



## **STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Memorial Books**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Johanna Wahl**, mother of Dottie Alexandroff, high school food service worker; **James Findlay, Jr.**, father-in-law of Tracy Findlay, first grade Barrett teacher; **Janet Pido**, aunt of Holli Bobick; **Marie Bobik**, cousin of Holli Bobick, Park School paraprofessional; **Loretta E. Balogh**, mother of Sharon Janosko, retired Park School teacher and band auxiliary unit coordinator; **Eugene N. Costel**, retired high school math teacher; and **Anne Andreyo**, mother-in-law of Colleen Andreyo, confidential secretary in the business office. It was moved by **Mrs. Steele** and seconded by **Mrs. Yuhas** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Miss **Abby Ferson**, Junior Student Representative to the School Board, reported that Kindergarten registration has begun, and the Barrett staff have been sharing this information with preschool parents.

Seuss Week is beginning and each day a different reading activity will be completed by the students at Barrett School. On March 2, first graders from Park and Barrett will participate in Dr. Seuss Day at Barrett School.

Eleven Barrett students from each grade level will attend a Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey practice as a PBIS incentive. Barrett moms are invited to Moms and Muffins Breakfast on March 1.

Park School students are looking forward to Dr. Seuss week. Fourth grade boys are attending the Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey practice. On March 7, a Wild World of Animals assembly will take place at Park School. The next Park School PTO meeting will be held on March 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Student Representative to the Board **Abbey Caspar** announced progress reports would be going out on Friday. The **Middle School Girls Basketball** team would have its final game on February 27.

The high school **Stand Together** student group received a \$1,000 grant through the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health to implement the *Love is Louder than Mental Illness* theme in February. Stand Together is an initiative that inspires and equips youth to take action against stigma associated with mental illness and substance use disorders. The students spread the love in the high school to increase awareness of mental illness with locker decorations, door-decorating contest, a mural in the cafeteria and a mental health fair during lunches on February 25. Miss Caspar thanked the students, **Mrs. Kamnikar** and **Mrs. Dunmire-Kuftic** for their planning and preparation of this month's awareness activities.

Digital Learning Day was held on February 23. This was the second year that all classes included some form of digital instruction. Students were encouraged to *Bring a Friend to Choir* on February 16. **Ms. Kampe** hosts this every year to allow more students to see what choir is about. There are 65 students in concert choir!

Various lessons, units of study and activities occurred throughout the high school on the topic of Black History. The **Harmony Club** of Homestead held an assembly for students as part of Black History Month.

The **High School and Middle School Student Governments** are teaming up with the **special education teachers** to promote Autism Awareness Month in April. Students are selling blue Autism Awareness t-shirts and blue light bulbs. The blue light bulbs are for “Light it Up Blue” day on Sunday, April 2.

The next blood drive will be held Thursday, March 30, in the high school gym from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Miss Caspar reported that the **Central Blood Bank** does send one machine that is capable of collecting platelets, plasma or double red cell donations from adults who wish to donate.

### **Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report**

**Mr. Colebank** announced that the school district has purchased four domains under steelvalleysd.org and .net and .info, and the district will have a 10-year lease on these domains. He added that the newly designed website will be user friendly and have individual pages for each school building.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- January 23, 2017 worksession meeting
- January 26, 2017 regular meeting

### **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for February 2017 in the amount of \$1,029,633.17
- General Fund hand checks for January 2017 in the amount of \$142,742.09
- General Fund Revenue Report for January 2017
- General Fund Expenditure Report for January 2017
- General Fund Balance Sheet for January 2017
- Food Service invoices for January 2017 in the amount of \$44,651.46
- Food Service Revenue Report for January 2017
- Food Service Expenditure Report for January 2017
- Food Service Balance Sheet for January 2017
- Payroll Funding Transfers for January 2017
- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending January 31, 2017
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2017
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2017
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2017
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for January 2017
- Current Real Estate Tax Collectors’ Financial Statements, Auditor’s Opinion and Management Letter for the year ending December 31, 2015
- List of bus/van drivers submitted by PA Coach who are currently driving for the district in the 2016-2017 school year
- Presented the 2017-2018 Proposed General Fund Operating Budget

### **Operations**

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

### **Co-Curricular Leadership**

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Authorized payment of \$600.00 for disc jockey services at the prom to be held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall on May 19, 2017

## Special Assignments

The Board held first reading of policies in Section 700 of the Steel Valley Board Policy Manual.

### Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Accepted a \$1,500 donation from **FranJo Construction**, a \$300 donation from **Park Plumbing** and a \$2,000 donation from the **Homestead District Lions Club** to be used toward the football banquet
- Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the **Allegheny County Department of Human Services**, Office of Children, Youth and Families Agreement and authorized the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

### Technology

**Mr. Bulger** reported that Campus Suite will design and develop a new district website that will be more robust. The demonstration was exciting in functionality, and it will not be difficult to maintain.

### Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for **Shari Koroly-Fetzko** retroactive to February 1, 2017, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Supplemental spring athletic positions as presented for the 2016-2017 school year
- **Carol Sekura** to the supplemental position of Website Manager retroactive to July 1, 2016
- **Barb Ferson** to a full-time, long-term substitute position with a 2016-2017 assignment of Districtwide Special Education teacher at Master's Step 1 salary plus benefits as outlined in the SVEA collective bargaining agreement retroactive to January 5, 2017, contingent upon receipt of health examination and screening for controlled substances
- Early Retirement Incentive Program for the Steel Valley Education Association as presented in the Memorandum of Understanding
- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for **Denise Blasko** commencing March 1, 2017, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Intermittent family medical leave of absence for **Debbie Woolley**, retroactive to February 6, 2017, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- **Dondi Hartman** as a full-time custodian to be paid at the negotiated bargaining unit agreement amount, contingent upon receipt of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168, and passing physical and drug screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- **Rachel Toboz** as a substitute food service worker at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168, and upon passing a physical exam and drug screening test, which must be completed within 30 days
- Spring sports volunteer as presented for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- **Nicholas Alterio** and **Robert Jackson** as substitute custodians at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, contingent upon receipt of acceptable Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, compliance with Act 168, and upon passing a physical exam and drug screening test, which must be completed within 30 days
- Early Retirement Incentive Program for the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Professionals as presented in the Memorandum of Understanding
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