

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

November 7, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Harry Mitchell, a former teacher, who passed away recently.
 - 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. Ken Brennan, Mr. Robert Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mrs. Ann Reale, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Pupil Personnel; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ron Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds, and Security Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Fred Watts, Eckles Architecture; Mr. Bob Hennessey, Turner Construction; visitors listed on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** - Mr. Watts and Mr. Hennessey updated the Board on the construction projects. Mr. Watts is petitioning PDE to approve a variance to not reset the 20-year clock for reimbursable renovations at the Senior High School. At next week's meeting they will ask the Board to approve letting the bids for the project with receipt around December 22.
3. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Next week there will be a report from the Intermediate High School student council.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.
5. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Dates to Remember**

November 10	Elementary In-Service - No school for elementary students
November 11	In-Service - No school for students
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Vacation - no school
December 5	Thank You Dinner/Board Reorganization, 6:00 p.m.

- B. **Principal Reports** - Reports provided in the backup materials.

- C. **Grant Programs**
 - a. County Drug and Alcohol
 - b. Title I - Improving America's Schools - Remedial Reading
 - c. Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality
 - d. Title IID - Educational Technology
 - e. Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
 - f. Title IV - Drug Free Schools - This grant was submitted last week.
 - g. Title V - Innovative Education

- D. **November 11 In-Service Day Activities** - Information to be provided next week.

- E. **Field House and Stadium Lighting** - Information to be provided next week.

- F. **Charter Schools Accountability** - Mr. Stewart noted a handout provided in the backup and asked if any Board member would be interested in a similar resolution to address the inequitable funding and accountability of charter schools. The Board agreed to look at a resolution at the January meeting.

- G. **Holiday Card** - The Board chose holiday card #4 to send from the District. Mrs. Reale, Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Hill, Mr. Adametz, and Mr. Berkebille chose drawing #4; Mr. Storti and Mr. Brennan chose drawing #6; and Mr. Evans was absent.

- 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following minutes provided for approval:
 - A. **Work Session** - October 3, 2005
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - October 10, 2005

- 7. **OPERATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Treasurer's Report** - The August treasurer's report provided in the backup materials.
 - B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports provided in the backup materials:
 - 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** - President
 - 1. *Vo-Tech* - Information is provided in the backup materials.
 - 2. *I. U. IV* - The Frew Mill contract is under negotiation.
 - 3. *Clarence Brown* - Next meeting scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

- 8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve General Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$2,735,431.65

9. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve Activities Fund bills as listed in the agenda and total \$21,387.86
10. **ACTION ITEMS** - The following items proposed for approval at the November 14, 2005 meeting:

A. Administration

1. *Conferences* - Approve the conference provided in the backup materials.
2. *Board Policies* - Approve the following Board policies:
 - a. Anti-Fraud Programs and Procedures, new, adoption.
 - b. 008 - Organization Chart, revised, 1st reading.
 - c. 122.1 - Club Sports, new, 1st reading.
 - d. 227.1 - Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers, revised, 1st reading
 - e. 707 - Use of School Facilities, revised, 1st reading.
 - f. 908 - Parent Involvement, 1st reading.
 - g. Athletic Facilities Advertising, new, 1st reading.
 - h. Revenue Enhancement/Gifts to Schools/Facilities Naming Rights, new, 1st reading
3. Approve the following student adjudications:
 - a. 2005-06-02
 - b. 2005-06-03
 - c. 2005-06-04
 - d. 2005-06-05
 - e. 2005-06-06
 - f. 2005-06-07
4. Approve Board representative to fill seat on Vo-Tech Board.

B. Instruction

1. Acknowledge student trip to Greece in June 2007 at no cost to the district.
2. Authorize administration to submit environmental education grant with the Department of Environmental Protection at no cost to the district.
3. Approve Title I program Parent Involvement Policy for St. Stephen's Academy (Glade Run Lutheran Services).

C. Business/Finances

1. Acknowledge name change of depository from Citizens National Bank to NexTier Bank
2. Award spring athletic supplies and equipment.
3. Authorize the adoption of a flexible benefits plan which meets the requirements of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable collective bargaining agreement for secretaries and paraprofessionals and authorize the Business Manager to

take all action (including signing any documents) necessary to implement the flexible benefits plan.

4. Award bid for lease replacement of maintenance vehicle to Northland Ford in the amount of \$318.97 per month for 36 months.
 5. Approve Joint Purchasing agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit.
 6. Approve budget transfers.
 7. Deny request for real estate tax refund.
 8. Approve requests for real estate tax refunds in the amounts of \$75.25 and \$1,419.32, respectively.
- D. Personnel** - Personnel items to be discussed in executive session next week.
11. **COMMUNICATIONS** - The following communications provided in the backup materials:
 - A. Chuck Caputy
 - B. Haine Students - McKeever Thank You's
 - C. Jennifer Coyle
 12. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Adametz to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary