



Steel Valley School District Board Brief

**Board Meeting
October 28, 2016**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Marvin Womack**, former basketball coach, 1986 Steel Valley graduate and cousin of Loren Ford, custodian; **Thomas Kissel**, brother-in-law of Norm Kosko, Barrett custodian; **Charles Marvin Sampson**, uncle of Alyson Fisher, Barrett counselor; **Margaret E. Del Cimuto**, grandmother of Meagan O'Toole, high school teacher; **Beverly Nacey**, aunt of Melissa Ladik, middle school paraeducator; **Marilyn E. Braszo**, grandmother of Jillian Braszo, middle school teacher and mother of Ivan Braszo, retired teacher; **Charlotte K. Asmonga**, former cafeteria worker and aunt of Michelle Maddigan, high school teacher; **Harry "Butch" Percival**, uncle of Tom Olson, School Board member; **Wilma Jean Grant**, sister of Coyleen Steele, Vice President of the School Board; **Patricia J. Cain**, sister-in-law of Dianne Cain, residency/attendance checker and aunt of Erin Noblet, middle school teacher; and **Dustin Dean**, great nephew of Leslie Hairston, paraeducator at Park School. It was moved by **Mr. Bulger** and seconded by **Mr. Olson** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

Student Representatives' Reports

Junior School Board Representative **Abby Ferson** reported that over 200 people attended **Dads and Donuts** at Barrett Elementary School, and she was happy to report that family involvement is improving at Barrett.

The Barrett students have received iPads and learning is underway with the new devices. The students and staff are utilizing the Apple programs and taking learning to a new dimension. Abby thanked **Mr. Campbell** and the Campbell Foundation for the iPads.

Barrett staff made and sold over 400 hoagies. The Barrett students attended a **Spinosaurus Encounter Show** at the Carnegie of Homestead, and they would like to thank the library for this opportunity.

The **Fall Festival Parade** will be take place on October 31 at 1:00 p.m. Weather permitting, the students will walk the outside parade route.

In November, **McTeacher Night** will be held at the McDonald's on the Waterfront. The teachers will serve meals at McDonald's for the evening and the profits will benefit Barrett Elementary School. Abby asked the community to show its support.

The afterschool programs are underway and have been very successful at Barrett School.

The 3rd and 4th graders had a great time at the **Fall Dance** held on October 19 at Park Elementary School. The **Family Fun Night** was fun for the kindergarteners through 2nd graders on October 20. Everyone learned a lot from the Fire Safety assembly held at Park School by the local fire fighters.

Everyone at Park School is looking forward to the Halloween Parade on Friday, October 28, and for the Veterans Day Celebration on November 9.

Senior Student Representative to the School Board **Abbey Caspar** reported that teachers from the Steel Valley Middle School toured the Elizabeth Forward Middle School to view instructional programs that utilize iPad devices and the eBackpack program.

The Middle School basketball season will begin on November 7. All home games will be held in the Middle School gym beginning at 3:30 p.m.

PSATs were given on October 19 to all 10th grade students.

The bonfire is scheduled for the Thursday before the first playoff football game. It will be a pep assembly complete with cheerleaders, band, players and lots of excitement as our Ironmen battle in the WPIAL playoffs.

The blood drive sponsored by the **Student Government** was a huge success! Abbey thanked **Mrs. McCallister** and the students for their assistance and also for their donations.

Librarian **Dr. Rojtas-Milliner** is hosting a schoolwide **Harry Potter Festival** this week. Activities included room-decorating contest, costume contest, dramatic readings, wand decorating and mystical foods are part of the weeklong celebration of all things magical.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer congratulated the marching band for its 2nd place finish at the Penn Trafford band competition with a score of 80.25. The color guard came in 1st place. He wished the marching band the best at the Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey in two weeks.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges announced some of the upcoming events:

October 29	Sadie Hawkins Dance	HS	7:00 p.m.
November 9	Veterans Day Program	Park	9:00 a.m.
November 9	Veterans Day Program	Barrett	1:30 p.m.
November 10	Veterans Day Program	HS	8:45 a.m.

The next parent workshop will be a breakfast meeting on November 22 at Barrett Elementary School starting at 8:00 a.m. on the topic of positive behavior and supports.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that the end of the nine-week grading period is November 2 and report cards will be distributed November 9. The **Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled the week of November 14.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- September 26, 2016 worksession meeting
- September 28, 2016 regular meeting

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for October 2016 in the amount of \$735,549.90
- General Fund hand checks for September 2016 in the amount of \$1,148,366.65
- General Fund Revenue Report for September 2016
- General Fund Expenditure Report for September 2016
- General Fund Balance Sheet for September 2016
- Food Service invoices for September 2016 in the amount of \$52,740.34
- Payroll Funding Transfers for September 2016

- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending September 30, 2016
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for September 2016
- Contractors and amounts to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund:

John Haughey & Sons Inc.	\$3,060.00
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Golon Inc.	\$44,550.00
Swede Construction Corporation	\$40,662.00

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Change order in the amount of \$2,310.00 to Swede Construction Corporation

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the fundraising requests as presented.

Special Assignments

The Board held a second reading and adopted the revisions to **Policy 707 Facilities**.

As a Steel Valley Board Member, **Mr. Olson** also serves on the Board of Directors for Steel Center Career and Technical School and Mon Valley School. He was invited to **Roses** discount store to observe special needs high school students at work. He was impressed with the amount of work that the students accomplished. Roses hires special needs students from the Mon Valley School as well as special needs adults.

Educational Leadership

The Board accepted the following donations:

300 Backpacks	Pittsburgh Pirates	Middle School
Yoga mats	Yoga Foster	Barrett School
Power Bands	Unicef Kid Power Grant	3 rd Grade Barrett School

Technology

Mr. Bulger reported that the first meeting of the Technology Committee was conducted on October 19. Those in attendance were **Mr. Wehrer, Mr. Colebank, Mr. McCallister, Mrs. Szczypinski, Mrs. Pugh** and himself. They discussed the best practices and identified technology challenges. He noted that monthly meetings would be held to discuss the best uses of technology. He would like to add students to the committee for future meetings.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Julie Doebereiner** from the long-term substitute position of special education teacher retroactive to October 7, 2016
- Appointed **Rachel Dindak** to a full-time, long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of full-time, long-term substitute Districtwide Special Education teacher at Bachelor’s Step 1 salary plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to October 13, 2016, contingent upon receipt of health examination and screening for controlled substances
- Appointed **Marissa Haddad** to a full-time, long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of full-time, long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher at Bachelor’s Step 1 salary

plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to October 10, 2016

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **James Bartko** from the supplemental position of high school yearbook advisor effective immediately
- Created two (2) supplemental positions of **Pitt-Bridge Sponsor** with a stipend of \$2,000 each for the 2016-2017 school year
- Supplemental appointments as presented for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- **Steve Franklin** as a varsity boys basketball volunteer, **Virginia Carr** as a swimming volunteer and **Cole Eged** as a bowling volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances
- Created a districtwide paraeducator position to support the Section 504 and/or IEPs of students with disabilities or medical needs
- **Care Unlimited, Inc.**, agreement and authorized the appropriate officials to execute said agreement