education teacher at the Middle School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Carol Sekura from the position of business education teacher at the Senior High School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement
- Accepted, with regret, the retirement of Ivan Braszo from the position of secondary gifted teacher at the Middle School effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Article XXIX of the current collective bargaining agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley Education Association and the Steel Valley School District
- Family medical leave of absence for Sara Sullivan commencing March 17, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration
- Denied an unpaid leave of absence for Amanda Linder beginning March 28 through June 8, 2011
- Denied three (3) paid bereavement days for Debbie Hrabosky on January 24-26, 2011
- Jessica Hicks, Katherine Sobocinski, Nicole Stefan and Caitlin McGinn as day-to-day substitutes 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
- Termination of employment of Jennifer Woolley, high school secretary, effective immediately
- Shannon Puhala as a substitute instructional aide and secretary at the hourly rate of \$7.25 per hour and no benefits, contingent upon passing a general physical examination and the district's mandated screening for controlled substances, which must be completed within 30 days
- Denied grievance #2011-01-01
- Family medical leave of absence for Colleen Andreyo, secretary in the business office, for a period not to exceed 12 weeks, to commence on or about February 28, 2011, to return on or about March 28, 2011
- Family medical leave of absence for Wyona Rompala, food service worker, for a period not to exceed 12 weeks, to commence February 28, 2011, to return on or about March 28, 2011

Previous Board Action

The Board approved the renewal of the district's school leaders' legal liability insurance coverage for the period February 8, 2011, through and including February 8, 2012, at a cost of \$11,791.00 through School Boards Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, Inc.