

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

November 14, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:15 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. 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 Services; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds, Security Director; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Bob Hennessey, Turner Construction; Mr. Fred Watts, Eckles Architecture; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Bobby Beahm and Steve Emling reported on student council activities at the Intermediate High School.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.

4. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Dates to Remember**

November 15, 16	Cyclical Monitoring Special Education Audit
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Vacation - no school
December 5	Thank You Dinner/Board Reorganization, 6:00 p.m.

B. **Principal Reports** - The principal reports included 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
 - g. Title V - Innovative Education

- D. **November 11 In-Service Day** - Dr. Marchi and Dr. McKinley reviewed the in-service day activities.

- E. **Field House and Stadium Lighting** - Mr. Lamneck updated the Board on meetings with the power company to reconfigure the lighting for the stadium. It would cost approximately \$75,000 to separate the stadium lighting from the field house and maintenance garage. He advised that this not be done at this time.

- F. **Charter Schools Accountability** - It was agreed to have the administration draft a similar letter as that provided by Easton Area School District to be acted upon at the January meeting.

- 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following minutes:
 - A. **Work Session** - October 3, 2005
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - October 10, 2005
 - C. **Curriculum Committee Meeting** - October 10, 2005

- 6. **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*** - Due to a decreased enrollment last year, the district will lose one seat on the Board. Mr. Brennan asked the Board to appoint Mr. Paul as representative and himself as alternate.
 - 2. ***I. U. IV*** - The next meeting to be held on Wednesday.
 - 3. ***Clarence Brown*** - The next meeting to be held on Thursday.

- 7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The General Fund bills provided in the backup total \$2,735,431.65.

8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activities Fund bills listed in the agenda total \$21,387.86.
9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - The Construction Fund bills provided in the backup total \$445,285.73. Mr. Adametz questioned the payment to Sprinturf. Mr. Stewart responded that this payment was made to bring the amount paid to 90% of the total project. The district may still be able to get a rebate through Dr. Tyliniski's discussions with Sprinturf.

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

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Administration

1. *Conferences* - Approve conferences.
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
It was asked that the 9:30 p.m. building closing time be reconsidered if the outside group would be willing to pay for custodian overtime.
 - 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. *Student Adjudications* - Approve the following student adjudications:
 - a. 2005-06-03
 - b. 2005-06-04
 - c. 2005-06-05
 - d. 2005-06-06
 - e. 2005-06-07
4. *Vo-Tech Representative* - Appoint Mr. Paul as representative and Mr. Brennan as alternate on the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the conferences, Board policies, student adjudications, and Vo-Tech appointments as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.

5. *Student Adjudication* - Approve student adjudication 2005-06-02.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the adjudication as listed. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Brennan abstaining, and Mr. Evans absent.

B. Instruction

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

Mrs. Reale motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to acknowledge the student trip, authorize the grant submittal, and approve the Title I program policy as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

C. Business/Finances

1. ***Depository*** - Acknowledge name change of depository from Citizens National Bank to NexTier Bank
2. ***Athletic Bids*** - Award spring athletic supplies and equipment.
3. ***Flexible Benefits Plan*** - 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. ***Vehicle Lease*** Award bid for lease replacement of maintenance vehicle to Northland Ford in the amount of \$318.97 per month for 36 months.
5. ***Joint Purchasing*** - Approve Joint Purchasing agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit.
6. ***Budget Transfers*** - Approve budget transfers.
7. ***Tax Refund Denial*** - Deny request for real estate tax refund.
8. ***Tax Refund*** - Approve requests for real estate tax refunds in the amounts of \$75.25 and \$1,419.32, respectively.
9. ***Variance*** - Approve resolution requesting a variance that the proposed Senior High School Plancon Project not reset the 20-year clock.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the depository name change, athletic bids, flexible spending plan, vehicle lease, MIU agreement, budget transfers, tax refund denial, tax refund approvals, and variance resolution as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.

10. ***Construction Project Bidding*** - Approve resolution directing architect to issue documents for bidding contingent on receipt of approvals from Jackson Township and PDE.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mrs. Reale, to approve the construction project bidding as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Mrs. Reale, Mr. Hill, Mr. Paul, Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Storti, and Mr. Berkebile voting in the affirmative; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Adametz voting no; and Mr. Evans absent.

D. Personnel (Details provided in agenda.)

1. ***Resignations*** Professional - Daniel O'Neill; Supplemental - Deborah Birosik, Heather Haff; Classified - Valerie Carney, Stephanie Gasior, Tammy Rose, Sarah Wagner.
2. ***Appointments*** - Professional - Joyce Mastalski, Christine Urban, Macrina Bayne; Professional Substitute - Lori Beth Yapel, Kristen Muzzey, Lisa McCombs, Kristin Robinson, Mandy Haley, day-to-day substitutes; Supplemental - Stanley Zimmerman, Rachel Ogden, Thomas Fletcher, Christopher Ogden, Amanda Wise, Michael DelDuca, Jason Shorr, Kristen Shaw, Ashley Watkiss, Nathan Brewer, Amanda Iman, Adele Marks, Dewayne Segrafedo; Classified - Crystal Muto, Cheryl Hays, Valerie Carney, Angela Popa, Ray Shinsky, Michael Lonzo, John Sulia, Shelia Nickle, Dale Weisz, day-to-day substitutes.
3. ***Leaves*** - Alison Fodi, Erin Ceh, Marlesse Hames, Mary McConaughy (Ms. McConaughy's leave was approved with review by the solicitor).
4. ***Information***
 - a. Intent to Retire - Conclusion of 2005-06 school year:
 - Thomas Anthony - Elementary
 - Maxine Smathers - Elementary
 - Debra J. Hill - Elementary
 - Margaret Mays - Elementary
 - Linda Clark - Secondary
 - Sherry Chmara - Elementary
 - Deborah Scharf - Elementary
 - John Mooney - Elementary
 - Carol Kristufek - Secondary
 - Karen Cramer - Elementary
 - Georgia Zahn - Elementary
 - Linda Morgan - Elementary
 - William Allen - Secondary
 - Mary Ann Kirch - Elementary
 - Patricia Schar - Elementary
 - Rose Dancu - Elementary
 - Carolyn Snyder - Secondary
 - Ellen Simoff - Secondary
 - Helga Klenk - Secondary
 - Terry Henry - District
 - b. Internships - Second semester of 2005-06 school year:
 - William Parenti with Mr. Fuller, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Raso
 - Jeffrey Hartman with Dr. Bjalobok and Mr. Korcinsky

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, 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 were received and provided in the backup materials:
 - A. Chuck Caputy
 - B. Haine Students - McKeever Thank You's
 - C. Jennifer Coyle
 - D. Cathy Cortazzo

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Adametz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary