

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

May 1, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, 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 Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary, showed the following Board members present: Mr. Paul Adametz, Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Kenneth Brennan, Mr. Anthony Evans, Mr. William Paul, Mr. Thomas Roth, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

2. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments.
- B. **Construction Insurance** - Approve contract addenda regarding insurance for Senior High School construction project.

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

- C. **Student Adjudications** - Approve the student adjudications 2005-06-14 and 2005-06-15.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the student adjudications as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Brennan abstaining, and Mr. Hill absent.

3. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. William Robbins and Kelly Schneider received national Gold Keys and Kaela Speicher and Rob Starr received national Silver Keys in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2006 held in New York City. Art teacher Jim Nagle introduced the students who displayed their artwork. Dr. Tylinksi presented each with a certificate.

2. The fourteen students who received regional Gold Keys in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2006 are listed in the backup materials.
3. Lauren Markich won Best of Show honors at the Associated Artists of Butler County exhibit. Other students who won awards are listed in the backup materials.
4. Students who placed at the Regional History Day contest at Westminster College are listed in the backup materials.
5. Todd Karman, Jim Nagle, and Mary Wildman were nominated and selected as finalists as top teachers in western Pennsylvania by the Teacher Excellence Center. On April 27 Mrs. Wildman was selected as one of the top seven winners. Dr. Tylinski presented each with a certificate.
6. May is Teacher Appreciation Month.

B. Dates to Remember

May 12	Snow Make-Up Day, No school
May 13	Senior Prom
May 17 and 18	Professional Development, No school in p.m. for secondary
May 29	only
June 2	Memorial Day, No school
June 2	Last day of school for students, students attend a.m. only
	Graduation, 6:00 p.m., stadium

- C. **Legislative** - No further action has been taken on House Bill 39. Mr. Brennan mentioned that PSBA is seeking items for the legislative platform.
- D. **Strategic Plan** - Dr. Marchi reported that the planning committee met for an update where they reviewed plans and action plans.
- 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 - Mr. Fuller informed the Board that for the 2006-07 school year this program will be available only through a need-based competitive grant. The district will no longer receive funding.
 5. Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
 6. Title IV - Drug Free Schools
 7. Title V - Innovative Education
- F. **Construction Update** - Dr. Tylinski noted that the construction manager has provided an update on the Senior High construction. Mr. Hinds will be available for questions next week.
- G. **Transportation Committee** - There was nothing new to report.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following minutes provided in the backup materials:

- A. **Work Session** - April 3, 2006
- B. **Regular Meeting** - April 10, 2006 - Mr. Brennan asked that the minutes be corrected to show he voted no on item 15B.

5. **OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - A report to be provided next week.

- B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports provided in the backup materials:
1. Senior High Activities
 2. Intermediate High Activities Report
 3. Middle School Activities Report
 4. Food Service Report
6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup in the amount of \$2,054,119.78.
7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda in the amount of \$7,456.34.
8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**
- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.
- B. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:
1. Policy 123.1, Participation of Charter School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities, new, adoption
 2. Policy 202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students, revised, adoption
 3. Policy 204 - Attendance, revised, 2nd reading
 4. Policy 815.2 - Internet Publishing, revised, 1st reading
9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**
- A. Acknowledge student trip to Costa Rico June 7-19, 2006, at no cost to the District.
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**
- A. **Buildings and Grounds**
1. Approve submittal of Plancon H, Project Financing, to PDE.
 2. Approve contract with Pittsburgh Warhawks semi-pro football team, allowing them the use of Nextier Stadium as their home field for the summer of 2006 at \$1,000 per use plus expenses.

Mr. Roth asked about the number of games in the season and what is included in expenses. Mr. Caprara responded that there are eight home games. The team will be charged for expenses listed in the use of facilities agreement such as lighting, security, and maintenance. The district is working with Garman Murray Insurance to make certain that the team has individual, team, and league insurance. The agreement will also be reviewed by the solicitor.
 3. Approve waiver of rental fees associated with the use of a grass field for practice twice a week by the Warhawks semi-pro football team.

Mr. Caprara stated that waiving the fee was weighed against the money generated with the stadium rental. The team's practice will be rotated among the fields to ensure the fields do not suffer excessive wear.

- B. ***Depository and Treasurer Appointments*** - Appoint NexTier Bank as Depository and S. J. Irvine III as Treasurer for the 2006-07 school year.
 - C. **Audit Report** - Acknowledge PDE approval of Single Audit Report of federal financial assistance programs for the year ended June 30, 2004.
 - D. **SVTV Equipment Bid** - Award Yamaha audio equipment to Lerro in the amount of \$8,777.00.
 - E. **Preliminary Budget** - Approve preliminary budget for 2006-07 in the amount of \$84,438,448, a 5-mill increase, and authorize posting in all school facilities and community public libraries.
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel items discussed in executive session.
 12. **COMMUNICATIONS** - A communication received from June Marshall provided in the backup materials.
 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.
 14. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
 15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and legal items discussed in executive session prior to the meeting.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary