



## **STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Memorial Books**

The School Board acknowledged the passing of **Frank McClintock**, father-in-law of Amy Lyons, Athletic/Activities Office Secretary; **Jason Stokes**, son of Judi Stokes, retired elementary teacher; **Vincent P. Davis**, father of Lauren Baughman, former principal at Park Elementary School and Franklin Primary Center; **Jack Chalfa**, father-in-law of Kelly Chalfa, high school cafeteria staff; **Edwin P. Seddon**, grandfather of Nicole and John Strom, Park School Instructional Resource Teacher and Secondary Associate Principal; **Matthew Zeigler**, Steel Valley Graduate, Class of 2004; **Dorothy C. Miller**, retired high school cafeteria staff; and **Mary A. Baker**, aunt of Amber Thomas, secondary school nurse. It was moved by **Mr. Olson** and seconded by **Mrs. Steele** to place a selection of appropriate books into the school libraries in their memory.

### **Board President's Report**

**Mr. Bulger** reported the school year started with a transition day for kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. These students were able to become familiar with the schools without other students in the buildings.

He added that the district is offering many advanced classes in the middle school and high school. These classes are afforded to students when other small school districts similar to Steel Valley do not offer these classes.

Students are preparing for careers by attending Steel Center, which is one of the finest programs for career development. Our students succeed in these programs. We also offer special education courses, mental health counseling, and a robust alternative education program. Steel Valley School District offers educational opportunities for students who need help and who excel.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Wehrer** announced that Barrett and Park School staff members participated in an active shooter drill, also known as A.L.I.C.E. training, as part of a safety exercise this week. The police, fire departments and emergency management from all three boroughs, as well as MAPS, participated in this important training. It is unfortunate that this exercise must be practiced, but it is good to know that the first responders make our safety their priority.

On October 8, another training will occur in the Middle School/High School complex with Allegheny County Emergency Management, Homeland Security, County Sheriff's Department and local police, fire and EMS. This may be the largest school safety drill that has occurred in the county.

Mr. Wehrer reported the raw data results of 22 standardized testing assessments, which include grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and Keystones. In terms of mastery (% proficient + % advanced), 11 of the 22 assessments showed increases, 4 had no change, and 7 had decreases. When only the percentage of advanced students was analyzed, 15 of the 22 assessments had increases, 2 had no change, and 5 decreased.

Last year, Steel Valley was one of only five school districts in Allegheny County that had shown overall improvement on standardized assessments. The final data is not available, but it is promising that our students showed improvement again in 2018.

### **Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services' Report**

**Mrs. Borges** announced the Alternative Education program would be located in the Franklin Education Center. The Board has added an Elementary Behavioral Support Center located in the Batch Center, and they have hired additional special education teachers.

Mrs. Borges noted that students are returning to Steel Valley to enroll.

She announced that Friday, August 24, is the first full day of school. Elementary Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 29. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from Barrett and Park Elementary Schools. Parents are invited to Open House as follows:

5:00 - 7:00 PM	Park Elementary School
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Barrett Elementary School

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- July 23, 2018 worksession
- July 26, 2018 regular meeting

### **Financial Management**

The Board approved the following financial items:

- General Fund invoices for 2017-2018 paid in 2018-2019 in the amount of \$148,608.15
- General Fund invoices for August 2018 in the amount of \$181,266.15
- General Fund hand checks for July 2018 in the amount of \$1,974,205.47
- General Fund Revenue Report for July 2018
- General Fund Expenditure Report for July 2018
- General Fund Balance Sheet for July 2018
- Food Service invoices in the amount of \$973.86
- Food Service Revenue Report for June 2018
- Food Service Expenditure Report for June 2018
- Food Service Balance Sheet for June 2018
- Food Service Revenue Report for July 2018
- Food Service Expenditure Report for July 2018
- Food Service Balance Sheet for July 2018
- Payroll Funding Transfers for July 2018
- High School Student Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018
- Middle School Activities Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018
- Athletics Fund Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018
- External Groups Balance Sheet and Disbursement Report for July 2018
- Capital Projects Activity for July 2018
- Capital Projects Balance Sheet for July 2018
- Refund due **David and Thomas Simmons** in the amount of \$12.53 as a result of exoneration for year 2018
- Agreement of Understanding with the **Borough of Munhall Police Department**, that the District will compensate the Borough in the amount of \$175.00 per officer requested at each district event

## Operations

The Board approved the facility rental requests as presented.

### Co-Curricular Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Fundraising requests as presented
- Increased adult meal prices to \$3.75 for lunch and maintained the \$2.00 for breakfast
- Food Service Fund Budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The Budgetary Revenues are \$1,088,797 and the Budgetary Expenditures are \$1,088,797
- Purchased food service oven in the amount of \$21,849.00 through the State's Costar Program. Board authorized administration to issue the 50% advance to **TriMark SS Kemp**. All costs will be paid out of the Food Service Fund.
- Overnight field trip request for the **8<sup>th</sup> grade trip** to Washington, D.C. on May 9-11, 2019. **Mrs. Yuhas** thanked **Dr. Fenyus** for coordinating this educational trip each year.

### Special Assignments

**Mr. Olson** announced that he is looking forward to the recognition of our Steel Valley students this year at Steel Center. Repointing repairs needed at the Mon Valley School may be completed by our Steel Center students as a real-world project experience.

### Educational Leadership

The Board approved the following items:

- Secondary Student Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook and the High School Faculty Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year
- Transitional Program Handbook and the Online Program Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Valley School District and the **Allegheny County Department of Human Services** and authorized the appropriate officials to execute said agreement

**Mr. Rojtas** commended the secondary administrators and staff members for a great job getting ready for the start of school. Everyone seems ready and relaxed for the new school year.

### Communications and Technology

**Mrs. Ligeros** reported that the Steel Valley website is in its final stages of completion.

### Personnel Management

The Board approved the following actions:

- Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Amber Thomas** retroactive to August 20, 2018, not to exceed 60 days in duration
- Contract between the Steel Valley School District and **Jennifer Fandray**, LLC, a Licensed Professional Counselor, to provide professional services at a rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$20,400, for the 2018-2019 school year
- Day-to-day substitute teachers as presented for the 2018-2019 school year at the approved daily rate, contingent upon receipt of current clearances, compliance with Act 168 of 2014 and upon passing pre-employment screening exams, which must be completed within 30 days
- Every day substitute teachers as presented for the 2018-2019 school year at the approved daily rate
- Superintendent **Edward Wehrer** as the state required School Safety and Security Coordinator

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Janet Hvizdos**, food service worker in the high school cafeteria
- **Daniel Boehme** to the supplemental position of High School Cross Country Coach and **Rick Williams** to the supplemental position of Middle School Soccer Coach for the 2018-2019 school year
- **Kerry Kleinhans** to the supplemental positions of Elementary Music-Park School and Elementary Music-Barrett School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Job description of General Worker in the cafeteria
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Nicole Mackey** from the position of Health Care Aide, effective immediately
- Job description for the newly created teaching position Elementary Teacher at the Elementary Behavioral Support Center
- Rescinded the appointment of **Rachael Corfont** to the position of full-time permanent teacher with a 2018-2019 assignment of Special Education teacher at the Middle School/Senior High School, effective immediately

### **Special Meeting – August 20, 2018**

The Board appointed a full-time permanent teacher with a 2018-2019 assignment of Middle School/High School Special Education teacher.