

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

March 13, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of former secretary, Janis Alexander, who passed away last week.
 - 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. Robert Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mr. Tom Roth, and Mr. Anthony Storti.

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. Jeffrey Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds, and Security Director; Mr. Kevin Prady, Transportation Director; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mrs. Tracy Vitale, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Tracy Vrana and Mr. Larry Wendereusz, Jr., Middle School Teachers; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. David Esposito and Ms. Tricia Monaco, Eckles Architecture; visitors on list; and press representatives.

2. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Bobby Beahm and Steve Emling reported on service projects and appreciation events at the Intermediate High School. They also asked for the Board's approval to host the student council District 2 fall conference in October 2006.

3. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

1. Mr. Elliott Levine of Sprinturf updated the Board on the progress of the possible Marketing and Brand Awareness (MBA) funding. Although the funding has not yet been received, the issue is not dead and they are continuing to work with the donor. Mr. Adametz expressed his opinion that it was an underhanded action in sending a letter to Mr. Caprara suggesting the money was coming just prior to the contract being awarded. Mr. Hill felt the vote was based on the best product which was installed on time and with quality workmanship. The community is by and large satisfied with it.

The good faith effort of Mr. Levine coming was appreciated by Mr. Brennan and he feels the public will be glad if the money comes through.

2. Seneca Valley Middle School won the 2006 Don Eichhorn Award. Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Vrana, and Mr. Wendereusz provided information on the application process, finalist visit, and announcement of winning the award.
 3. Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science students Stephen Balmert, Samantha Bell, Chris Brennan, Tyler Emerick, Jenna Luek, Frank Petraglia, Zach Piso, and Pavel Tarassov took first place in regional competition which qualifies them for national competition.
 4. Mark Finch and Greg Haughey from BASF presented 2005 graduates, Catherine Bishop and Elizabeth Skubak, \$800 scholarships for their achievements in science and service.
 5. Jerry Johnston and Harry Crytzer presented a check for \$1,500 to the district in celebration of North Pittsburgh Telephone Company's hundredth anniversary.
 6. Congratulations to all participants in the all-school musical which was directed by Aaron Magill and produced by Nathan Brewer.
 7. The *Insight* won an award of honor from the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association. Mrs. Andreassi is the editor/publisher.
 8. SVEA to hold Super Saturday on April 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is to raise money for their student scholarship fund.
 9. Dr. McKinley recognized Mr. Jim Lucot, Senior High teacher, for arranging to bring Mr. Vinnie Vacari, a former member of the World War II Screaming Eagles, to speak to students in his Government and Issues classes. Mr. Chris Marucci of Cranberry Township has also financed a portion of Mr. Vacari's travel expenses.
- B. **Legislative** - Mr. Brennan reminded Board members to place their reservations for the PSBA spring legislative session to be held on March 30 in the Seneca Valley Middle School. He also invited the Board and public to follow the progress of House Bill 39.
- C. **Enrollment Update** - The latest figures provided in the backup materials. Mr. Adametz asked for number of parochial students transported by the district.
- D. **Principal Reports** - The reports provided in the backup materials.
- E. **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
- F. **Budget Report** - December 2005 and January 2006 reports provided in the backup materials.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mr. Philip Uher spoke to the Board regarding redistricting. After meeting with Mr. Fuller and Mr. Giancola, Mr. Uher supports moving the designated students from Rowan to Haine. This would be a short term plan, but the administration has the best interest of the students in mind.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following minutes:
- A. **Work Session** - February 6, 2006

B. **Regular Meeting** - February 13, 2006

6. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer's Report** - Approve treasurer's reports for December 2005 and January 2006.

B. **Financial Reports** - Approve the following financial reports:

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

C. **Agency Reports**

1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.
2. *Midwestern Intermediate Unit* - Mr. Hill urged members to attend the I.U. convention on April 26.
3. *Clarence Brown* - The next meeting to be held on March 16.

7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve general fund bills provided in the backup in the amount of \$2,408,706.37.

8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the activities fund bills provided in the agenda in the amount of \$55,213.19.

9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the construction fund bills provided in the backup in the amount of \$84,521.11.

Mr. Roth questioned paying the bill to Eckles for furniture bids prior to the bids being awarded. It was explained that this bill is for the preliminary work and would need to be paid even if the bids were not accepted. This represents approximately 10% of the overall fee.

Mr. Adametz requested the Sprinturf payment be voted on separately.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the minutes, financial reports, and payment of various bills, excluding Sprinturf payment included in the construction fund bills, as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Widdowson and Mr. Evans absent.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the payment to Sprinturf in the amount of \$63,820.65. Mr. Brennan asked for an opinion by the solicitor on payment of this invoice. Mr. Hoffman stated that if the work was completed satisfactorily, then the bill should be paid. The administration felt the work was completed satisfactorily according to Mr. Lamneck. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Adametz voting no; and Mr. Evans and Widdowson absent.

10. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.
- B. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:
 - 1. Policy 216 - Student Records, revised, adoption
 - 2. Policy 611 - Purchases Budgeted, revised, adoption
 - 3. Policy 008 - Organization Chart, revised, adoption
 - 4. Family Medical Leave, new, 2nd reading
 - 5. Policy 123.1, Participation of Charter School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities, new, 1st reading
 - 6. Policy 202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students, revised, 1st reading
- C. **Assistant Superintendent Contract** - Approve Dr. Mary Ann Marchi as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Pupil Services as per employment agreement.
- D. **Acting Principal** - Appoint Mr. George Duncan as Acting Assistant Principal at Haine Elementary and Haine Middle School for a maximum of 45 days effective March 20, 2006, at a salary of \$225 per day.
- E. **Labor Counsel/Negotiator** - Approve appointment of the law firm of Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham L.L.P., with principle reliance upon Thomas W. King, III, Esquire, as labor counsel/negotiator for the Seneca Valley School District. The law firm shall be compensated in accordance with its fee proposal dated February 16, 2006, at the current hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour.
- F. **Local School District Holidays** - Approve resolution regarding official local school district holidays.
- G. **2006-07 Calendar** - Approve the school calendar for the 2006-07 school year which incorporates the “official local school district holidays” as designated by the Board’s Resolution dated March 13, 2006.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the conferences, policies, assistant superintendent contract, acting principal, labor counsel, district holidays, and student calendar as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Widdowson and Mr. Evans absent.

11. INSTRUCTION ACTION

- A. Approve Intermediate High School student council’s request to host PA Association of Student Councils District 2 fall conference on October 2006 professional development day.
- B. Approve distribution of Ruth Varner Otto Scholarship funds.
- C. Approve student adjudications 2005-06-12 and 2005-06-13.
- D. Approve secondary summer school program (self-sustaining).
- E. Approve elementary summer band program (self-sustaining).

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the student council’s request, scholarship funds distribution, student adjudications, secondary summer school, and elementary summer band

as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

12. BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION

A. Buildings and Grounds

1. ***Moveable Equipment*** - Award bids for moveable equipment for Senior High renovation. Mr. Roth questioned accepting a bid which was not the low bid because it is same manufacturer of furniture already in the building. Ms. Monaco stated that each furniture manufacturer uses different replacement hardware and parts. Mr. Lamneck added that keeping the same inventory cuts down on storage and related costs.

B. **Athletic Bids** - Authorize administration to bid fall and winter athletic supplies and equipment.

C. **2006-07 Bids**- Award 2006-07 bids for Art and General Supplies.

D. **Vehicle Lease** - Amend resolution dated November 14, 2005, to award bid for vehicle lease with Northland Ford to Union Leasing, Inc., in the amount of \$345 per month for 36 months.

E. **Vo-Tech Budget** - Approve Butler County Area Vocational Technical School budget in the amount of \$2,834,588 with Seneca Valley's portion \$310,057.

F. **I.U. Budget** - Approve Midwestern Intermediate Unit budget in the amount of \$4,069,261 with Seneca Valley's portion \$124,929.

G. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.

H. **Grant Application** - Submit letter to Harmony Borough Water Authority supporting their grant application to subsidize upgrading of water storage tanks and authorize the Board President to sign off on the grant application. Mr. Jeff Smith, Harmony Water Authority Board, thanked the district for partnering with them in addressing the water service in the area.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Brennan, to approve the various bids, amended vehicle lease, Vo-Tech and I.U. budgets, budget transfers, and grant application as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

13. PERSONNEL ACTION (Details provided in the agenda.)

A. **Resignations** - *Retirement* - Linda Anthony, Judith Gaggini, Cynthia Hockenberry, Pat Schar, Ellyn Anthony, Sherry Chmara, Karen Cramer, Donald Faust, Mary Ann Kirch, Helga Klenk, John Mooney, Jeanne Presco, Deborah Sharf, Barbara Thompson, Patricia Vagias, Carol Kristufek, Margaret Mays, Margaret Miller; *Professional* - Jeffrey Badger; *Classified*- Souad Eirichani, Cherie Steinmiller; *Supplemental*- Amber Hugus, Mark DeHart, Jr.

B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - day-to-day substitutes; *Classified*: day-to-day substitutes; *Supplemental* - Eric Cupp, Carey Carvelli, Michael Natale.

C. **Leaves** - Erin Daschbach.

D. **Information**

The following individuals have rescinded their 2005-06 Intent to Retire letters:

William Allen - Secondary	Roy Waugaman III - Elementary
Terry Henry - Central	Georgia Zahn - Elementary
Maxine Smathers - Elementary	Dr. Mary Ann Marchi - Central

Mr. Hill 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 with Mr. Widdowson and Mr. Evans absent.

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

- A. Kris Uher
- B. Donna Walkowski
- C. Tammy Wisniewski
- D. Larry Harding
- E. Jeanette Lahm
- F. Kristen Fisher
- G. Dr. Mary Catherine Dillon
- H. Carleen Czolba Latess
- I. Cathy Cortazzo
- J. Melissa Pindroh
- K. Christine and Douglas Border
- L. Mark Richner

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Adametz motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and legal matters were discussed in executive session prior to this meeting.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary