



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
September 27, 2011**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Robert Steele, uncle of Rodney Steele, varsity football coach; John R. Florian, grandfather of Jena Bence, high school cheerleading coach; Richard M. Reiner, father-in-law of Sandy Reiner, Barrett secretary; George I. Green, owner of George Green Funeral Home; William Bohin Sr., father-in-law of Lynn Bohin, middle school food service worker; Thomas A. Douglass, former athletic trainer for Munhall and Steel Valley High Schools; and Stephen Baran, father of Therese Safko, middle school paraprofessional. 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 Comments

Mrs. Cannon announced that State Representative Bill Kortz would be speaking tonight on the school district joining a class action lawsuit against Governor Corbett's budget.

Student Representative's Report

Senior Student Representative Taylor Szczepankowski reported that Charlie Batch delivered "Batchpacks" filled with school supplies to the students at Barrett and Franklin. He also gave classroom supplies to the teachers at Park School.

At the middle school, girls' groups have begun discussing violence prevention.

Homecoming at the high school will be celebrated October 10-14. On Thursday, October 13, the annual Carnival and Powder Puff game will be held at Campbell Field.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kinavey, Mr. Colebank and Mrs. Borges presented the 2011 PSSA scores for the school district. Park, Barrett and the Middle School met their performance targets in Math and Reading, and the high school is on a current improvement plan. Students in grades 3-12 will take the Keystone exams and the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) in Math, English, Social Studies and Science this year.

Representative Bill Kortz addressed the School Board stating that the state's educational cuts to the Steel Valley School District are \$699 per student and \$17,475 per classroom compared to the Upper St. Clair School District at \$79 per student and \$1,975 per classroom. He stated that the educational cuts are discriminatory and hurt children. He asked the School Board to stand up against these cuts and proposed that the school district join a class action suit to restore educational funding.

The Board unanimously approved joining a class action lawsuit to restore educational funding cuts by Governor Corbett's budget.

Dr. Kinavey reported that the Steel Valley Band Festival was well attended on September 24. The football game will be held on Saturday this week against Seton LaSalle at Chartiers Valley High School. A blood drive will be held on Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the high school.

Director of Pupil Personnel, Special Services and Elementary Education

Mrs. Borges reported that the School Wide Positive Behavior Support program is operating in Barrett Elementary School for the 3rd year and for the 1st year at Park Elementary School.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology Report

Mr. Colebank announced that October 21 would be a teacher inservice day. The staff will be reviewing student assessment scores.

Solicitor's Report

The Board authorized a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$83,125.75, as a result of a change in assessment, to GAI Consultants, Inc., Lot & Block 130-B-275, for year 2010.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes of July 26, August 9 (voting), August 9, and August 16, 2011.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for September 2011 in the amount of \$529,301.13
- General Fund hand checks for August 2011 in the amount of \$41,261.45
- Payroll Funding Transfers for August 2011
- Food Service invoices for September 2011 in the amount of \$45,304.52
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending August 31
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending August 31
- Custodial hand checks in the amount of \$22,489.62
- Middle School hand checks in the amount of \$142.50
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$9,889.58
- Band Trip hand checks in the amount of \$1,015.35
- Real estate tax refund as a result of an overpayment to Stanley Howe in the amount of \$18.00

Operations

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Congratulations to Ben Bobick for finishing in the top 5 at the golf sectional qualifier. Ben will play in the Division II Championship on Monday at New Castle Country Club.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Created a long-term substitute Kindergarten position for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year retroactive to September 12, 2011
- Appointed Jamie Dolton to the part-time position of Family and Consumer Science teacher at the middle school and senior high school at a prorated salary based on Master's level Step 1 retroactive to August 23, 2011
- Appointed Carrie Cope to a full-time long-term substitute position at the Franklin Primary Center for the 1st semester of the 2011-2012 school year retroactive to September 12, 2011
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Erin Noblet from a full-time special education position retroactive to the end of the 2010-2011 school year
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Hanson from a full-time elementary position retroactive to August 15, 2011
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Bridget Stright from a full-time special education position retroactive to August 18, 2011
- Recalled Lori Oleksak from the furlough list to a full-time position and Bridget Ellis to a full-time position effective for the 2011-2012 school year
- Kacie Titmus and Nicole Rosenfelder as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at a per diem rate of \$75 for the first 30 days and \$100 per day beginning with the 31st day
- Accepted the Settlement Agreement and Release and authorized the Board President to execute the agreement
- Denied Grievance No. 10-217 from the Steel Valley Education Association due to no violation of the collective bargaining agreement as alleged
- Accepted the resignations of Michelle Maddigan and Matthew Simpson from the supplemental positions of SADD sponsor and Head Varsity Swim Coach
- Supplemental appointments as presented for the 2011-2012 school year
- Re-instated one paraprofessional position to full-time status and recalled one paraprofessional from the furlough list for the 2011-2012 school year
- Family medical leave of absence for Deborah Woolley, secretary in the middle school, retroactive to June 14, 2011, and her return to work is undetermined as of this date
- Changed employment status of Dianne Cain from part-time to full-time retroactive to September 21, 2011, including all fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement
- Created a part-time secretary position in the Office of Pupil Personnel including prorated fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement
- Recalled the most senior furloughed secretary
- Re-instated a part-time secretary position in the middle school office including prorated fringe benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement
- Recalled the second most senior furloughed secretary
- Appointed Jessica Andzelik to a long-term substitute position at Barrett Elementary School retroactive to August 22, 2011