

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria

MINUTES

January 8, 2007

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 in attendance: Mr. Paul Adametz, Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Kenneth Brennan, Mr. Anthony Evans, Mr. Robert Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mr. Thomas Roth, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent; Dr. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Pupil Services; Mr. Jeffrey Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings/Grounds/Security Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Adam Hinds, Turner Construction; Mr. David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; Mr. Charles Fasnacht III, Energy Education, Inc.; visitors on enclosed list; and press representative.

2. **STUDENT COUNCIL** - Louis Castello, Senior High vice president, updated the Board on student council activities.

3. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

1. In acknowledgment of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Tylinski read a statement of appreciation. Board members also received a packet of information from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

B. **Dates to Remember**

January 12	Half Day In-Service - No school for students in p.m.
January 15	Professional Development Day - No school for students
February 5	First Snow Make-Up Day

- C. **Legislative** - Mr. Brennan stated that although it's early in the season, it will be a strange year in the legislature.
- D. **Enrollment Update** - The current numbers provided in the backup materials.
- E. **Principal Reports** - Building reports provided in the backup materials.
- F. **Grant Programs**
 - 1. County Drug and Alcohol
 - 2. Title I - Improving America's Schools - Remedial Reading
 - 3. Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality
 - 4. Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
 - 5. Title IV - Drug Free Schools
 - 6. Title V - Innovative Education
- G. **Budget Report** - The October 2006 report provided in the backup materials.
- H. **Construction Update** - Mr. Hinds presented highlights of the progress of the Senior High project which is on schedule. Information provided in the backup materials.
- I. **Energy Education, Inc.** - Mr. Fasnacht presented Energy Education's energy management approach to achieve an energy savings of 15-30%. There would be no capital outlay, but an energy manager would be hired for 16 to 20 hours per week. Handouts provided in backup materials. Mr. Adametz asked the administration to contact other vendors before making a decision.

4. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments on the action agenda.
- B. **Administration**
 - 1. **Westinghouse Resolution** - Approve joint resolution supporting plan to maintain Westinghouse Electric in Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Brennan, to approve the resolution provided in the backup materials. Since the resolution states only the District's commitment to work with other taxing authorities to bring Westinghouse to the area, Mr. Brennan favors the resolution. Mr. Roth spoke against the resolution because Butler County and Cranberry Township will benefit from this move, but possible new students would be a burden to the school district. He does not favor giving tax incentives to bring a business into the area. Mr. Adametz agreed that it would be nice to have businesses come to this area without having to bribe them to come. Pennsylvania is not a favorable place for business. Motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Roth, Mr. Storti, and Mr. Adametz voting no.

- 2. **Committee Assignments** - Approve 2007 committee assignments.
- 3. **Interim Athletic Trainer** - Appoint Amy Shoemaker as athletic trainer retroactive to December 29, 2006 through January 10, 2007 at a rate of \$150 per day.
- 4. **Athletic Trainer Services** - Approve contract with Tri-State Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Inc. for athletic training services effective January 9, 2007 through June 2010.

5. **Student Adjudication** - Approve student adjudication 2006-07-07.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the committee assignments, interim athletic trainer, athletic trainer services, and student adjudications listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

C. **Personnel** (Details provided in the agenda.)

1. ***Resignations - Professional*** - Laureen Trovato, Carolyn Snyder; ***Classified*** - Kathy Gibson, Sara Cahall, Edna Arensberg

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

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

- A. **Work Session** - November 6, 2006
- B. **Regular Meeting** - November 13, 2006
- C. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 4, 2006
- D. **Special Meeting** - December 4, 2006

6. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer's Report** - The October 2006 treasurer's report provided in the backup.

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

1. Senior High Activities
2. Intermediate High Activities
3. Middle School Activities
4. Athletics
5. Tax Collection
6. Food Service
7. Earned Income Tax

C. **Agency Reports**

1. ***Vo-Tech*** - There was nothing new to report.
2. ***I. U. IV*** - The next meeting scheduled for January 24. Mr. Hill noted that the I.U. is working on a broadband communications consortium.
3. ***Clarence Brown*** - Next meeting scheduled for January 18.

7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$7,701,562.42.

8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$42,920.70.

9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$596,351.97.

10. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences provided in backup.
- B. **Board Policy** - Approve revised, 1st reading of Board policy 122.1 - Club Sports. Mr. Adametz questioned the deletion of “financially support and” in the second paragraph unless the district is going to begin to fund club sports programs. Mr. Berkebile suggested this be addressed in the coming months since the final reading will not be until March.

11. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

- A. **Buildings and Grounds**
 - 1. ***Change Orders*** - Approve change order for Franjo Construction to provide eight transfer air openings in Guidance Office in the amount of \$1,239. Fee to be reimbursed by Eckles Architecture.
- B. **Budget Transfers** - Approve December and January budget transfers.
- C. **Real Estate Tax** - Exonerate real estate tax in the amount of \$2,500.17.
- D. **Athletic Bids** - Authorize administration to bid fall and winter athletic supplies and equipment.
- E. **Transportation Contract** - Approve contract with Mr. and Mrs. George D’Amore for transportation to the Children’s Center at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in the amount of \$53.22 per day.

12. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel action discussed in executive session.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications received from the following provided in the backup:

- A. Melissa Pindroh
- B. Leo Malloy, Betsy Malloy, Margaret Ashby
- C. Allen and Jean Housholder

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mr. Rick Markich, representing Angel Food Ministries, asked the Board for permission to distribute materials on their program. He also asked if fees could be waived for use of Connoquenessing Valley Elementary as a food distribution site. Mr. Berkebile responded that the Board is grappling with these two issues and would respond in the near future.

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Adametz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Board met in executive session prior to the work session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary