

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

May 9, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, 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. 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; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Public Relations Coordinator; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Relations Coordinator; Mrs. Joanne Meredith, Director of Special Education and Gifted; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Senior High School Principal; Mr. Alan Cumo, Intermediate High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

### 2. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Senior High School - Mary James reported on student council activities at the Senior High School.
- B. Intermediate High School - Mike Emling reported on activities at the Intermediate High School.

### 3. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

1. *Student/Staff Recognition*

- a. The Academic Games team won several top finishes in the national competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- b. Megan Powell, Jessica Ryder, Mychael Smith, Christine Ferri, and Maryann Bell won national recognition in the Scholastic Art Awards competition.
- c. Jessica Ryder received 3<sup>rd</sup> place national award in the Blick printmaking contest in Chicago.
- d. Students Heather Endler, Mike Emling, Alaina Somers, Daniel Iachini, Haine librarian Sandy Reidmiller, and the Purpose program at Haine Elementary headed by Mary Ellen Williams received Robinson Family Fund Awards.
- e. Senior Ashley Herbick was one of ten students in the northern suburbs named *Tribune Review* Outstanding Young Citizens for community service and achievement.
- f. Zach Piso, Whitney Mayer, and Samantha Bell won several awards at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.
- g. Junior Ian Carrow named 2004 Volunteer of the Year by the Butler YMCA.
- h. All nine choral groups swept every division and received many accolades in New York City competition.
- i. Elizabeth DeNunzio, Rachele McFarland, Jennifer Ober, Aaron Stately, Leigh Anne Shubert, Matt Swallow, Lauren Torso, and Christina Walrond chosen to participate in PMEA All-State Ensembles in Hershey.
- j. May is Teacher Appreciation Month.
- k. Linda Plesniak named District 2 Student Council Advisor of the Year.
- l. Eighteen employees to retire this year. Dr. Tyliniski announced each retire and their years of service.

2. ***Dates to Remember***

<b>May 13</b>	Snow Make Up Day
<b>May 13</b>	Senior Prom
<b>May 16</b>	Strategic Plan, SHS Rm. 118, 6:30 p.m.
<b>May 18 and 19</b>	1/2 Day for Secondary Students Only
<b>May 30</b>	Memorial Day - No School
<b>June 3</b>	Last Day for Students
<b>June 3</b>	Graduation - 6:00 p.m.

3. ***Enrollment Update*** - The latest figures included in the backup materials.

B. **Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

1. ***Secondary***

- a. Principal Reports - The building reports provided in the backup materials.
- b. Senior Projects - Portfolio presentations scheduled for May 18 and 19.
- c. Creek Connections - Information provided in the backup materials.

1. ***Elementary***

- a. Principal Reports - The building reports provided in the backup materials.

2. ***Federal Programs Report***

- a. Title I - Improving America's Schools - Remedial Reading - An audit scheduled for May 10.
  - 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. **Strategic Planning Committee** - The Strategic Planning Committee meeting has been changed to May 24.

**C. Business/Finance**

- 1. **Budget Report** - March 2005 report provided in backup materials.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Lynn Gunther suggested that the seventh and eighth grade curriculum be changed to include a full year of reading rather than a semester.
- B. Mr. Berkebile stopped Joyce Kundrod before speaking as the Board does not take vendor comments during the public comment portion of the meeting. Ms. Kundrod stated that she is a resident of Seven Fields. Mr. Adametz asked that she be allowed to speak. After a roll call vote with Mr. Brennan, Mr. Paul, Mr. Evans, Mr. Adametz, Mr. Storti, and Mr. Berkebile voting in the affirmative; and Mrs. Reale, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Widdowson voting no, Ms. Kundrod continued her comments. She would like to have her company considered for the student yearbook contracts. The administration stated this was handled by bid and was not sure when the current contract expired. That information will be forwarded to Ms. Kundrod.
- C. Cindy Starr stated concerns on the citizenship award were not taken seriously.
- D. Holly Heller suggested she is most qualified to know what is best for her child and does not agree with the citizenship award.
- E. Angela Simpson questioned how the citizenship award improved discipline.
- F. Since district policy states that parents are full partners in their child's education, Pat Schillero thinks the district should be more in tune with parents' concerns regarding the citizenship award.
- G. Randy Pfeifer believes politics are running the board. He doesn't want to see this district put down with political agendas.
- H. Colleen Hroncich would like the opportunity to look at the budget line by line and to have the Board do the same.
- I. Dianne Gregor opposes any tax increase by the Board.
- J. John Mitro asserted that the Seneca Valley education system is not broken, but there is a dollar cost for what we have.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes from the following meetings:

- A. **Work Session** - April 4, 2005
- B. **Regular Meeting** - April 11, 2005
- C. **Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
Curriculum Committee- April 11, 2005

**6. OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - The March report is provided in the backup materials.

B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports are provided in the backup materials.

1. Intermediate High Activities Report
2. Middle School Activities Report
3. Earned Income Tax Report
4. Interim Tax Collection Report

C. **Agency Reports**

1. *Vo-Tech* - There were no findings in the Vo-Tech audit.
2. *I. U. IV* - There was nothing new to report.
3. *Clarence Brown* - The next meeting scheduled for May 19.

7. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - The general fund bills provided in the backup total \$4,341,936.04.

8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The activities fund bills provided in the agenda total \$29,118.27.

9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - The construction fund bills provided in the backup total \$126,886.12.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the financial reports, minutes, and payment of bills as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

## 10. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Administration**

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences provided in the backup materials.
2. *Superintendent Conference* - Approve Dr. Tyliniski's attendance at the National Education Computing Conference to be held in Philadelphia on June 27-30, 2005 at a cost of \$2,335.
3. *Student Adjudications* - Approve the following student adjudications:
  - a. 2004-05-23
  - b. 2004-05-25
  - c. 2004-05-26
  - d. 2004-05-27
  - e. 2004-05-28
  - f. 2004-05-29
4. *Board Policies* - Approve the first reading of the following revised Board policies:
  - a. #815, Acceptable Use of the Internet
  - b. #902, Publications Program
  - c. #227, Substance Use/Abuse
  - d. #227.1, Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities and Student Drivers
5. *Website Design Contract* - Approve contract with Brett Sutch for the design of a website for Seneca Valley football to be paid for with funds raised by the football program.

Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the conferences, superintendent conference, student adjudications, board policies, and website design contract as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

**B. Instruction**

1. *Secondary*

- a. Adelphoi Contract - 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. Class Academy Contract - Approve contract with Class Academy for regular alternative education services for two seats at a cost of \$36 per seat per day for the 2005-06 school year.
- c. Signor Center Contract - Approve contract with Signor Center for alternative special education services for one seat at a cost of \$65 per seat per day for the 2005-06 school year.
- d. Student Trip - Acknowledge Latin and German trip to Italy, Switzerland, and Germany June 5-18, 2005, at no cost to the district.

2. *Elementary*

- a. Student Trip - Acknowledge CVE student trip to Slippery Rock University's climbing wall after school on May 13.
- b. YMCA Contract - Approve YMCA summer childcare program contract for June 6 through August 19, 2005.
- c. Be Safe and Sound Grant - Approve submission of Be Safe and Sound grant in the amount of \$7,500 for Haine Middle School.

Mrs. Reale motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the Adelphoi, Class Academy, and Signor Center contracts; student trips; YMCA contract; and grant submission as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

**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).
- b. Approve JROTC request to use parking lots for *Zach Attack* fundraiser. JROTC members were present to provide additional information and answer any questions.

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. **Tax Refund** - Approve real estate tax refunds.
7. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
8. **Athletic Trainer** - Authorize administration to bid athletic trainer services.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve van bid authorization, JROTC request, bids, appointments, swim program increase, tax refund, budget transfers, and athletic trainer bid authorization as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. **Preliminary Budget** - Approve preliminary budget for 2005-06 in the amount of \$79,351,022 (a 2.8-mill increase) and authorize posting in all school facilities and community public libraries.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the preliminary budget as listed above. Dr. Tyliniski, Mrs. Meredith, and Mr. Stewart gave extensive presentations on the budget including mandates and special education requirements. Mr. Brennan applauded the administration for efforts in reducing this budget, but warned that next year there would be a 10 mill increase. Mr. Evans questioned if the budget contained technology expenses that will not be faced next year. Dr. Tyliniski responded that there will be upgrades necessary next year. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Evans, Mr. Storti, Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Reale, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Berkebile voting yes and Messrs. Adametz and Brennan voting no.

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

1. **Resignations** - *Professional*- Jacquelyn Kellog, Shawna Haynes; *Classified* - Lori Johnson, Wayne Grove; *Supplemental* - Chad Brewer, Scott Stewart.
2. **Appointments** - *Professional* - day-to-day substitutes; *Supplemental* - Ronald Butschle, Daniel Bradley, Richard Chambers, David Coleman, Chris Marnich, James Lucot, Jason Bell, Robert Raso, Joshua Husband, Michael Henry, Robert Magerko, Matthew Martin, Leo Stefannaci, Dean Boronyak, James Nagle (Cross Country), Steve Mayes, James Pyle, Lynn Wagner, George Williams, David Sylvester, Alicia Scopelite, Karen Brooks, Torey Auld, Beth Gillman, Rachel Fisher, Jason Shorr, Al Skorupa, Heather Haff, Kevin Hummert, Robert Matchett III, Varden Armstrong, Jean Hoagland, Missy Armstrong, Katieri Kizer, Nicole Baier, Keith Bittel; *Classified*- Janine Barkley, day-to-day substitutes.
3. **Leaves** - Cathy Ferraro, Brenda Brown, Stacey Richard, Joan Rinaman, Sandy Courson, Denise Harlan, William Parenti.
4. **Tenure** - Mark Angle, Daniel Bailey, Kelly Cahall, Mary Ellen Candek, Matthew Delp, Lisa Faila, Alison Fodi, Michael Henry, Stacie Johnson, Terri Keller, Stephanie Lazzeri, Melissa Lyons, Heather Mays, Shelley Metcalf, Megan Mihalcin, Jeannie Orend, Amber Peters, James Pyle, Elizabeth Rothrauff, Jason Ruggeri, Meredith Safran, April Sunseri, Carrie Weitzel, Katie Wolford.

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

11. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications were received from the following and are 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
  - G. Constance Mangola
  - H. Cindy Starr
  - I. Anne Uram
  - J. Darla Hopkins
12. **DISCUSSION** - Mr. Adametz questioned the SVTV taping of a political debate at the Cranberry Library because this would be a partisan event and the library receives funding from the Board. The solicitor stated that nothing bars the T.V. station from broadcasting such an event. Dr. Tyliniski will advise Mr. Hall not to broadcast the debate. Mr. Hill felt not broadcasting would do a great disservice to the public in allowing them get the candidates' points of view.
13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Board discussed legal and personnel issues in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary