

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

May 14, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:03 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. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Kenneth Brennan, Mr. Robert J. 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, Human Resources and Pupil Services; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Jeffrey Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings/Grounds/Security Director; Mr. Kevin Prady, Transportation Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

- 1. Ashley Biernesser and Whitney Mayer were recognized at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Heinz Field. For her project, Salinity Analysis of H₂O by Ion Exchange, Ashley was awarded a \$16,000 scholarship from Duquesne University and a sponsorship from the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh. Whitney received the Perseverance Award - Honorary Scientist and an advanced credit course scholarship from Duquesne University for her project, The Use of Natural Products Synergism to Control E. Coli.
- 2. First grader Lydia Tracy's painting, Swan, and Andrea Carson's painting, Frog Guy, received McDonald's of London Golden Arches Awards. The artwork will be displayed at the Grove City McDonalds.
- 3. Vince Burgess, a CVE fourth grade teacher, was recently named the Regional Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart. Mr. Burgess received \$100 from Wal-Mart for teaching supplies, and CVE was given \$1,000 for student programs. He now advances to the state competition.

4. Twenty Seneca Valley employees are scheduled to retire this year with over 490 years of service at Seneca Valley. Dr. Tyliniski and Board members acknowledged the retirees in the audience and wished them health in happiness in the future.

B. Dates to Remember

May 16 and 17	Professional Development - No school in p.m. for secondary only
May 28	Memorial Day - No School
June 1	Last day of school for students, students attend a.m. only
June 1	Graduation, NexTier Stadium, 6:00 p.m.
June 4	Teacher In-Service

C. Legislative

1. ***PSBA Legislative Platform*** - Mr. Brennan asked if any members were interested in putting together proposals, the deadline is July 13.

D. **Transportation** - Mr. Prady reviewed transportation changes for next year. With no questions from the Board, these will be acted on at the action meeting on June 4.

E. **Strategic Plan** - The Strategic Plan is available on the district home page for public review. It will be brought to the Board for approval in June.

F. **Enrollment Update** - The latest numbers provided in the backup materials.

G. **Principal Reports** - The building reports provided in the backup materials.

H. 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

I. **Budget Report** - The 2006-07 budget report provided in the backup materials.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Mr. Mark Barkley addressed the Board on safety and discipline. He stated that a threat was made to his son and he questioned the discipline process for the other student. The administration was not aware of the specific incident, but will report back to the Board and Mr. Barkley at the June meeting.

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

- A. **Work Session** - April 2, 2007
- B. **Regular Meeting** - April 16, 2007

5. OPERATION REPORTS

A. **Treasurer's Report** - The March 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. Athletics
5. Tax Collection
6. Earned Income Tax
7. Food Service

C. **Agency Reports** - President

1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.
2. *I. U. IV* - There was nothing new to report.
3. *Clarence Brown* - There was nothing new to report.

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$2,879,879.16.
7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the backup which total: \$40,666.71.
8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$409,826.86.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, operations reports, and various bills as listed. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Adametz absent.

9. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

A. **Board Policies** - Approve the second reading of the following Board policies:

- a. #218, Student Discipline, revised
- b. #249, Anti-Bullying, new

B. **Conferences** - Approve conferences provided in the backup.

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

10. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

A. **ASSET Teacher** - Approve the ASSET Resource Teacher contract for 2007-08 school year.

B. **ASSET Agreement** - Approve the ASSET membership agreement for 2007-08 school year.

C. **ABG Grant** - Approve the submission of the Accountability Block Grant (ABG) for 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$675, 045.

- D. **Classrooms for the Future Grant** - Approve the submission and expenditure of the Classrooms for the Future grant in the amount of \$151,687.00.
- E. **YMCA Agreement** - Approve YMCA Summer Program agreement for 2007.
- F. **Textbooks** - Approve purchase of the following textbooks, pending inclusion in the 2007-08 budget:
 - 1. 7th Grade Health - Prentice Hall - \$9,072.77
 - 2. 8th Grade Health - McGraw Hill - \$6,566.40
 - 3. 11th Grade Health - Holt Rinehart - \$12,266.10
 - 4. Chemistry - McGraw Hill - \$15,863.10
 - 5. 6th Grade Health - Glencoe - \$12,684.60
 - 6. 5th and 6th Grade Science - SEPUP - \$69,066.00
- G. **Curriculum Changes** - Approve proposed curriculum changes for Math, Science, and Health for grades 7 through 12. To summarize the backup materials, the changes include increasing graduation requirements to include the addition of a fourth year of mathematics, the addition of a half credit of science, and moving health requirement from 11th to 10th grade.
- H. **JROTC Field Trip** - Approve the JROTC request to sponsor a Spirit of America Field Trip for the Freshman Class. The number of students participating to be determined in the first few weeks of school in the fall.
- I. **Student Adjudications** - Approve student adjudications 2006-07-18 and 2006-07-19.
- J. **Challenge Scholarship Program** - Approve Challenge Scholarship Program.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the ASSET agreement and resource teacher, grants, YMCA program, textbook purchases, curriculum changes, JROTC fieldtrip, student adjudications, and scholarship program as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Adametz absent.

11. BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION

A. **Buildings and Grounds**

- 1. ***Maintenance Bids*** - Authorize the administration to seek bids for the following, pending approval of the 2007-08 budget:
 - a. Carpet Replacement at Rowan Elementary School
 - b. Asphalt and Concrete Repairs
 - c. Senior High School Gym Floor Refinishing
 - d. Senior High School Loading Dock Repairs
 - e. Purchase of Scissors Lift
 - f. Purchase of Utility Vehicle to be Shared by Maintenance and Athletic Departments

Mr. Roth asked the administration to provide generic specifications rather than brand names for the lift and utility vehicle. Mr. Lamneck assured him this is standard procedure.

2. ***HVAC Software*** - Authorize the administration to seek proposals for the purchase of HVAC web-based software.
 3. ***Plancon K*** - Acknowledge PDE approval of Plancon K, Project Refinancing, for the Middle School/Intermediate School projects.
- B. **2007-08 Bids** - Approve bids for Nurses Supplies and Industrial Technology Supplies.
 - C. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers. Mr. Roth questioned several instances where money was taken out of various accounts and moved to accounts to purchase technology. Mr. Fuller explained that these were taken from Accountability Block Grant funds and used for technology per the parameters of the grant. These funds cannot be used for routine budget items. If the grant money is not spent, it is returned to the government.
 - D. **Depository and Treasurer Appointments** - Appoint NexTier Bank as Depository and Treasurer for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Roth questioned Mr. Stewart on whether any other financial organizations are considered for these appointments. Mr. Stewart replied that many additional financial institutions are used for investments, but NexTier is used for the routine checking and money market accounts.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to authorize seeking of bids, acknowledgement of PDE approval, approval of budget transfers, and appointment of depository and treasurer as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Adametz absent.

12. **PERSONNEL ACTION** (Details provided in the agenda.)

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Patricia Martin; *Classified* - Sarah Leasher; *Supplementals* - Carolyn Bromberg, Adele Marks, Andra Urchuck, Gary Watkins, Rebekah Grinnen, Amanda Boyd, Daniel Bradley, William Luffey, David Coleman, James Lucot, Richard Piccinini, Edward Dawson.
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional Substitutes* - Meghan Gallagher and day-to-day substitutes; *Classified* - Elizabeth Norris, Tiffany Wells, and day-to-day substitutes; *School Security* - David Rogers; *Supplementals* - Matthew Delp, Seth Verba, Oliver Wiehe, Richard Geier, Ryan Montgomery, Justin Dewitt, Alicia Scopellite, Bryan Fisher, Jeffrey Fisher, Kristen Riegler, Scott Caputy, Albert Skorupka, Ann Cheman, Megan Bonistalli, Jason Woolslare, Keith Bittel, Brian Beighey, Thomas Anthony, Susan VanArsdale, Michelle Hess, Mary Rose Patterson, Kristen Schlemmer, Melissa Mars, Donna Schaefer, Michelle Follett, Erin Daschbach, Matthew Pournaras, Timothy Landry, Lisa Rothrauff, Susan Kearney, Tammie Wylie, Cheryl Schaudt, Amber Hugus, Michele Russo, Todd Karman, Deborah Kennedy, Michele Russo, Jenifer McMurray, Theodore Neill, Todd Winter, Joseph Montalbano, Linda Plesniak, Albert Smith, Gregory Hayward, and Keith Bittel.
- C. **Leaves** - Colleen Amon, Melanie Wingertsahn, David Capan, Linda Saulle, and Debra Hill.
- D. **School Psychologist Intern** - Morgan Campbell
- E. **Information**

Matthew Delp, a secondary teacher, will complete an internship beginning this summer under the supervision of Michelle Miller. Matthew is completing requirements of the educational leadership program at Carnegie Mellon University.

Matthew Pournaras, a Rowan teacher, will complete a principal's internship under the supervision of John Giancola and DeeAnn Graham.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the resignations, appointments, leaves, intern appointment above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Adametz and Mr. Evans absent.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications were received from the following:

- A. Cathy Cortazzo, Cranberry CUP
- B. Jennifer Malloy
- C. Melissa and Ryan Milliron
- D. Julie Polcyn
- E. Bill and Denise Slusser
- F. Amy Taylor
- G. Marilyn McElhinny
- H. Randy Csupak
- I. Polly Shaw - SVEA
- J. Mary Ann Graziano

14. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Mr. Hill asked that a budget report from the administration be included on the June 4 agenda to remind Board members that the budget is to be voted on at the June 11 meeting. Mr. Roth suggested an outline of budget highlights be included.
- B. Mr. Roth commented on the correspondence regarding the Cranberry CUP. He asked if the District supports or participates in this event. It was explained that staff groups participate and some of our students have been recipients of the fund-raising efforts. As stated in the letter, the event was expanded to include the entire Seneca Valley School District.
- C. Mr. Roth also asked if there is some way the district can get a report on the possible impact of the large growth in the number of students. The administration will contact CDC or some other group to see if they can give us some ideas.
- D. Dr. Tylinski shared that the district moved up fourteen spots in the *Pittsburgh Business Times* Honor Roll Ranks. The ranking is based on performance on the PSSA tests. The rankings are included in the backup materials.

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Adametz absent.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and legal matters were discussed in executive session prior to this meeting.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary