

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

August 7, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 8:28 p.m. by Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of students Madeline Lind and Karisa Samuels who passed away in an automobile accident last month. Those present were also asked to remember Mr. Cliff Foreman, the founder of the architectural firm who designed many of the district buildings.
  - 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. Mary Ann Marchi, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Pupil Services; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Jeffrey Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings, Grounds, and Security Director; Mr. John McAnney, Solicitor; Mr. Adam Hinds, Turner Construction; Mr. David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; visitors on list; and press representatives.

## 2. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments.
- B. **Resignations** (Details provided in the agenda.) - *Professional* - Melissa Lyons, Katieri Kizer, Sherrie McKenna, Valerie Constantino, Mark Draskovich; *Classified* - Wanda Boudreaux, Jason Durler, Mary Jean Beamer, Colette Carrow.
- C. **Appointments** (Details provided in the agenda.) - *Professional* - Edward Sipp, Lisa Masciarelli, Leigh Dunn, Jessica Onda, Steven Miller, Kelly Morda, Michael Conlon, Peter Moskos; *Professional Substitute*- Daniel Knorr; *Classified* - John Calabria, Edward Simmons.

### 3. INFORMATION REPORTS

#### A. Student/Staff Recognition

1. James Petras and Howard Russell III competed in the National History Day competition held at the University of Maryland. Their documentary, *Decoding the Symphonies: The Political Motivation Behind the Music of Dmitri Shostikovich*, received first place in the regional competition, earned first place in the state competition, and ranked in the top fourteen entries in the national competition.
2. Steven Clowes, an Evans City Elementary School student, received the 2006 Incredible Kid Award from the *Pittsburgh Kids' Directory*.
3. The 2005-06 activities calendar, *Sharing Our Vision*, received an award of merit from the National School Public Relations Association.

#### B. Dates to Remember

August 17	New Teacher Orientation, Middle School, 8:00 a.m.
August 17	Band Pie Festival - Stadium, 6:15 p.m.
August 17	Yearbook Distribution - Senior High, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
August 21	All Staff In-Service, Intermediate High School, 8:00 a.m.
August 22	Staff In-Service
August 23	First Day for Students
September 4	Labor Day - No School

- C. Legislative - Mr. Brennan noted that all districts except Philadelphia are now under Act 1 which will tighten up timelines for budgeting. More information on the tax study commission presented at the end of the meeting.

#### D. 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 - The district received \$21,094 drug free schools grant.
6. Title V - Innovative Education

- E. Budget Report - The May 2006 report provided in the backup.

- F. Construction Update - Adam Hinds reviewed a handout on the progress of the Senior High School construction.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - President

- A. Work Session - June 5, 2006
- B. Regular Meeting - June 12, 2006
- C. Special Meeting - June 26, 2006

### 5. OPERATION REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report - The May 2006 report provided in the backup.

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

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

C. **Agency Reports**

1. *Vo-Tech* - Mr. Paul had nothing new to report.
2. *I. U. IV* - Information provided in the backup materials.
3. *Clarence Brown* - The next meeting scheduled for September.

6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$8,262,829.99.

7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - The Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$12,055.24.

8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Construction Fund bills provided in backup which total \$732,490.33.

9. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

A. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:

1. Policies 339, 439, 539 - Uncompensated Leave, revised, adoption
2. Policy 122.1 - Club Sports, new, adoption. Mr. Roth asked if the policy could include wording for required fees. Page 3, section h will include the wording “and pay all applicable fees.”
3. Policy 913 - Relations with Special Interest Groups, revised, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

B. **Kennywood Picnic** - Approve June 12, 2007, as Kennywood Picnic date.

C. **Induction Plan** - Approve the revised Induction Plan for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education

D. **Bomb K-9 Unit Donation** - Approve donation of \$500 to Butler County Emergency Services for the purchase of a bomb K-9 unit.

10. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

A. **Glade Run Lutheran Services** - Approve the following contracts with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2006-07 school year:

1. Title I
2. Day Student - Education Placement
3. Diagnostic Placement Program
4. Act 30 - PRRI

- B. **Apangea Contract** - Approve contract with Apangea for a secondary math software package in the amount of \$75,000 to be funded through the Accountability Block Grant (ABG).
  - C. **CCR Agreement** - Approve agreement with Center for Community Resources (CCR) for student assistance service program.
  - D. **School-Based Probation** - Approve School-Based Probation agreement with Butler County Juvenile Court Services.
  - E. **ABG Grant** - Acknowledge PDE approval of Accountability Block Grant (ABG) in the amount of \$677,499.
11. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION** - Mr. William Paul/Mr. Anthony Evans
- A. **Buildings and Grounds**
    - 1. ***Plancon H*** - Acknowledge PDE approval of Plancon H for Senior High School project.
    - 2. ***Tour de Cure Bicycle Event*** - Waive use of facilities fee for American Diabetes Association's Charity Tour de Cure Bicycle event scheduled for June 22-24, 2007.
12. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel items discussed in executive session.
13. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications received from the following:
- A. Dianne Rotz
  - B. Lisa Jovich, American Heart Association
  - C. Ken Henke
  - D. Susan Greco
  - E. Tom Murray
14. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.
15. **ACT 1 TAX STUDY COMMISSION** - To comply with Act 1, the district must put into place a tax study commission. The mission of the commission is to study how we collect revenues, not how or what we are spending. It will be made up of one representative from each voting district. If no one volunteers from a district, the Board member must find a representative in the district. Information will be released in the next day or so.
16. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Legal and personal matters were discussed prior to this meeting in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary

