



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
May 28, 2013**

The Board acknowledged the passing of **Shawn Keenan**, Steel Valley Graduate Class of 2004; **Eric J. Smith**, father of Emily Smith, student at Park Elementary School; **Robert Hippert**, husband of Dr. Linda Hippert, executive director, Allegheny Intermediate Unit; **Leo Pudup**, uncle of Lori Mehalik, kindergarten teacher; and **Jack Butler**, retired Pittsburgh Steeler, Hall of Fame member and life-long resident of Munhall. It was moved by **Mr. Natale** and seconded by **Mr. Olson** to place an appropriate selection of books into the Steel Valley School District Libraries in their memory.

President's Report

Mrs. Beth Cannon congratulated the 143 seniors graduating on Friday, May 31, at the Campbell Athletic Field. She wished them luck in their future endeavors.

Student Representative's Report

Miss Kristen Moten reported that the Queen of Hearts made her last visit to Franklin Primary Center on May 16 and talked to the students about YES! I Can. On May 17, the kindergarten center held the wedding of the letters Q & U teaching the students the relationship of the letters in writing and spelling.

On May 15, Park School students performed in the All School Revue entitled *Park School Celebrates!* Students in grades 1-5 sang and danced to songs that celebrated the 2012-2013 school year.

Third grade students participated in the Munhall Borough Council meeting as "elected officials" on May 15. The borough day parade occurred the following day.

Freshman **Brandon Tomasic** reported that the Barrett and Park School fifth grade students participated in Step-Up Day at the Middle School on May 24.

The gifted students earned 1st place in the Westinghouse video contest entitled Forms of Energy. The 8th grade students attended a team-building field trip at Nemaquin Woodlands. A chess club is starting for next year. Big Brothers and Big Sisters will work with 6th graders in the middle school.

Notices are being sent home to remind parents to get physicals for their incoming 6th grade students, and incoming 7th grade students need immunizations.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the History Club visited Historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Senior Breakfast will be held on May 29. Graduation practice is May 30 and 31.

Graduation ceremonies will be held Friday, May 31 at 7:00 pm, and the commencement speaker is **Coach George Novak**.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent **Edward Wehrer** congratulated Senior **Melissa Cerda** for her commitment in serving this year as the Student Representative to the School Board. She will receive a Certificate of Recognition for preparing the monthly reports to the School Board.

The Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School recognizes students in each program area once per quarter with Extra Effort Awards. These students have performed at an outstanding level in the classroom or shop. Four Steel Valley students were recognized with the Extra Effort Award for the 4th quarter of this school year.

Mr. Wehrer presented Certificates of Recognition to:

Dylan Pisarcik for his extra effort in Advertising & Design

Lakijai Bynum for her extra effort in Cosmetology

Norman Miller for his extra effort in Protective Services

Heather Demeda for her extra effort in Retail Food Merchandising and Production

The “Top of the Shop” awards are given once each semester from each of the 15 technologies offered at Steel Center Vocational-Technical School. Selection is based on Conduct, Attendance, Proficiency in course work, and Professionalism.

Two Steel Valley students were awarded this top honor at the award ceremony held on May 14. Mr. Wehrer congratulated **Amanda Barnett** who is enrolled in the Health Assistant program and **Evan Urban** who is enrolled in Electrical Construction at Steel Center. Evan also won the Top of the Shop Award for the 1st semester this school year. Congratulations to these young people for their initiative and hard work in their respective fields.

High School Principal **Bryan Macuga** announced that the fall, winter and spring sports teams all had successful seasons. He is impressed with the school spirit and enthusiasm shown by the study body this school year.

Mr. McCallister, Athletic/Activities Director, recognized the Girls Softball, Boys Baseball and Boys Volleyball players, coaches and teams on their successes this spring.

The Boys Varsity Volleyball team was the most surprising team in Section 3 of the WPIAL class AA level. Improvement and respect were two things this team accomplished. Senior **Tyler Votedian** made 2nd team All Section and Sophomore **David Grace** made Honorable Mention All Section. The volleyball team GPA was 3.6. Congratulations to **Coach Hinsley** and the Boys Volleyball team.

The Boys Varsity Baseball team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and earned the 1st Section baseball title in 19 years. Members of the Ironmen Baseball Team presented the section plaque to the School Board. **Derek Morrison** was named *Tribune Review* Player of the Week and **Brandon Donovan** earned the same honor one month later. Congratulations to **Coach Vickers** and the Boys Baseball team. The team’s GPA was 3.2.

The 2013 Girls Softball team finished in 2nd place in the section—their highest finish since 1999. The team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and won a playoff game for the first time since 2006. Freshman pitcher **Maddie Cotter** had 12 wins, 2.07 ERA and 132 strikeouts. She was also featured in the *Tribune Review* as Athlete of the Week. The Softball team GPA was 3.6. Congratulations to **Coach Janov** and the Lady Ironmen.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the April 16, 2013 worksession meeting and the April 23, 2013 regular meeting.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for May 2013 in the amount of \$577,545.88
- General Fund hand checks for April 2013 in the amount of \$413,078.33
- Food Service invoices for May 2013 in the amount of \$41,550.86
- Payroll Funding Transfers for April 2013

- Custodial/hand checks in the amount of \$54,147.77
- Middle School/hand checks in the amount of \$1,976.59
- Athletic invoices/hand checks in the amount of \$3,579.85
- Band Trip/hand checks in the amount of \$623.91
- Capital Projects 2005 Statement of Income and Expense for month ending April 30, 2013
- Creation of a school district account on eBay
- 2013-2014 proposed General Fund budget with revenue in the amount of \$28,969,963 and expenditures in the amount of \$28,785,287

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Authorized the district's participation in the FirstEnergy Friends & Family Revenue Sharing Initiative at no cost to the district
- Purchase and installation of security system video cameras at Barrett Elementary School to be paid from Capital funds
- Installation of an equipment safe in the high school office of the School Resource Officer

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Authorized the School Charter Bus Agreement with A-1 Van Service retroactive to April 22, 2013
- Sharing of student data with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services
- Revised the 2012-2013 school calendar and designated Friday, May 31, 2013, as a K-12 districtwide early dismissal
- Notices of Adoption of Policies, Procedures & Use of Funds between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the school district for the 2013-2014 school year
- Adopted an Informal Student Disposition
- Mrs. Ballas announced that the 7th grade gifted students won a video contest sponsored by the Westinghouse Science Academy's Energy Adventures under the direction of Dr. Rojtas-Milliner, and the middle school will receive \$1,000 to purchase science items.
- At the National Honor Society Induction, Sue Olsen was voted by students as Teacher of the Year, and Senior Casey Hartnett was chosen as Student of the Year.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Appointed Susan Wilder, Lori Oleksak, Maribeth Meals and Lisa Lawson as the special education teachers at a rate of \$30 per hour and appointed Vicki Deutsch, Mary Jo Sklencar, Lee Ann Doyle and Melissa Ladik as the special education paraeducators at their regular hourly rate for the 2013 Extended School Year Program
- Brittany Dunmire as a day-to-day substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year retroactive to May 9, 2013
- Thomas Price and Kathleen Mann as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Act 93 Agreement between the School Board and the Act 93 Administrators as presented
- Re-appointed Dr. Dennis Zabelsky as the school dentist for the 2013-2014 school year
- Kimberly Koebler Santez, Cindy Delehanty and Sarah Thompson as certified school psychologists to provide school psychological services as needed

- PDE Teacher Effectiveness Professional Development held at the Beaver County Intermediate Unit on June 25-26, 2013, for educational administrators to be paid from the KtO grant-Travel and Professional Development
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mary Jo Smith from the position of Accounts Payable Secretary effective May 31, 2013
- Re-instated part-time cafeteria aide position at Barrett Elementary School and recalled the aide from the furlough list for the start of the 2013-2014 school year
- Attendance of Diana Borges, Jill Fleming-Salopek, Kevin Walsh, Sharon Fisher and Brandi Chalus to the PBIS Implementer_s Forum on May 29-30, 2013 as required
- Appointed James Marnell to the position of Business Manager/Board Secretary/Right to Know Officer and Operations Manager