

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

September 19, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile 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. 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. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds, and Security Director; Mr. Jerome Straughter, Human Resources Coordinator; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Jeffrey Fuller, Rowan Elementary Principal; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Bob Hennessey, Turner Construction; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Ball, Dianne Rotz, and Mike O'Rourke spoke on behalf of the boys' lacrosse club having access to the stadium turf for practice and games. Each asked the Board to come up with a reasonable cost for using the field. They also requested a donation to the club in succeeding years, similar to donation to the ice hockey club.

3. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Evan Addams informed the Board of student council activities at the Senior High School such as the new sponsors, junior orientation, pep rally, Raider Tator, Raider Rag, leadership council, Katrina relief efforts, and homecoming festivities.

4. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Superintendent**

1. ***Dates to Remember*** - The following are upcoming district events:

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	Eileen Kimball speaking on Enhancing Sports Experience
November 15-16	PDE Cyclical Monitoring of District Special Education Programs

2. **Legislative**

- a. Act 72 Legislation - Mr. Brennan reported that the legislature was convening a special session regarding Act 72.
- 3. **Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts** - Mrs. Andreassi provided the Board with a handout on District sponsored relief effort. With two weeks to go, the district already raised \$25,000.
- 4. **Construction Manager's Report** - Mr. Hennessy updated the Board on the Senior High School addition and provided the latest schedule for the project.
- 5. **Survey Request** - Mr. Fuller asked the Board for permission to have a survey completed by teachers and parents in elementary and middle schools to assist in creating a staff development plan to improve student achievement.

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

C. **Business/Finance Reports** - Mr. Lynn Stewart

- 1. Budget Report - The budget report for July provided in the backup materials.

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

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

Mr. Paul left the meeting at this time.

6. **OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - The July 2005 treasurer's report provided in backup.
- B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports provided in backup:

1. Senior High Activities/Athletic Fund Reports
2. Intermediate High Activities Report
3. Middle School Report
4. Earned Income Tax Report
5. Tax Collector Report
6. Food Service Report

C. **Agency Reports** - President

1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.
2. *I. U. IV* - Next meeting scheduled for September 28.
3. *Clarence Brown* - First meeting scheduled for Thursday.

Mr. Widdowson left the meeting at this time.

7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup totaling \$2,436,300.62.
8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup totaling \$329,447.71.
9. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda totaling \$33,783.08.

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

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Administration**

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences.
2. *Board Policies* - Approve the following policies:
 - a. Public Attendance at School Events (#904), revised, adoption
 - b. Homebound Instruction (#117), revised, adoption
 - c. Anti-Fraud Programs and Procedures, new, 1st reading

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

Mr. Paul and Mr. Widdowson returned to the meeting.

3. *Lacrosse Stadium Usage* - The Activities Committee met to discuss fees for the Boys' Lacrosse club to use the stadium. Their recommendation is model #3 of the handout. The club's request is model #1. The administration proposal is Model #2. Model #4 was suggested by Mr. Storti who was unable to make the Activities Committee meeting. Dr. Tyliniski informed the Board that the administration would meet with Penn Power on

Thursday to discuss a change on the demand charge at the stadium which may result in a lower per hour charge for the stadium lighting.

Before further discussion, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Brennan, for a Board vote with a yes vote signifying a wish to consider some future financial support and a no vote indicating no financial support. Motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Adametz voting no.

As the discussion continued on the various options, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the following fees and conditions:

- set up a fee structure of a \$25 fee per use of the turf field;
- pay for variable costs such as lighting, security, custodian, and administrative service fees as noted in Model #1B, not to exceed \$10,000 for year one;
- determine at budget time how much, if any, the Board would donate to all club sports, including boys' lacrosse;
- understand that sanctioned varsity sports would have first preference in scheduling use of the facility.

Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mrs. Reale and Mr. Berkebile voting no

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. ***Choral Trip*** - Approve Choral trip to Chicago on April 28 through May 1, 2006, to compete in a national competition at no cost to the district. Students will miss classes on April 28 and May 1 (Friday and Monday).
3. ***Fireworks Contract*** - Approve contract with Pyrotecnico for fireworks at homecoming carnival. Cost of \$2,000 to be paid by Senior High School student council.
4. ***IU 27 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.
5. ***GRLS Title I Contract*** - Approve Title I agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2005-06 school year.
6. ***Te@ch Grant*** - Approve submission of Best Buy Te@ch grant application for Haine Elementary School in the amount of \$2,500.

Mrs. Reale motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the band and choral trips, fireworks contract, education services contract, Title I agreement, and grant submission as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

C. **Business/Finances**

1. ***Buildings and Grounds***

- a. ***Calviin 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.
- b. ***SVJFA Request*** - Approve use of facilities request for Senior High School gymnasium from Seneca Valley Junior Football Association for October 9, 2005 to begin at 10:30 a.m. for cheer and dance competitions.
2. ***Portersville Christian School Contract*** - Approve transportation contract with Portersville Christian School for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 school years.
3. ***Durham School Services Contract*** - Approve transportation contract with Durham School Services for the 2005-06 school year.
4. ***Audit Report*** - Acknowledge report from the Department of the Auditor General's office for the years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001.
5. ***Budget Transfers*** - Approve budget transfers.
6. ***Tax Exoneration*** - Approve exoneration of real estate tax to over-assessment - \$151.38

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the facilities requests, transportation contracts, auditor's report, budget transfers, and tax exoneration as listed above. In answer to Mr. Paul's question on cost for transportation contracts, Mr. Stewart replied that the contract includes an increase of the CPI index which is 3.3%. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

D. Personnel (Details provided in the backup materials.)

1. ***Resignations*** - *Professional*- Kimberly Ritchie, Kevin Smutko, Julie Greenawalt, *Supplemental* - Jeffrey Armstrong, Mike Grinder, Nicole Slade, Oliver Wiehe, Richard Geier; *Classified Retirement* - Carol Grosick; *Classified* - Karen Ponda, Andrea Strobel, Karen Wardlow, Dusti Lawton, Maureen McKay, Clara Garland.
2. ***Appointments*** - *Professional* - Natalie Thomas, Kathy Sue Williamson; *Long-Term Substitute* - Tammy McKenry, Megan Majcher, Melanie Paholich, Lori Beth Yapel; day-to-day substitutes; *Supplemental* - Victor Giannotta, James Pyle, Rob Lombardo, Joseph Venasco, Michael Henry, Anthony Babusci, Todd Schoeffel, Megan Meeder, Anthony Clark, Amanda Boyd, Charles Shearer, Christopher Brown, Oliver Wiehe, Richard Geier, Justin DeWitt, Thomas Donati, Maria Misenhelter, Alvin Mullet, David Gerrich, Kenneth Cahall III, John Perry, David Smolinski, Al Smith, Wayne Roccia, Robert Naylor, Donald Faust, Joe Montalbano, Cheryl Zorich, Amy Lehman, Cynthia Elek-Mayer, Joseph Mayer, Varden Armstrong, Aaron Magill; *Transfer* - Jessica Kish; *Classified* - Roxan Boyd, Charmaine Pearson, Rene Fetter, Julie Goerl, Debra Grosick, Tracy Schmitt, Beth Marraccini, Linda Bishop, Janice DeHart, Julie Rieg, day-to-day classified substitutes.
3. ***Leaves*** - Leslie Miller, Stacie Johnson, Laureen Trovato.
4. ***Information***

- a. Intent to Retire (conclusion of 2005-06 school year)
 - Barbara Thompson - Secondary
 - Wayne Roccia - Elementary
- b. Alison Schuster - Tenure at conclusion of 2004-05 school year
- c. Mary McConaughy completing principal internship during 2005-06 school year.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mrs. Reale, to approve the resignations, appointments, and leaves as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS** - The following communications received and provided in backup materials:

- A. Debbie Dilliplaine
- B. Dianne Rotz
- C. Dean McMillan
- D. Ted Deitch
- E. Mike O'Rourke

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary