

School Board Notes

March 2004 Meetings

The Seneca Valley School Board approved the following items during the action agenda portion of the March 8 work session and the March 15 regular school board meeting:

PERSONNEL

Approved the following conferences:

Bobi-Jean Alexander – PA Music Educators’ Assoc.

Jeff Badger – How to Install, Configure, Administer and Troubleshoot Linux

Lara DiFrischia – PA Assoc. of Family & Consumer Science

Jeffrey Fuller – Keeping Our Children Safe: Strategies for Schools & Communities

DeeAnn Graham – Transforming The Difficult Child

Susan Harmon – PA Assoc. of Family & Consumer Science

Trisha Hazen-Nye – Helping Students Meet and Exceed Writing Standards

Leah McDowell-Spink – National Science Teacher Assoc.

Matthew McKinley – Test and Assessment - Understanding Test Results

Mary Jo Nock – PA Assoc. of Family & Consumer Science

Gail Simpson – PA Assoc. of Family & Consumer Science

Carolyn Snyder – How to Install, Configure, Administer & Troubleshoot Linux

Nancy Zinkham – PA School librarians’ Assoc.

Approved the following resignations:

Professional

Stanley Weiblinger - Secondary

Retirement (Conclusion of the 2003-04 school year)

Richard Meyers - CO

Leora Burgh – Food Services

Ruth Kirk - Elementary

Dr. Melvin Steals - Elementary

Susan Casker - Elementary

Carol Ann Riesmeyer - Elementary

Sandra Wagner - Elementary

Joseph Bittner - Elementary

Vincent Lee Watson - Elementary

Diana McAfee - Secondary

Robert Harsh - Secondary

Betty McKean-Sepich - Secondary

Grace Hawkins - Secondary

Bonnie Davidson - Secondary

Susan Skamla – Secondary

Supplemental

Tom Donati - Computer Club - Effective: 2003-04 School Year

Classified

Tari Deiss - Cafeteria
Caroline Chapman - Paraprofessional
Andrea Aaron - Paraprofessional

Retirements (Conclusion of 2003-04 School year)

Dolores Bowman - Secondary
Helen Loutzenhiser – Elementary

Approved the following appointments:

Professional

Katieri Kizer - Learning Support Teacher

Other – Effective 2004-05

Terry Henry – Administrative Assistant for Operations

Substitutes

Daily Substitutes

Supplemental – Effective 2004-05

Ronald Butschle – Varsity Football Coach

Supplemental - Effective 2003-04 School Year

Martin Pegher - 4th Assistant Baseball Coach

Amanda Duell - 4th Assistant Softball Coach

Jay D’Ambrosio - Computer Club (Shared)

Louis Nagy - Computer Club (Shared)

Classified

Barbara Mihok - Cafeteria
Jessica Bieber - Cafeteria
Kimberly Spontak - Cafeteria
Tari Deiss - Paraprofessional
Donna Kemper - Paraprofessional
Tina Utz - Special Education Helper Paraprofessional

Transfer

Kimberly Palmieri - Special Education Helper to Special Education
Paraprofessional

Classified Substitutes

Barbara Mihok - Cafeteria
Lisa Sacco - Cafeteria
Berniece Melodia - Cafeteria
Christine Ochtun - Cafeteria
Carole O’Rourke - Paraprofessional
Jennifer Miller - Cafeteria

Approved the following leaves:

Professional

Dana Hadley - Secondary - Paid (Using Available Sick Days)
Christine Cooper - Elementary - Unpaid (Using Available Sick Days)
Dana Nicklas - Elementary - Paid (Using Available Sick Days)

Classified

Margaret Plocido - Unpaid Leave Extension

Informed the board that the following have rescinded their intent to retire:

Alice Green – Elementary
Ellyn Anthony - Elementary
Linda Anthony – Elementary
John Mooney - Elementary
Patricia Roenigk – Elementary
Karen Barbati – Secondary
Dr. Robert Thomas – Secondary
Dr. Denise Chappell – Central Office
David Ruffaner – Secondary

Authorized the administration to post the following positions:

Athletic Director (12-month position)
Boys Head Basketball Coach
Assistant Football Coaches
Food Service Director (12-month position)

RECOGNITION

Recognized Samantha Bell, Heather Endler, and Kristie Hilliard for earning first place, and Anne Acton second place, at the Pennsylvania junior Academy of Science regional competition. Samantha Bell also won the top award in ecology for grades 7-12. Heather, Sam, and Kristie will move to the state competition at Penn State University in May. Mrs. Patti Griest is the sponsor;

Recognized Junior Janelle Applequist for being named Cranberry Rotary Club Service Above Self Student winner for 2004;

Recognized Jim Nagle, Senior High art teacher, for publishing a book, *Printmaking* with Dick Blick Art Materials Company. Seneca Valley student artwork is featured in the book;

Recognized Dr. Gerald Malecki, Superintendent, for being named Cranberry Rotary Club Service Above Self Educator for 2004.

Recognized Seneca Valley Graduate, Elizabeth Matchett Freimuth, for being named a principal hornist with the Kansas City Symphony.

Recognized four Seneca Valley Alumni--Tom Sarver, Sarah Wojdylak, Robin Hewlett, and Steve Riddle--for showing their work in the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh.

Recognized Awards of Honor presented by The Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association to Seneca Valley for the *Excellence in Motion Activities and Information Calendar* and *Seneca Valley Insight*. Both publications are produced by Linda Andreassi.

ACTION

Authorized students and sponsors to attend Regional Chorus at Grove City High School on March 11-13, 2004, at a cost of \$650.50;

Authorized students and sponsors to attend PMEA Region I Band at Derry Area High School on March 17-19, 2004, at a cost of \$980;

Authorized Academic Games students and sponsors to attend Tri-Bowl (regional) Tournament at Geneva College on March 17-18, 2004 - \$219;

Approved Dennis McAnallen to attend Schoolhouse Software 2004 Users and California Schools Food Service Association Conferences in San Diego,

California, on April 1-4, 2004, at a cost of \$1,469.00 to be paid by Food Service Department;

Approved Lynn Wagner to attend Pennsylvania Action for Healthy Kids in Harrisburg on March 10 and 11, 2004, at a cost of \$424;

Approved driver's education contract for 2003-04 with Kennedy School of Driving, Inc.;

Approved the following board policies:

Booster Club Policy/Guidelines – Revised – 1st Reading

Parent Involvement Policy – New – 2nd Reading

Approved revised Board policy manual;

Approved the following student adjudications:

2003-04-10

2003-04-11

2003-04-12

2003-04-13

Approved contract extension with EDI Imaging as the grades 9-12 yearbook school photographer for 2005-07 at no cost to the district;

Approved 2004-05 calendar;

Approved 2004-05 budget for Butler County Area Vocational Technical School for \$3,386,788 including Seneca Valley's payment of \$287,415;

Approved Midwestern Intermediate Unit 2004-05 budget for \$3,977,793 including Seneca Valley's payment of \$123,547;

Authorized a board executive session for legal and personnel matters at 6 p.m. on March 23, 2004, in Conference Room A;

Authorized the administration to post an elementary 5-6 middle school principal position due to retirement of Melvin Steals;

Approved Academic Games students and sponsors to attend national tournament at Kissimmee, Florida, on April 23-27;

Approved five sophomores and one teacher advisor to attend Second Mile Leadership Institute at State College April 25-28 at a cost of \$500 for transportation only;

Approved submission of the following grants at no additional cost to district:

- E-portfolio for Office for Vocational Rehabilitation eligible students - \$5,000
- Butler County Drug and Alcohol - \$5,000
- Pennsylvania School Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance - \$5,000.

Approved articulation agreement with the Art Institute of Pittsburgh;

Approved Seneca Valley School District Title I participation in the Midwestern Intermediate Unit consortium proposal for the 2004-05 school year at a cost of 2.3% of the Title I entitlement.

FISCAL/BUSINESS ACTION

Approved the payment of the general fund bills at \$6,217,092.66;

Approved the activities fund bills at \$50,952.26;

Approved the construction fund bills at \$752,629.83;

Authorized administration to bid soccer/lacrosse field expansion project;

Approved construction of track storage shed behind the field house. Approved by the architect and at no cost to the District;
Approved budget transfers;
Denied request for refund of real estate tax payment;
Approved pro-rated tax exoneration for real estate tax;
Approved revised flat rate occupation tax resolution;
Awarded 2004-05 general supply and art supply bids.

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