



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
June 26, 2012**

The Board acknowledged the passing of Rebecca “Betty” Keesecker, mother of Facilities Director Dennis Keesecker; William S. “Baldy” Voit, retired Business Education Teacher from Homestead and Steel Valley School Districts; Andrew J. Opsitos, attended Steel Valley High School from 2002-2005; Patricia A. Savolskis, mother of Linda Terrick, Park School Teacher; and Mark R. Strausser, father of Jill Watson, Park Elementary Teacher. It was moved by Mr. Ducar and seconded by Mrs. Kiefer to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

Board President’s Report

Mrs. Cannon thanked Band Director Michael Sisley and the marching band for their participation in the West Homestead parade.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Kinavey presented World War II Veteran George Hovanec with his high school diploma. Mr. Hovanec served as a Marine during World War II and due to his military service was unable to finish high school. Another diploma was issued to Mrs. Mildred Tomko who served in the Navy during World War II. Dr. Kinavey stated that these veterans are part of America’s Greatest Generation.

The Future is Mine student group presented a documentary entitled Exploring Success in the Steel Valley. This documentary was created in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Filmmakers and discussed a prominent issue in the community.

Director of Academics, Information & Technology

Mr. Colebank reported that the Summer Reading Program started last week and will also be held the weeks of July 9 and 16. There has been a good turn out of students for the program, which is funded by the Keystones to Opportunity grant.

Solicitor’s Report

- The Board adopted a resolution authorizing an option for installment payment of real estate taxes for any small business with no more than fifty employees and that is located in this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- The Board adopted a resolution for a “Tax Settlement Stipulation” with U.S. Steel on the realty tax appeal on Block and Lot No. 179-E-150, Docket at No. BV11-000343.
- The Board adopted a resolution to hire Mr. Edward Wehrer as an administrative consultant from July 9-24, 2012, under the terms of the contract as presented.
- The Board approved keeping the Franklin Primary Center open for full-day kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- May 15, 2012 worksession
- May 22, 2012 regular meeting
- June 7, 2012 special meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for June 2012 in the amount of \$385,449.64
- General Fund hand checks for May 2012 in the amount of \$402,749.54
- Cafeteria hand checks for May 2012 in the amount of \$200.00
- Payroll Funding Transfers for May 2012
- Food Service invoices for June 2012 in the amount of \$26,139.47
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2012
- Foundation for Education Technology Statement of Income and Expense for month ending May 31, 2012
- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$22,612.76
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$6,344.21
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$194.01
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$194.50
- Tuition rate of \$2,844.09 for employee Brandi Chalus' son to be enrolled as a kindergarten student at Franklin Primary Center for the 2012-2013 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202
- Tuition rate of \$3,644.30 for employee Traci Churilla's daughter to be enrolled as a student at Steel Valley High School for the 2012-2013 school year and all terms of Policy No. 202
- 2012-2013 General Fund budget with revenue in the amount of \$25,689,115 and expenditures in the amount of \$25,588,618 with the millage rate to be set at 24.1686. This equates to \$2,416 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, \$24.16 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$2.41 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Operations

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

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- Renewal of the district's workers' compensation insurance through PSBA for the 2012-2013 year at an estimated cost of \$176,666
- Authorized the business manager to solicit bids for plumbing services for the 2012-2013 school year

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Special Assignments

Board Member Tom Olson reported that three programs are being eliminated at Steel Center Vocational-Technical School. They are Computer-Aided Drafting, Electronics and Machine Shop. Welding may be added to the curriculum in the near future.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Awarded high school diplomas to World War II Veterans George A. Hovanec and Mildred Tomko
- Renewed the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2012-2013 school year and authorized the proper officers to execute the agreement

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Eliminated one (1) special education professional position for the 2012-2013 school year
- Retroactively appointed Camp Directors and Teachers at a rate of \$30.00 per hour according to the KtO grant guidelines for Camp A and Camp B in Year 1
- Denied reimbursement request to Employee No. 482
- Appointed Patty Semenko as the special education paraeducator for the Extended School Year Program 2012
- Re-instated one (1) full-time custodian position and recalled one (1) custodian from the furlough list for the 2012-2013 school year