

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria

### MINUTES

**January 17, 2005**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Board President, Dean Berkebile, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. Berkebile led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
  - C. **Roll Call** - Roll call by Board Secretary, Joan Rinaman, showed the following members present: Mr. Paul Adametz, Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Anthony Evans, Mr. Robert Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mrs. Ann Reale, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included: Dr. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent, Dr. Denise Chappell, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Administrative Assistant for Financial Affairs; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Supervisor Buildings, Grounds, and Security; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Coordinator; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Public Relations Coordinator; Ms. Colleen Amon and Ms. Kathy Nicholson, District Psychologists; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; press representatives, and visitors on enclosed list.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Colleen Hroncich spoke against the change to Policy 201, Early Admission. Her comments are provided in the communication section of the backup.
- B. Greg Young also spoke against the policy using his family as an example. His daughter moved from grade three to grade five this year.
- C. Neil Poillion, representing boys' lacrosse gave his support to turfing the stadium field.
- D. Also supporting turf was Bruce Powell, representing girls' soccer.
- E. Allison Steele stated the hazards of mosquitoes and mud at the current soccer fields. She supports turfing the stadium.
- F. Representing boys' soccer, Mark Salopek supports the Board approving turf at the stadium.
- G. Frank Bibri, representing the band boosters, urged the Board to approve the purchase of new sousaphones.

### 3. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

- A. **Intermediate High School** - Mike Emling and Matt Goll highlighted the many activities of the Intermediate High School student council.
  - B. **Middle School** - Sarah Bishop, Melissa McCreary, and Torry Shepherd spoke of the work of the Middle School student council. In the spring they will host district conference. Board members were invited to attend the opening of the conference at 8:15 a.m. on February 21.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following minutes provided in the backup materials:
- A. **Work Session** - November 1, 2004
  - B. **Regular Meeting** - November 8, 2004
  - C. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 6, 2004
  - D. **Special Meeting** - December 6, 2004
5. **OPERATION REPORTS**
- A. **Treasurer's Report** - The September and October 2004 Treasurer's reports are included in the backup materials.
  - B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports are included in the backup materials:
    - 1. Senior High Activities/Athletic Fund Reports
    - 2. Intermediate High Activities Report
    - 3. Middle School Activities Report
    - 4. Tax Collection Report
    - 5. Earned Income Tax Report
    - 6. Food Service Report
  - C. **Agency Reports**
    - 1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.
    - 2. *I. U. IV* - Mr. Hill reported that the next meeting would be held January 26.
    - 3. *Clarence Brown* - Mrs. Reale will be in attendance at the next meeting on January 20.
6. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The activities fund bills listed in the agenda total \$49,881.41.
7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The general fund bills provided in the backup total - \$7,501,051.58.
8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - The construction fund bills provided in the backup total \$119,242.55.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the minutes, financial reports, and various bills listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Brennan absent.

9. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Superintendent**

- 1. ***Student/Staff Recognition*** - Information is provided in the backup on the following items:

- a. Students in Jim Lucot’s social studies class were successful in their petition to have the Route 228 bridge over Interstate 79 renamed the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial Bridge. Mr. Lucot invited the Board to attend the dedication to be scheduled in the spring.
- b. 2004 graduates Joseph Busa, Lauren Hukill, Lauren Hassen, and Alyssa Straight and current seniors Brian Keenan and Jennifer Ober have been named AP Scholars.
- c. Justin Hofman, Bobby Ferry, Matthew Kuzma, Chris Greenawalt, Dan Shepherd, Matthew Harris, and Sean Hayden earned their Boy Scout Eagle award.
- d. Evans City Elementary and Middle School students raised \$1,155.47 for the Butler County Humane Society.
- e. Seneca Valley competitive cheerleading squad finished first in the Springdale cheerleading competition which qualified the team for nationals.
- f. January is Board Recognition Month.

2. ***Dates to Remember***

<b>January 17</b>	Professional Development (No school for students)
<b>March 14</b>	PSBA Act 72 Presentation, 6:00 p.m.,

B. **Assistant Superintendents’ Reports**

1. ***Secondary***

- a. Principal Reports - The principals’ reports are included in the backup materials.
- b. Grant Programs
  - Title IV - Drug Free Schools
  - County Drug and Alcohol
- c. Professional Development Day - The January 17 schedule is provided in the backup.
- d. ROTC Program - Information is provided in the backup materials.
- e. Secondary Parent Programs - A schedule of upcoming programs is provided in the agenda.
- f. Program of Studies - The program of studies for grades 9-12 is provided in the backup materials.

2. ***Elementary***

- a. Principal Reports - The principals’ reports are included in the backup materials.
- b. Federal Programs Report
  - Title I - Improving America’s Schools - Remedial Reading
  - Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality
  - Title IID - Educational Technology
  - Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
  - Title V - Innovative Education
- c. Professional Development Day - The January 17 schedule is provided in the backup.

- d. Computerized Report Card - The Classroll.com program has been implemented in grades 5-6. A pilot program will soon be ready for grades K-4.
- e. Math committee is working on back-mapping to see that the curriculum is standards based. The committee will also focus on textbooks to be considered at budget time.

C. **Business/Finances**

- 1. ***Budget Report*** - The September and October 2004 budget reports are included in the backup.

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Administration**

- 1. ***Conferences*** - Approve conferences provided in the backup materials.

Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the conferences as presented in the backup materials. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Adametz voting no, and Mr. Brennan absent.

- 2. ***Board Policies*** - Approve the following Board policies:

- a. Uncompensated Leave (#439), revised, adoption
- b. Student Memorials (#714), revised, adoption
- c. Foreign Exchange Students (#239), new, first reading

- 3. ***Committee Assignments*** - Approve Board committee assignments.

- 4. ***Student Adjudications*** - Approve the following student adjudications:

- a. 2004-05-09
- b. 2004-05-10
- c. 2004-05-13
- d. 2004-05-14

- 5. ***ASCC Contract*** - Approve contract with ASCC to provide final documentation with evaluation analysis assessment for:

- a. active network components not to exceed \$8,550, and
- b. voice network active and passive systems not to exceed \$7,435.

- 6. ***Kennywood 2006 Date*** - Approve Tuesday, June 13, 2006, for District Kennywood Picnic.

Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the Board policies, committee assignments, student adjudications, ASCC contract, and Kennywood date as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative and Mr. Brennan absent.

- 7. ***Policy #201*** - Approve adoption of revised Board policy #201, Admission of Students.

Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve Policy 201 as listed above. Motion failed to carry with Mr. Paul, Mrs. Reale, Mr. Widdowson, and Mr. Berkebile voting yes; Mr. Evans, Mr. Storti, Mr. Adametz, and Mr. Hill voting no; and Mr. Brennan absent.

8. ***Student Adjudication*** - Approve student adjudication 2004-05-11.

Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve student adjudication 2004-05-11. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Hill, Mr. Storti, Mrs. Reale, Mr. Widdowson, and Mr. Berkebile voting yes; Mr. Paul and Mr. Adametz voting no; Mr. Evans abstaining; and Mr. Brennan absent.

## B. **Instruction**

### 1. ***Secondary***

a. Approve the following student trips:

- Thespians trip to New York City on April 8, 9, and 10, 2005, at no cost to the district. One day of class time will be missed.
- PMEA Region I Band to Neshannock High School on February 16-19, 2005, at a cost of \$1,275. Two days of class time will be missed.
- PMEA District 5 Jazz Festival at Slippery Rock University on January 28-29, 2005, at a cost of \$1,540. One day of class time will be missed.

b. Approve Transition High School agreement for 2004-05 and 2005-06.

### 2. ***Elementary***

a. Approve elementary summer school science program, Camp Invention, to be conducted at Haine Elementary, June 20-24, at no cost to the district.

Mrs. Reale motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the student trips, transition high school agreement, and elementary summer school science program as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative and Mr. Brennan absent.

## C. **Business/Finances**

### 1. ***Buildings and Grounds***

a. **Maintenance Vehicle**- Award bid for maintenance vehicle to Wells Fargo Auto Finance Group - \$12,250.70.

b. **Roofing Architect** - Appoint Foreman Architects Engineers as architect for roof replacement at Rowan Elementary School at a cost of 6%.

c. **Misc. Projects Architect** - Appoint Eckles Architecture for the following projects at a rate of 6%:

- Senior High Paving
- Water Piping at Secondary Campus
- Soccer/Lacrosse Field (bid phase only)

- d. Roof Bids - Authorize the administration and Foreman Architects Engineers to:
  - Re-bid the roof at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary
  - Bid the roof at Rowan Elementary
2. ***Budget Transfers*** - Approve budget transfers.
3. ***Tax Adjustments*** - Approve real estate tax adjustments.
4. ***Building Fee*** - Authorize the administration to waive the building usage fee request of the American Cancer Society for their Relay for Life training on February 12, 2005.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the maintenance vehicle bid award, the appointment of Foreman and Eckles architectural firms, authorize roof bids, budget transfers, tax adjustments, and usage fee waiver as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Brennan absent.

5. ***Sousaphone Bids*** - Award sousaphone bid to The Tuba Exchange, Inc. at a cost of \$18,150 for 6 sousaphones.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the sousaphone bid award as listed above. Mr. Adametz questioned payment coming from the construction fund monies that had been held.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting in order for Dr. Tylinki to check on specific numbers. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. Five years ago, \$100,000 was allocated between all buildings to upgrade instruments. Since then each building has allocated a budget line item.

Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Brennan absent.

6. ***Artificial Turf*** - Authorize administration to bid artificial turf for the stadium.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans, to authorize the administration to bid turf as listed above. Included in the backup is information Mr. Berkebile presented on numbers he calculated regarding the turf.

Following a discussion, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to enter into a contract with Eckles Architecture to prepare a document for bidding at a fee of 3% (of the estimate of \$555,000) with the understanding that if the bid is awarded, an additional 3% will be paid. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Paul, Mr. Widdowson, Mrs. Reale, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Berkebile voting yes; Mr. Storti, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Adametz voting no; and Mr. Brennan absent. It was noted that if this contract is not negotiated, then the questions on the turf bid would be moot.

The motion on the turf was approved with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Adametz voting no, and Mr. Brennan absent.

**D. Personnel** (Details provided in the agenda.)

1. **Resignations** - Professional - George Duncan, Patricia Mayhew, Tyler Phillips;  
Classified - Miriam Charlier, Janice Dehart, Sherry Snyder, Karen Martin; Supplemental  
- Marlesse Hames, Susan Finegan, Kathleen Watkins
2. **Appointments** - Professional - Jeanette Mike, Jane Eisenhart; Long-Term Substitutes -  
Tracy Madar, Karalee McClain, Kevin Wirtz; day-to-day substitutes; Supplementals -  
Michael Grinder, David Gerrich, Casey Cahall, John Perry, Tabitha Mains, Wayne  
Roccia, Nick Ierino, Lori Rehm, Mary Ann Graziano, Mike Manipole, Stephen Adams,  
Dean Boronyak, Ted Wells, Wayne Roccia, Cheryl Zorich, Michelle Martin, Rob Naylor,  
Don Faust; Classified - Matthew Rieder, Cynthia Gorwig, Debbie Schettler, Laura  
Cristalli, day-to-day substitutes;
3. **Leaves** - Brenda Brown, Nicole Ehmann, Lilia Pries

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the resignations, appointments, and leaves as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Brennan absent.

4. **Information**

- a. Intent To Retire - Conclusion of 1st semester 2005-06 school year
  - a. Daniel O'Neill - Secondary
- b. Tenure - Conclusion of the 1st semester 2004-05 school year
  - Dean Boronyak
  - Anita Duffy
  - Matthew Durst
  - Jennifer Fiscus
  - Brenda Hagan
  - Jennifer McSweeney
  - Tara Peterson
- c. Affiliation Agreement - Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement with Clarion University.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications received from the following individuals are included in the backup materials.

- A. Trina Loesch
- B. Colleen Hroncich

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Brennan absent. Meeting adjourned to executive session to discuss legal matters.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary