

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

### MINUTES

**September 13, 2004**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. 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 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 Tyliniski, Superintendent; Dr. Denise Chappell, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Administrative Assistant for Financial Affairs; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Director; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Public Relations Coordinator; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Supervisor of Buildings, Grounds, and Security; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on attached list; and press representatives.
2. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - The Senior High student council to report next week.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following minutes provided in the backup for approval:
  - A. **Work Session** - August 2, 2004
  - B. **Regular Meeting** - August 9, 2004
  - C. **Special Meeting**- August 23, 2004
  - D. **Special Meeting** - September 2, 2004
4. **OPERATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Financial Reports** - The following reports are 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

6. Food Service Report

B. **Agency Reports**

1. ***Vo-Tech*** - The Vo-Tech has signed an articulation agreement with California University of Pennsylvania whereby students attending the Vo-Tech can earn up to 29 college credits.
  2. ***I. U. IV*** - The next meeting scheduled for September 22. PSBA conference scheduled for the first week in October.
  3. ***Clarence Brown*** - The next meeting scheduled for September 23.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The General Fund bills provided in the backup total \$3,308,023.31. Mr. Adametz had questions on utilities and printing costs.
  6. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Activities Fund bills listed in the backup total \$12,613.74.
  7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Construction Fund bills provided next week.
  8. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Superintendent**

1. ***Student/Staff Recognition*** - Student and staff recognition discussed next week.
2. ***Dates to Remember***

<b>September 23</b>	Middle School Open House, 6:30 p.m.
<b>September 28</b>	SVIHS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
<b>September 29</b>	ECMS Gr. 6 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
<b>September 30</b>	Evans City K-4 Open House, 6:30 p.m.

3. ***Legislative*** - Information included in the backup materials. Mr. Brennan reported that the Senate would go back into session a week early to address the slots bill.
4. ***Enrollment Update*** - The latest figures included in the backup materials.

B. **Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

1. ***Secondary***

- a. **Grant Programs**
  - Title IV - Drug Free Schools
  - County Drug and Alcohol
- b. **Classroll.com** - New logins and passwords will be sent to parents on Friday. The program will also be expanded to the 5-6 middle schools.

2. ***Elementary***

- a. **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 & Immigrant Students
- Title V - Innovative Education

**C. Business/Finances**

1. ***Bond Resolution Update*** - Next week the Board will be asked to take action on a bond resolution.
2. ***Transportation Committee*** - The committee is working on a few requests. More information will be provided next week.
3. ***Homestead/Farmstead Act*** - As part of Act 72, the district is required to send applications to all homestead and farmstead properties to file for rebates. A follow-up mailing will be sent to non-respondents in December. The district encourages everyone eligible to complete the application process. The cost of the first mailing is approximately \$14,000 which the district will absorb into this year's budget. Every year applications must be sent to new property owners. The mailing to all owners must be repeated every three years.

9. **ACTION ITEMS** - The following items to be acted upon next week:

**A. Administration**

1. ***Conferences*** - Approve conferences provided in backup.
2. ***Board Policies*** - Approve the following Board Policies:
  - a. Local Board Procedures (#008), Revised, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - b. Weapons (#218.1), New, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Mr. Evans asked language be included regarding weapons used in JROTC. It was pointed out that JROTC uses air rifles for their competitions. Mr. Hill also asked about the archery program. Language will be prepared to address these issues. Mr. Evans also asked how this relates to staff. The solicitor responded that school code prohibits staff from having any kind of weapon, but he will look into a policy for staff.
  - c. Supplemental Discipline Records (#216.1), New, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**B. Instruction**

1. ***Secondary***
  - a. Approve students to attend Honors Chorus auditions at Westminster College on October 7. Transportation is the only cost to the district.
  - b. Approve JROTC student, Bradlee Spudic, to attend the JROTC Leadership program at Texas A & M from October 21-24, 2004. The cost to the district would be \$354.29 for travel expenses.
2. ***GRLS Title I*** - Approve Title I agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for 2004-05 school year

**C. Business/Finances**

1. *Buildings and Grounds*

- a. Award bids for Technical Education equipment as listed (to be paid from construction fund):
- CNC Router to Allegheny Education System, Inc. - \$25,445.00
  - Microrouter to Hi Tech, Inc. - \$12,475.00

2. Deny request to waive penalties of real estate tax assessment.

**D. Personnel** - Personnel items discussed in executive session.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Sam Yanez

B. Mr. Hill commended Linda Andreassi on the Veterans' Recognition night. Every year the program gets better and runs very smoothly.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Cathy Rape asked the Board to consider low-income persons, senior citizens, and single income families when making decisions that increase taxes.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mrs. Reale motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel issues were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary