

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

January 9, 2006

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 Board Secretary, Joan Rinaman, showed the following members present: Mr. Paul Adametz, Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Kenneth Brennan, Mr. Anthony Evans, Mr. Robert Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mr. Thomas Roth, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent; Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Pupil Services; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds and Security Director; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Mark Korcinsky, Senior High School Principal; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Bob Hennessey, Turner Construction; Mr. Fred Watts, Eckles Architecture; press representatives, and visitors listed on the enclosed list.

## 2. INFORMATION REPORTS

### A. Student/Staff Recognition

1. Forensics tournament results provided in the backup materials.
2. Greenville reading competition results provided in the backup materials.
3. Forty Seneca Valley students listed in the backup participated in Honors Band at Westminster College on December 1-3.
4. Middle School students Josh Selling and Andrew D'Aversa advanced to the Academic Games team national competition in Onsets Middle School division. The Propaganda team members Elizabeth Dadey, Andrew D'Aversa, Alex Goldsberry, Matt Graf, and Kelsey Hickey took first place at a competition at Robert Morris.
5. Intermediate High students Greg Ference, Alex D'Aversa, Adam Byko, Stephanie Edwards, and Holly Mrozowski placed first in Junior Division Onsets tournament. These students as well as Becca Wilson and Nolan Galbraith qualified for the national tournament. Adam Byko, Alex D'Aversa, Adam Dobson, Eric Oliver, and Sam Ovenshine finished first in the propaganda tournament. Eric Oliver was selected

presiding officer, congress board, and merit speaker at the Congress tournament. Laura Hahn was selected for the Congress board.

6. Senior High students Eric Butler, Chris Brennan, Samantha Bell, Dan Ranayhossaini, and Eric Wahlstrom placed first in the Senior Division of the Onsets tournament and advanced to nationals. Eric Butler, Samantha Bell, Kevin Ference, Nick Soltis, and Nicole Yale finished second in the propaganda tournament.
7. Academic Challenge team of Alaina Somers, Toni Kasing and Stephen Balmert won the KDKA Hometown High Q to be aired on January 28. Their competitors were Butler and West Allegheny. On February 25 they will compete against North Allegheny and Hampton high schools.
8. The JROTC collected over 1,400 holiday cards sent to those serving overseas in all branches of the military.
9. Holiday card contest winner Jaclyn Natoli, grade 4 at Rowan Elementary School, was presented with a certificate and gift. She thanked her art teacher, Mrs. Hadley, for being such a good teacher.
10. SVEA raised \$2,995 for Katrina hurricane relief.
11. Teachers Erin Dispenett (learning support), Susan Finegan (learning support), James Lucot (social studies), and Mary Wildman (business technology) have been nominated for Disney Teacher Awards.
12. January is School Board Recognition month. Mr. Tom Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director, presented certificates to Mr. Widdowson (8 years), Mrs. Reale (12 years), and Mr. Berkebile (12 years). He also congratulated and presented a plaque to Mr. Paul for 40 years of service as a school director.

**B. Dates to Remember**

January 13	Semester Break (Students attend a.m. only)
January 16	Professional Development (No school for students)

- C. **Enrollment Update** - The latest numbers are provided in the backup materials. Mr. Adametz questioned these numbers in comparison with the numbers provided on the building reports.
- D. **Robinson Family Fund** - Nomination forms available from Dr. McKinley's office and must be returned by February 10.
- E. **Principal Reports** - The building reports provided in the backup materials.
- F. **Keystone Award** - Seneca Valley received a Keystone Achievement Award from PDE.
- G. **Grant Programs**
  1. County Drug and Alcohol
  2. Title I - Improving America's Schools - Remedial Reading
  3. Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality
  4. Title IID - Educational Technology
  5. Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
  6. Title IV - Drug Free Schools
  7. Title V - Innovative Education
- H. **Budget Report** - The September budget report is included in the backup materials.

**3. ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments.

B. **Administration**

1. ***Board Meeting Dates*** - Approve Board meeting dates provided in backup materials.

2. ***Committee Assignments*** - Approve Board committee assignments provided in backup.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans, to approve the meeting dates and committee assignments as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

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

1. ***Appointments - Professional*** - Julie Smith; ***Long-Term Substitutes*** - Erin Pile, Todd Gibson, Douglas Kepreos

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the appointments as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** - Discussions continued from earlier in the evening.

A. **Senior High Construction Alternates** - Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve alternates as listed on handout provided at the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier this evening totaling \$354,050. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Storti and Mr. Brennan voting no.

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

A. **Work Session** - November 7, 2005

B. **Regular Meeting** - November 14, 2005

C. **Special Meeting** - December 5, 2005

D. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 5, 2005

E. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 12, 2005

F. **Committee of the Whole Meeting** - The minutes of the November 7 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting are included in the minutes of the November 7 work session.

6. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer's Report** - Approve the September Treasurer's Report.

B. **Financial Reports**

1. Senior High Activities Report
2. Intermediate High Activities Report
3. Middle School Activities Report
4. Athletic Report
5. Tax Collection Report
6. Food Service Report
7. Earned Income Tax Report

### C. Agency Reports

1. *Vo-Tech* - Information provided in the backup materials.
  2. *I. U. IV* - Information provided in the backup materials.
  3. *Clarence Brown* - There was nothing to report.
7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The General Fund bills provided in the backup total \$5,979,952.62.
8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activities Fund bills listed in the agenda total \$65,974.59.
9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - The construction Fund bills provided in the backup materials total \$66,744.57.
10. **ACTION ITEMS** - The following items discussed for approval January 16, 2006:

#### A. Administration

1. *Conferences* - Approve conference.
2. *Board Policies* - Approve the following Board policies:
  - a. 227.1 - Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers, revised, adoption
  - b. 707 - Use of School Facilities, revised, adoption
  - c. 908 - Parent Involvement, revised, adoption
  - d. Athletic Facilities Advertising, new, adoption
  - e. Revenue Enhancement/Gifts to Schools/Facilities Naming Rights, new, adoption
  - f. 227 - Substance Use/Abuse, revised, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - g. 216 - Student Records, revised, 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - h. 611 - Purchases Budgeted, new, 1<sup>st</sup> reading
3. *Student Adjudications* - Approve the following student adjudications:
  - a. 2005-06-09
  - b. 2005-06-11
4. *Charter/Cyber School Resolution* - Approve resolution regarding funding of cyber charter schools.

#### B. Instruction

1. *Exchange Program* - Approve the following as exchange student organizations:
  - a. AFS -USA, AFS Intercultural Programs
  - b. Rotary

#### C. Business/Finances -

1. *Transportation* - Approve transportation contract with Mr. and Mrs. David Zurawski.
2. *Buildings and Grounds*

- a. Plancon B, D, and E - Acknowledge PDE approval of Plancon B, Plancon D, and Plancon E for the Senior High School project.
3. **Budget Transfers** - Approve December and January budget transfers.
4. **Real Estate Tax** - Approve the following tax exoneration and refunds:
  - a. Exonerate \$909.56
  - b. Refund 2004 and 2005 \$885.05
  - c. Refund \$78.56
  - d. Refund \$194.32

**D. Personnel** - Personnel was reviewed in executive session.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications were received from the following:

- A. Dee Hoffman
- B. Residents of Presidents Square

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Mr. James Lynskey questioned the increase in the use of facilities fee charged to the YMCA. Mr. Stewart responded that the YMCA was now charged a fee for using the buildings for childcare, but they agreed not to pass that cost to the participants. All other outside groups using facilities are charged a fee.
- B. Mr. Mike Kline, who is not a resident but is legal counsel for property owners in the district, asked to address the Board. Mr. Hoffman stated that it is a state law that speakers should be residents or tax payers. It was the consensus of the Board to allow him to speak with no responding comment from the Board. Mr. Kline spoke regarding a low bid for the Senior High project which was received unsigned. He suggested that the Board should disregard that bid. At an injunction hearing, the judge in Butler County Common Pleas ruled that the bid is valid and the district must adhere to that ruling according to Mr. Hoffman.
- C. Mr. Adametz asked where the district was in regard to the coupon from SprinTurf. Dr. Tylinski is still in touch with SprinTurf and they have not awarded the coupon yet. Mr. Adametz felt the Board was misled in awarding the bid to SprinTurf as they were under the assumption that funding would be received. The bid was to be awarded on the bid and not on any adjustments from the bidder.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Adametz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and legal matters were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary