

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

December 6, 2004

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.
2. **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; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Director; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Public Relations Coordinator; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Supervisor of Buildings, Grounds, and Security; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Senior High School Principal; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Ms. Heather Haff, Girls' volleyball coach; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on list; and press representatives.

2. INFORMATION

A. Student/Staff Recognition

1. Girls' volleyball team and Coach Heather Haff, honored as WPIAL champions and for finishing fourth in the state.
2. The Seneca Valley Show Choir performed the opening songs for Pittsburgh's "Light-Up Night" Santa Spectacular on November 19.
3. Mark Renyck and Jim Paulin selected to play in the Northern All-Stars vs. City League/Catholic All-Stars football game on November 27.
4. Caring And Using Service Education (CAUSE) students provided personalized care packages, through their Seneca Soldiers Outreach Services (SSOS) project, to military personnel who are residents or alumni of the district. They also raised money for and increased awareness of the plight of the homeless with a hungry bowl dinner.

- B. **2005 Board Committee Assignments** - Mr. Berkebile asked members to contact him with any request for a change in assignment.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mrs. Colleen Hroncich voiced her opposition to changes to Board policy #201, Admission of Students. The change sets the cut off date to enter school at September 1. Mrs. Hroncich feels her child, who has a September birthday, would benefit from beginning school early.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION** (Several items were requested to be voted on separately; therefore, item numbers do not match those in agenda.)
 - A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences provided in the backup.
 - B. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:
 1. Uncompensated Leave (#439), revised, first reading
 2. Student Memorials (#714), revised, first reading
 3. Weapons (#218.1), revised, adoption
 4. Political Activities (#421), new, adoption
 - C. **Board Meeting Dates** - Approve the 2005 Board meeting dates provided in the backup.
 - D. **Special Education Agreement** - Approve special education Settlement Agreement and Full General Release.
 - E. **IU3 Services Agreement** - Approve Educational Services Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for special education services for 2004-05.
 - F. **Student Adjudications** - Approve the following student adjudications:
 1. 2004-05-05
 2. 2004-05-06
 3. 2004-05-07
 4. 2004-05-08
 - G. **Principals Academy** - Authorize Alan Cumo to participate in the Principals Academy at the University of Pittsburgh (two-year program) beginning January 2005 at a cost of \$1,500.
 - H. **Bid Items** - Authorize administration to bid the following:
 1. New district telephone calling notification system.
 2. Two replacement video cameras configured for studio operation for SVTV.
 4. Security enhancements.
 5. General, art, nurses, and technology education supplies and equipment for 2005-06.
 6. Replace a district maintenance vehicle (lease). The present vehicle's lease expires January 20, 2005.
 - I. **Transportation Contract** - Approve transportation contract with Durham School Services for 2004-05.
 - J. **Senior High School Architect** - Appoint Eckles Architecture as the architect of record for the addition and renovation to the Seneca Valley Senior High School at a fee of 6% for new construction and renovations as per AIA documents, pending review by the construction solicitor.

K. **Tax Refund** - Approve real estate tax refunds.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mrs. Reale, to approve the conferences, board policies, 2005 Board meeting dates, special education agreement, IU 3 services agreement, student adjudications, principals academy attendance, authorization to bid, transportation contract, architect agreement, and real estate tax refunds as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Adametz voting no.

L. **Board Weapons Policies** - Approve the adoption of the following new policies:

5. Weapons (Administrative Employees), new, adoption
6. Weapons (Professional Employees), new, adoption
7. Weapons (Classified Employees), new, adoption

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans, to approve the policies as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Adametz voting no.

M. **Board Policy** - Approve the adoption of revised policy #201, Admission of Students.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to table the motion until the January meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

N. **Sousaphone Purchase** - Authorize administration to bid six Weril Silver Sousaphones to be funded through the construction fund.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul to the bidding as listed above. It was explained that money from the construction of the Intermediate and Middle Schools was held in a contingency fund pending resolution of disputed work. Some of this money has been freed up for the purchase of movable equipment. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Adametz voting no.

O. **Construction Solicitor** - Appoint Scott Cessar, Eckert Seamans, as construction solicitor.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti to appoint Scott Cessar, Eckert Seamans, as construction solicitor, pending administrative review of documents assuring that there is a lack of conflict of interest with Eckles Architecture. (Mr. Widdowson exited the meeting during the discussion.) Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Brennan voting no, and Mr. Widdowson absent. (Mr. Widdowson returned to the meeting.)

P. **Act 72 Consultant** - Authorize Parker Hunter Incorporated as consultants for Act 72 compliance at a cost not to exceed \$12,000

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans, to authorize Parker Hunter as listed above. After a short discussion, the motion carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Hill, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Reale, and Mr. Berkebile voting yes; and Mr. Adametz, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Storti voting no.

6. **PERSONNEL** (Details provided in agenda.)

A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Michael Leitera; *Supplemental* - Melanie Kozlina, Charles Jacobs, Judy Alexander, Michael Leitera; *Classified* - Jacqueline Jones, Renee Angert, Lizabeth Becker.

B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - Amy Humes, Jeffrey Hartman, Jeanette Mike, Jane Eisenhart, Shannon Goehring, day-to-day substitutes; *Long Term Substitutes* - Marlene Brennan, Kara Moximchalk; *Supplemental* - Todd Schoeffel, Tony Clark, John Fiorentino, Jeff Hartman, Katharine Batko; *Classified* - Stacy Johns, Ellen Kincade, Dana Osselborn; day-to-day substitutes.

C. Leaves - Dana Nicklas, Pam North, Ronelle Rowe, Tisha Konvolinka, Gail Cranmer.

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

D. **Information**

1. ***Intent To Retire*** - William Allen, Deborah Casaday, Dr. Denise Chappell, Linda Clark, Rose Dancu, Carolyn McFarland, Margaret Mauro, Daniel O'Neill, Carolyn Snyder, Robert Rectenwald.
2. ***Rescind Sabbatical Leave*** - Margaret Mauro

7. **COMMUNICATIONS** - The following communications were received:

- A. Drew Snyder
- B. Chuck and Donna Galbraith

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - Mrs. Reale motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill to adjourn to executive session at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss legal issues.