

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria
(Community Relations Committee to meet as necessary at 7:30 p.m. preceding the regularly advertised monthly board meetings in the Intermediate High School cafeteria.)

MINUTES

March 7, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary, showed the following Board members present: Mr. Paul Adametz, Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Kenneth Brennan, Mr. Anthony Evans, Mr. Robert Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mrs. Ann Reale, Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent; Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Administrative Assistant for Financial Affairs; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Supervisor Buildings, Grounds, and Security; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Public Relations Coordinator; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Coordinator, Dr. Matthew McKinley, Senior High School Principal; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments on the action items.
- B. **Administrative Items**
 1. ***PLANCON A*** - Approve PLANCON A for the Senior High School addition.
 2. ***Act 34 Hearing*** - Authorize administration to advertise for Act 34 hearing for Senior High school addition on April 11, 2005.
 3. ***Construction Manager*** - Appoint Turner Construction as construction manager for Senior High School addition at a fee of \$270,000 for fourteen months of construction.
 4. ***Bond Counsel*** - Appoint Thorpe Reed and Armstrong as bond counsel for refinancing of bonds.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans, to approve PLANCON A, the Act 34 hearing advertisement, and appointment of construction manager and bond counsel as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Adametz voting no, and Mr. Storti absent.

- C. **Stadium Turf** - Mr. Evans asked that the following be added to next week's action agenda: Authorize the administration to send out request for proposal to add turf field for Seneca Valley's stadium. Mrs. Reale asked if the administration could look at some creative ways to finance the turf installation such as the advertising money from Pepsi.
 - D. **Board Policy** - Mr. Hill asked that the administration add revised Policy 201, Admission of Students, to next week's agenda. The changes would be implemented beyond September 2005.
 - E. **Invitation Resolution** - Mr. Berkebile passed the chair to Vice President Evans. The Board Secretary read a resolution inviting Representative Daryl Metcalfe, as a member of the House Education Committee, to meet with the Board and the public for an information session. Mr. Berkebile motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adopt the resolution. Mr. Adametz agreed to deliver the resolution to Representative Metcalfe but he could not speak for what is on Representative Metcalfe's calendar. Mr. Brennan questioned why other representatives were not included such as Representatives Orié, White, and Stephenson. Representative Metcalfe was invited because he serves on the education committee. Mrs. Reale suggested the Board could convene at the Cranberry Municipal Center if that would be more convenient. It was thought that their meeting room would not be large enough and might confuse the public if the location was changed from on campus. Mr. Paul felt the resolution was confrontational; Representative Metcalfe was asked to attend a meeting previously and chose not to come. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Paul voting no, and Mr. Storti absent. The chair returned to Mr. Berkebile.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following minutes provided in the backup for approval:
- A. **Work Session** - February 7, 2005
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - February 14, 2005
4. **OPERATION REPORTS**
- A. **Financial Reports** - The following reports provided 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
 - B. **Agency Reports**
 - 1. *Vo-Tech* - Mr. Paul had nothing new to report.
 - 2. *I. U. IV* - Mr. Hill reminded members to return their ballots.
 - 3. *Clarence Brown* - The next meeting scheduled for March 17.

5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The General Fund bills provided in the backup total \$4,711,399.07.
6. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activity Fund bills listed in the agenda total \$5,357.66.
7. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Superintendent** - Dr. Donald Tylinski

1. ***Committee of the Whole Meeting*** - Curriculum Committee and Building & Grounds Committee meetings were held prior to the work session. The agenda provided in the backup.

2. ***Dates to Remember***

March 11, 12	All School Musical, SVIHS auditorium
March 14	PSBA Act 72 Presentation, SVIHS auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
March 25-30	No School
March 31-April 1	Make-up Days for March 1 & 2 Cancellations
May 13	Make-up Day for February 28

3. ***Legislative*** - Efforts are under way to roll back implementation of Act 72.
4. ***Enrollment Update*** - The latest numbers provided in the backup.

B. **Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

1. ***Secondary***

- a. **Principal Reports** - The Principals' reports included in the backup materials.
- b. **Grant Programs**
 - Title IV - Drug Free Schools
 - County Drug and Alcohol

2. ***Elementary***

- a. **Principal Reports** - The Principals' reports 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

Title 1 program in Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4 cooperative to be audited in May.

C. **Business/Finances**

1. ***Budget Report*** - The December budget report included in the backup materials.
2. ***Transportation Committee*** - There was nothing new to report.

3. Midwestern Intermediate Unit Budget presented prior to the meeting.
8. **ACTION ITEMS** - The following items to be voted on March 14:

A. Administration

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences provided in the backup materials.
2. *Student Adjudications* - Approve student adjudications.
3. *School Calendar* - Approve 2005-06 School Calendar.
4. *SRO Conference* - Approve expenditure for SRO Officer Rob Berg to attend Child Interview Techniques in Harrisburg on March 29, 30, and 31. This cost will be split between the district and Jackson Township with the district's share \$301.

B. Instruction

1. *Secondary*

- a. *Textbook Adoptions* - Approve new textbook adoptions for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry contingent on approval of 2005-06 budget. (See February 2005 Curriculum Minutes.)
- b. *Academic Games* - Approve Academic Games team participation in the Tri-Bowl Tournament at Geneva College on March 10 at a cost of \$220.
- c. *Band Festival* - Band students will be participating in PMEA All-State Band Festival in Hershey on April 20-23 at a cost of \$1,960.

2. *Elementary*

- a. *Textbook Adoption* - Approve new textbook adoption for general music for K-6 contingent on approval of 2005-06 budget. (See February 2005 Curriculum Minutes.)
- b. *Federal Programs Cooperative* - Approve participation in the Midwestern Intermediate Unit's consolidated Federal Programs Cooperative in the 2005-06 school year at a fee of 2.4% of the district entitlements for Title I, Title A, Title IID, and Title V.
- c. *Title I* - Approve the revised Title I documents to reflect No Child Left Behind language guidelines.

C. Business/Finances

1. *Buildings and Grounds*

- a. Design Services - Approve contract with Eckles Architects for design services for movable furnishings.

2. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers. Mr. Adametz noted several instances of funds transferred into conference accounts. He asked the administration to provide how much has been spent on conferences so far this year.
 3. **Vo-Tech Budget** - Approve Butler County Area Vocational Technical School budget in the amount of \$ with Seneca Valley's portion of \$.
 4. **I.U. Budget** - Approve Midwestern Intermediate Unit budget in the amount of \$ with Seneca Valley's portion \$.
 5. **Supply Bids** - Award 2005-06 bids for General, Art, and Industrial Technology supplies.
 6. **Tax Refunds** - Approve real estate tax refunds.
 7. **PSBA Cobra Contract** - Appoint PSBA School Claims Service to administer the District's COBRA claims.
- D. **Personnel** - Personnel items discussed in executive session.
9. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications received from the following:
- A. Mark Salopek
 - B. Lisa Davidson
 - C. Mary Jane Salopek
 - D. Logan Kallop
 - E. Dean Zipf
 - F. Jeff Elser
 - G. Cathy Cortazzo
 - H. George and Barbara Pacinda
 - I. Stephen Kerr
 - J. Anita Harvey
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mr. Berkebile allowed the following to make their comments at the beginning of the meeting:
- A. Representing the Quarterback Club, Pete Scolieri asked the Board to reconsider installing turf at the stadium. With the number of events that are played on the fields, the turf would be the better solution.
 - B. Mark Salopek represented boys' soccer in his comments. Money allocated to improve the lower fields and improvements were never made. Perhaps these funds could be used for the turf.
 - C. Bruce Powell spoke on behalf of girls' soccer in that the Board should at least get bids on a turf surface and go from there.
 - D. Larry Intihar would like to see the district be world class, not rural class. In mentioning the turf issue to girls' softball boosters, they were excited about the proposition although their group would not directly benefit from the turf. The Board has hired very qualified people to fill positions; he would like to see these people given the support to do the jobs they are paid to do.
 - E. The current fields need to rest stated Alison Steele and turf in the stadium would allow that to happen. She feels the current state of soccer fields causes injuries.

- F. Michael O'Rourke, representing boys' lacrosse, feels with the natural grass fields lacrosse teams cannot even practice in our weather. Postponing games due to weather causes conflicts in the schedule of all events.
 - G. Brian Hroncich suggested the Board work on their problem of prioritizing. When he went to school students did not have a turf field, silver plated sousaphones, and fly-fishing so students could do without them. Money should be spent on core academic performance rather than extras listed above. The Board does not discuss academic issues.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
 12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to the work session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary