

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

May 2, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, 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 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, and Mr. Anthony Storti.

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; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Steve Smith, Haine Assistant Principal; Mr. John McAnney, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Tylinski informed the Board that only two bids were received for the turf installation. One bid was too high and the other did not include the performance bond. He suggested that the bids be rejected and the installation be rebid.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to reject the bids for installation of turf surface at the stadium and authorize the administration to rebid the installation. The installation is to be financed through the 2004 bond issue with a sinking fund of approximately \$56,265 each year established from a \$1 increase in ticket prices, a \$5 activity fee, \$2,400 maintenance fee previously used for seed, fertilizer, and paint at the stadium, and \$10,000 from the Pepsi donation to finance the replacement of the turf every ten years.

There were two public comments. Mark Salopek, representing boys' soccer, questioned whether rebidding the project would jeopardize the fall playing season on turf. If the bids are awarded at

the June meeting, it is feasible that the project would be completed by August 19. Mr. Roth questioned using the money from the bond issue rather than putting it back into the general fund and what benefits would be lost by moving the Pepsi money to a sinking fund. It was explained that there are funds available from the bond since the roof bids came in very favorably. This money cannot be put in the general fund, as it must be used within three years to fund a construction or capital improvement project.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following minutes:

- A. **Work Session** - April 4, 2005
- B. **Regular Meeting** - April 11, 2005

3. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Financial Reports**

- 1. Intermediate High Activities Report
- 2. Middle School Activities Report

B. **Agency Reports** - President

- 1. *Vo-Tech* - The next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5.
- 2. *I. U. IV* - Mr. Hill thanked those who attended the convention and helped elect him to the Board.
- 3. *Clarence Brown* - Next meeting scheduled for May 19.

4. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda total \$26,068.16.

5. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Superintendent**

1. *Dates to Remember*

May 13	Snow Make Up Day
May 13	Senior Prom
May 16	Strategic Plan, SHS Rm. 118, 6:30 p.m.
May 18 and 19	1/2 Day for Secondary Students Only
May 30	Memorial Day - No School
June 3	Last Day for Students
June 3	Graduation

- 2. *Legislative* - Mr. Brennan reported that PSBA lost their suit to extend the deadline for opting into Act 72.
- 3. *Enrollment Update* - The latest numbers are included in the backup materials.
- 4. *Student Citizenship Program* - Dr. Tyliniski read comments from Mr. McEntire regarding the student citizenship program. The program will be disbanded for the current

year due to the fact it has caused a division in the Evans City school community. After a review it may be reinstated for the 2005-06 school year.

B. Assistant Superintendents' Reports

1. *Principal Reports* - Building reports are included in the backup materials.
2. *Federal Programs Report*
 - a. Title I - Improving America's Schools - Remedial Reading
 - b. Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality
 - c. Title IID - Educational Technology
 - d. Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
 - e. Title V - Innovative Education
3. *K-4 Computerized Report Cards* - The pilot has been successful and the computerized report cards will be implemented next year. The reports have the same content, but a more computerized format.

C. Business/Finances

1. *Transportation Committee* - Mr. Brennan had no issues to report.
2. *SVIHS Courtyard Beautification Project* - The Intermediate High School Student Council hopes to complete a project to improve the courtyard at their building. Their plans include a fountain and landscaping.

6. **ACTION ITEMS** - The following items will be acted upon next week:

A. Administration

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences.
2. *Superintendent Conference* - Approve Dr. Tylinski's attendance at the National Education Computing Conference to be held in Philadelphia on June 27-30, 2005 at a cost of \$2,335.

B. Instruction

1. *Secondary*
 - a. Approve contract with Adelphoi Village for alternative education services for two seats at a cost of \$59 per seat per day for the 2005-06 school year.
 - b. Approve contract with Class Academy for alternative education services for two seats at a cost of \$65 per seat per day for the 2005-06 school year.
2. *Elementary*
 - a. Acknowledge CVE student trip to Slippery Rock University's climbing wall after school on May 13.

- b. Approve YMCA childcare summer program contract for 2005.

C. Business/Finances

1. *Buildings and Grounds*

- a. Authorize administration to bid for a replacement of district delivery van (3-year lease expires June 2005).
- 2. ***Bids*** - Award bids for paper, nurses' supplies, and printing supplies.
- 3. ***Depository and Treasurer Appointments*** - Appoint Citizens National Bank of Evans City as depository and S. J. Irvine III as Treasurer for the 2005-06 school year.
- 4. ***Board Secretary*** - Appoint Joan Rinaman as Board Secretary effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009.
- 5. ***Saturday Night Swim*** - Approve \$1 increase for Saturday Night Swim program.
- 6. ***Preliminary Budget*** - Approve preliminary budget for 2005-06 in the amount of \$79,992,417 (a 5-mill increase) and authorize posting in all school facilities and community public libraries.

D. Personnel - Personnel items discussed in executive session.

7. COMMUNICATIONS - Communications from the following provided in the backup materials.

- A. Barry Rider
- B. Terry Knepshield
- C. Sandy Lambert
- D. Vincente and Allyson Santapapu
- E. Mark Weisseg
- F. Pam Beauseigneur

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Brian Hroncich stated the Board has not lived up to its responsibility and promotes misinformation to the public.
- B. Nancy Staible suggested that increased taxes stifle growth and decreasing taxes increases growth. She thought other solutions such as year round school should be looked into to utilize the district's greatest asset.
- C. Tom Roth declared the Board tells the public they have decreased the tax increase from ten mills down to five. Using the statement of under and unfunded mandates is an excuse unless the Board can show the public concrete numbers. All mandates need to be listed and show how much the district gets from the state and federal government.
- D. Terry Moore feels property owners are taxed out and can give no more.
- E. Joyce Kundrod would like to have the opportunity to bid for the yearbook. Since this was likened to a sales pitch, Mr. Berkebile polled the Board to allow Ms. Kundrod to continue her comments. All agreed to hear Ms. Kundrod out, with Mr. Widdowson absent. Ms. Kundrod provided copies of two other districts' yearbooks for the Board's review.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Brennan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and legal issues were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary