



Steel Valley School District

Board Brief

**Board Meeting
August 18, 2016**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Jacqueline Ann Coyne**, cousin of Mike Coyne, district groundskeeper and **William C. Churilla, Sr.**, father-in-law of Traci Churilla, middle school teacher. It was moved by **Mr. Bulger** and seconded by **Mrs. Ballas** to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in their memory.

Vice President's Report

Mrs. Steele thanked **Mr. Macuga**, **Mr. Johnson**, **Mrs. Borges** and everyone who coordinated the 5th grade orientation at the middle school. The event was well planned and went very well.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wehrer reported that it is close to the beginning of the school year, and he is looking forward to good things happening in our schools.

On August 29, there will be an early dismissal on the transition day for grades 1, 5, 6 and 9 only. All students will begin school on Tuesday, August 30, with a regular dismissal time, except kindergarten will dismiss early at 12:15 p.m.

Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Report

Mrs. Borges announced that the parent workshop entitled, "Navigating the Special Education Process," would be postponed until September 29 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the high school.

She announced that beginning August 22, the teachers and paraprofessionals would begin the school year with professional development training, which includes Special Education/FERPA, Gradebook, Apple iPads and School Safety.

Director of Academics, Information and Technology Report

Mr. Colebank reported that **Gradebook** would replace Edline for the upcoming school year. Teachers will receive an overview of the features of Gradebook during professional development. Parents and students will receive a login for the new system.

He announced that the district would initiate the **Raptor** system, which will be used to identify visitors entering the buildings. The driver's licenses of visitors will be scanned into the authorizing system and print an ID badge.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- July 25, 2016 worksession meeting
- July 28, 2016 regular meeting

A new procedure was implemented that all residents speaking at the board meetings shall sign in by printing their name and the purpose for their dialogue.

Financial Management

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2015-2016 being paid in 2016-2017 in the amount of \$137,507.28
- General Fund invoices for August 2016 in the amount of \$113,635.28
- General Fund hand checks for 2015-2016 being paid in 2016-2017 in the amount of \$23,450.68
- General Fund hand checks for July 2016 in the amount of \$652,445.92
- General Fund Revenue Report for July 2016
- General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2016
- General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2016
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2016
- Capital Projects Statement of Income and Expense for month ending July 31, 2016
- Tuition rate of \$3,134.00 for employee **Emilee Garcia's** daughter to be enrolled as a nonresident student in kindergarten and all terms of Policy No. 202
- Payment from Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$265,086.00 to **Peter J. Caruso**
- Allow the employees to purchase at their own cost Lump Sum Disability Insurance from **OneAmerica**
- Ratify the administration's determination to terminate the contract with **Dick Jones Communications** as of August 31, 2016
- 36-month lease in the amount of \$272,575.00 at a rate of 2.58% to **PNC Equipment Finance**
- Payments from Capital Projects Fund to **Swede Construction** and **John Haughey & Sons, Inc.**, in the amounts of \$12,226.50 and \$17,865.00 respectively

Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Facility rental requests as presented
- Change order for three speed bumps totaling \$5,100.00

Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC, on May 11-13, 2017, at no cost to the district
- Menu of a la carte prices for the 2016-2017 school year as presented
- Notification to West Penn Allegheny Health System that the district is exercising its right to ample notification that the District does not intend to extend the current contract and provide notification that the contract will expire on June 30, 2017

Special Assignments

The Board approved the following items:

- Held second reading and adopted the revisions to Policy 221 Dress and Grooming
- Held second reading and adopted Policy 711 Use of Vehicles on School Business
- Held second reading and adopted Policy 717 Use of Mobile Communication and Storage Devices
- Held first reading of revisions to Policy 247 Hazing

Educational Leadership

The Board approved the 2016-2017 Elementary Parent Student Handbook and Elementary Faculty Handbook.

Personnel Management

The Board approved the following items:

- **Mary Ellen Totin** as a half-time, long-term substitute school nurse with prorated fringe benefits according to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement beginning with the 2016-2017 school year
- Change of employment status of **Michael Sisley** from half-time to full-time beginning with the 2016-2017 school year
- Granted tenure to Michael Sisley and authorized the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Professional Employee Contract
- Day-to-day substitute teachers and school nurses as presented for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- **Laura Danastasio, Amie Olasz, Fasha Houston, Morgan Fedor, Krista Fischetti, Rachel Dindak** and **Reita Kline** as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, teaching certificates and compliance with Act 168
- Certified school psychologists as presented to provide contracted school psychological services as needed, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- KtO supplemental staff as presented for the 2016-2017 school year
- **Corey Keyes** as a football volunteer, **Rick Williams** as a middle school soccer volunteer and **Morgan Churilla** as a middle school girls volleyball volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168
- Bidding and assignment results as follows:

HS Secretary/Building & Grounds Secretary	Debbie Woolley (Bid)
Middle School Secretary/Technology Dept. Secretary	Jim Bartko (Bid)
Middle School Secretary	Sherri Titmus (Assigned)
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Shawn McCallister** from the supplemental position of Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach and the resignation of **Mary Jo Craycraft** from the supplemental position of Intramural Supervisor at Park Elementary effective immediately
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Christina Borelli** from the professional teaching position of Special Education Teacher effective immediately
- Eliminated one-half of a professional teaching position
- Supplemental positions as follows: **Traci Churilla** to the Girls 8th Grade Volleyball Coach at a stipend of \$1,439.10, **Kasey Churilla** to the Girls 7th Grade Volleyball Coach at a stipend of \$1,439.10 and **Tara Simm** to the Middle School Art Club Supervisor at a stipend of \$1,151.26 effective for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon receipt of current clearances and compliance with Act 168