

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium  
(Community Relations Committee meets as necessary at 7:30 p.m. preceding the regularly advertised monthly board meetings in the Intermediate High School auditorium.)

### MINUTES

August 2, 2004

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - There was a moment of silence for Mr. William Toth, a former Board member and Board President, who passed away in July.
  - 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 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. Denise Chappell, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Director; Linda Andreassi, Public Relations Coordinator; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Supervisor of Buildings, Grounds, and Security; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Senior High School Principal; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Robert Aumer, Parker Hunter; and Mr. Philip Foreman and Mr. John Hummel, Foreman Group.

### 2. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments on the action items.
- B. **Administration**
  1. **Safety Grant** - Authorize administration to submit a Home Town Streets and Safe Routes to School program grant.
  2. **Soccer/Lacrosse Field** - Authorize administration to comply with the archaeological requirement to have the soccer/lacrosse field plowed for the future road/walking path to the field.
  3. **Change Order** - Approve change order with A. G. Cullen to restore canopy structure at a cost of \$8,266.99.

4. Act 80 Exception - Approve PDE 4085, Request for Act 80 Exception, for the 2004-05 school year.
5. Piano Bid - Authorize administration to rebid purchase of a piano for the Middle School.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the grant submittal, archaeological requirement compliance, change order, Act 80 Exception, and rebidding of piano as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Widdowson absent.

C. **Personnel** (Details provided in the action agenda.)

1. ***Resignation*** - Professional - Jenna Sciulli
2. ***Appointments*** - Professional - Dana Fisher, Deborah Pence, Tyler Phillips, Shay Stewart; Long-Term Substitute - Amy Bresch, Lyndie Hess; Supplemental - Joseph Austine, Alicia Scopellite
3. ***Leave*** - Mary Beth Maddalon

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

3. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** - There will be a committee of the whole meeting next week at 7:30 p.m. in the Intermediate High School auditorium.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following minutes were provided in the backup materials:
  - A. **Work Session** - June 7, 2004
  - B. **Regular Meeting** - June 14, 2004
  - C. **Special Meeting** - June 28, 2004

5. **OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - A report will be provided next week.
- B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports were provided in the backup materials:
  1. Senior High Activities/Athletic Fund Reports
  2. Intermediate High Activities Report
  3. Middle School Activities Report
  4. Earned Income Tax Report
  5. Food Service Report
- C. **Agency Reports** - President
  1. ***Vo-Tech*** - Information was provided in the backup materials.
  2. ***I. U. IV*** - Information was provided in the backup materials.
  3. ***Clarence Brown*** - There was nothing new to report.

6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - A bill listing will be provided next week.
7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda totaled \$2,598.30.
8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - There were no bills at this time.
9. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Superintendent** -
    1. *Student/Staff Recognition* - Recognition will be discussed next week.

2. **Dates to Remember**

<b>August 13</b>	Quarterback Club Picnic
<b>August 18</b>	New Teacher Technology Orientation, Sr. High, 8:00 a.m.
<b>August 19</b>	New Teacher Orientation, Sr. High, 8:00 a.m.
<b>August 19</b>	Band Pie Festival, Stadium, 6:15 p.m.
<b>August 19</b>	Yearbook Distribution, Senior High, 7:30 p.m.
<b>August 23</b>	All Staff In-Service, Intermediate High, 8:00 a.m.
<b>August 23 and 24</b>	Teacher In-Service
<b>August 25</b>	First Day for Students
<b>August 31</b>	Superintendent Welcome Reception, Sr. High, 6:00 p.m.
<b>September 6</b>	Labor Day - No School
<b>September 13</b>	Board Work Session
<b>September 20</b>	Board Action Meeting

3. **Legislative** - Mr. Kenneth Brennan

- a. House Bill 2368 - Information provided in the backup materials.
- b. Homeowner Tax Relief Act (Act 72) - Information provided in the backup materials on PSBA workshops to learn more about the referendum and health insurance costs. There was a lengthy discussion of Act 72 and its impact on the District. Mr. Aumer provided funding options and requirements to meet the September 2 deadline if the district would decide to borrow through a bond issue. Dr. Tyliniski discussed several projects to be addressed in the near future. Other input was provided by Mr. Lamneck, Dr. McKinley, Mr. Foreman, and Mr. Hummel. All members, except Mr. Adametz, were in favor of the administration providing more detailed information on the projects next week.

4. **Strategic Plan** - Action is to be taken next week on the strategic plan mid-point report.

5. **Enrollment Update** - Latest numbers provided in the backup materials.

B. **Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

1. **Secondary**

- a. Principal Reports - Reports provided in the backup materials.
- b. Grant Programs
  - Title IV - Drug Free Schools
  - County Drug and Alcohol
- c. Fly Fishing Grant - A grant from the Future Fisherman Foundation, the American Sportfishing Association, the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, and the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance was received in the amount of \$4,985. Dr. Chappell stressed that this program would be fully funded by the two grants received except for the yearly purchase of fly tying supplies.

D. Trail Named - Dr. Chappell also recognized June Marshall, a retired science teacher in the audience, who has had a nature trail on the secondary campus named in her honor.

2. *Elementary*

a. Principal Reports - Reports provided 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. Business/Finances

1. *Budget Report* - No report was provided.
2. *Transportation Committee* - No report was given.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Administration

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences provided in the backup.
2. *Board Policies* - Approve the following Board policy:

Organizational Chart (#008)	Revised	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
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B. Instruction

1. Approve Strategic Plan midpoint report.

C. Business/Finances

1. *Buildings and Grounds*

- a. Technology Education Equipment - Authorize administration to bid technology education equipment (CNC and router) for the Intermediate High School. This is an expense from the construction fund.
- b. Security Agreement - Approve contract with Victory Security Agency.
- c. Drainage Easement Request - Grant request for drainage easement at Rowan Elementary School.
- d. Gas Distribution Agreement - Approve a natural gas distribution service agreement with Columbia Gas Company of Pennsylvania.
- e. Cleaning Contract - Approve a three-year agreement with E. B. Peffer for contracted cleaning service at the secondary campus. Mrs. Reale questioned the quality of the cleaning of the contractor and the further reduction of services with this contract. Mr. Lamneck explained that the Board agreed to reduce certain services to cut costs when they passed the budget.

- f. Demographic Study - Authorize administration to enter into an agreement for a demographic study by Shelby Stewman at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
  - 2. ***In Lieu of Taxes Agreement*** - Approve payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Sherwood Oaks (Pittsburgh Lifetime Care Community).
  - 3. ***Network Tester*** - Authorize administration to solicit bids for computer network tester.
- D. **Personnel** - Personnel issues were discussed in executive session.
- 11. **COMMUNICATIONS** - A communication was received from Ruth Kirk.
  - 12. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.
  - 13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative and Mr. Widdowson absent.
  - 15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and legal items were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary