

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

September 12, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Board President, Dean Berkebile, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in remembrance of victims of hurricane Katrina and 9/11/01.
 - 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. 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. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Coordinator; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds, Security Director; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. **Superintendent**

1. *Student/Staff Recognition*

- a. Terry Henry, Administrative Assistant for Operations, providing color analysis for McDonald's High School Football every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Network (FSN) Pittsburgh. He also has a pre-game segment on *Savran on SportsBeat* and a post-game analysis on *Pittsburgh Sports Tonight*.
- b. Volunteer football coach Don Kelly commended for procurement of video recording and analysis equipment donation and teaching students how to operate equipment. Mr. Kelly also built tables, desks, computer stands, whiteboards, and shelving throughout the coach's office.

2. *Dates to Remember*

September 29	Homecoming Parade, Stadium, 6:00 p.m.
September 30	Homecoming Football Game, Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
October 1	Homecoming Dances, Sr. High & SVIHS, 7:00 & 7:15 p.m.
November 8	Dr. Eileen Kimball - Enhancing Sports Experience-Sr. High

3. **Legislative** - Mr. Kenneth Brennan

- a. PSBA extended deadline for boards to appoint voting delegates to the Legislative Policy Council until September 16.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to authorize Mr. Brennan to attend and represent the Board at the Legislative Policy Council in Hershey, October 25-28, 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Adametz absent.

- 4. **Enrollment Update** - The latest enrollment numbers are included in the backup materials.
- 5. **PSSA Results** - Dr. Tylinski and Dr. McKinley presented PSSA results from the spring testing.
- 6. **Where do Pennsylvanians Want to Live** - An article with a compliment to the school district is included in the backup materials.
- 7. **Lacrosse Club Fees** - Mr. Caprara presented the lacrosse club's proposal for use of the stadium. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Athletic Committee would meet and bring a proposal to the Board at the next meeting.
- 8. **Fuel Costs** - Mr. Stewart informed the Board that more students are riding buses due to the cost of gasoline. Another Vo-Tech run has been added at a cost of \$43,000 per year. The price of diesel fuel was locked in at \$1.58 from last year. Forecasts indicate heating costs could rise 70% or higher. Costs at the buildings are estimated at \$368,000 over last year. Mr. Stewart cautioned the Board on future spending as the Board budgeted only \$250,000 in the reserve fund.

B. **Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

1. **Grant Programs**

- a. Title I - Improving America's Schools - Remedial Reading
- b. Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality
- c. Title IID - Educational Technology
- d. Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient & Immigrant Students
- e. Title IV - Drug Free Schools
- f. Title V - Innovative Education
- g. County Drug and Alcohol

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

- A. **Work Session** - August 1, 2005
- B. **Regular Meeting** - August 8, 2005
- C. **Special Meeting** - August 23, 2005

4. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Financial Reports** - The following reports provided in the backup materials:

1. Senior High Activities/Athletic Fund Reports
2. Intermediate High Activities Report
3. Earned Income Tax Report

B. **Agency Reports**

1. *Vo-Tech* - Mr. Paul reported 138 Seneca students attending the Vo-Tech this year which is a record.
2. *I. U. IV* - A new labor agreement was negotiated. The next meeting scheduled for September 28.
3. *Clarence Brown* - There was nothing new to report.

5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The General Fund bills provided in the backup total \$2,436,300.62.

6. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activities Fund bills listed in the agenda total \$33,783.08.

7. **ACTION ITEMS** - The following items to be acted on next week:

A. **Administration**

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences listed in the backup materials.
2. *Board Policies* - Approve the following policies:
 - a. Public Attendance at School Events (#904), revised, adoption
Mrs. Reale asked that the policy be changed to allow no beverage containers rather than only sealed containers. The Board members present agreed to this change. It was also agreed to allow briefcases and laptop bags, with the provision that they could be searched.
 - b. Homebound Instruction (#117), revised, adoption

B. **Instruction**

1. *Band Trip* - Approve Band trip to Virginia Beach on May 4, 5, and 6, 2006, to compete in Fiesta-Val Music Festival competition at no cost to the district. Students will miss classes on May 4 and 5.
2. *Education Contract* - Approve contract with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for special education services for the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$27,676 per year.
3. *Title I Agreement* - Approve Title I agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2005-06 school year.
4. *Fireworks Contract* - Approve contract with Pyrotecnico for fireworks at homecoming carnival. Cost of \$2,000 to be paid by Senior High School student council.

C. **Business/Finances**

1. *Buildings and Grounds*

- a. Calvin Presbyterian Church Request- Approve use of facilities request for Senior High School auditorium and cafeteria from Calvin Presbyterian Church for October 23, 2005 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for congregation breakfast and morning church service to kickoff capital campaign.
2. **Portersville Contract** - Approve transportation contract with Portersville Christian School for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 school years.
3. **Durham Contract** - Approve transportation contract with Durham School Services for the 2005-06 school year.

D. Personnel - Personnel items discussed in executive session.

1. Information

- a. Mary McConaughy to complete principal internship during 2005-06 school year.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS** - The following communications received:

- A. Debbie Dilliplaine
- B. Dianne Rotz

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Mr. Caprara stated that school spirit is on the rise at Seneca Valley as 55 students rode a fan bus to the football game on Friday. A student has created and is selling *Raider Rags* similar to the *Terrible Towel*.
- B. Mr. Hill congratulated Mrs. Andreassi for her efforts for the Veterans' Recognition night. It continues to be a nice event for local veterans.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Adametz absent.

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

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary