

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria

MINUTES

January 7, 2008

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 in attendance: Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Kenneth Brennan, Dr. Sally Hanley, Mr. Robert J. Hill, Jr., Mr. Thomas Roth, Mr. Joseph Scalamogna, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Mr. Jeffrey Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Ms. Tracy Vitale, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Pupil Services; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mrs. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings/Grounds/Security Director; Mr. Mark Korcinsky, Senior High School Principal; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. **Dates to Remember**

January 17 and 18	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences - ½ Day for K-6
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Mr. Fuller informed the Board that the elementary teaching staff was given two scenarios to schedule conferences. They could schedule on both afternoons or schedule on one afternoon into the evening and have the other afternoon off.

- B. **Legislative** - There was nothing new to report.
- C. **Enrollment Report** - The latest numbers provided in the backup materials.
- D. **Principal Reports** - The Building Reports provided in the backup materials.

- E. **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

- F. **Budget Report** - The September and October reports provided in the backup materials.

- 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following minutes provided in the backup materials:
 - A. **Work Session** - November 5, 2007
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - November 12, 2007
 - C. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 3, 2007
 - D. **Special Meeting** - December 3, 2007

- 4. **OPERATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Treasurer's Report** - The September and October treasurer's reports 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. Tax Collection
 - 5. Food Service
 - 6. Earned Income Tax

 - C. **Agency Reports** - President
 - 1. *Vo-Tech* - There is no meeting scheduled for January.
 - 2. *I. U. IV* - The IU Board will move forward on an energy services bid in the amount of \$1,492,000.
 - 3. *Clarence Brown* - The next meeting is scheduled for January 18.

- 5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$6,573,898.86.

- 6. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$23,196.58.

- 7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$30,858.00.

- 8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**
 - A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.

 - B. **2008 Board Meeting Dates** - Approve 2008 Board meeting dates.

- C. **Committee Assignments** - Approve 2007 committee assignments.

9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

- A. **Programs of Studies** - Approve Program of Studies for grades 7 and 8 and Program of Studies for grades 9-12.
- B. **Student Adjudications** - Approve student adjudications 2007-08-01, 2007-08-02, and 2007-08-03.
- C. **NexTier Grant** - Acknowledge grant received from NexTier Bank for Falling Water educational programs.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
- B. **Spring Athletic Bids** - Award bids for spring athletic supplies and equipment.
- C. **Tristar Capital Agreement** - Approve the Master Lease Agreement and Addendum A with Tristar Capital, LLC, for the lease and purchase of waste compactor equipment and authorize the president and board secretary to execute such agreement, addendum, and other documents as are necessary to such transaction.
- D. **Actuarial and Consulting Services Contract** - Approve an agreement with Milliman, Inc. to perform actuarial and consulting services related to retirement plans as required by GASB 45. The effective date will be for the 2008-09 fiscal year at a price of \$11,475.
- E. **Network Lease Agreement**- Approve a 5-year fiber network lease agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc. The lease is for Seneca Valley Senior High School, Intermediate High School, Middle School, Central Office, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School, Evans City Elementary and Middle Schools, Haine Elementary and Middle Schools, and Rowan Elementary School. The lease amount will be \$3,510 per month. This is a continuation of a current agreement with savings of approximately \$4,700 per year.
- F. **Special Services Agreement** - Approve a special services agreement with North Pittsburgh Telephone Company to provide a 45 Mbps net access service for a period of 60 months at a rate of \$1,642 per month. This is a new venture put in place with the assistance of Westinghouse and Cranberry Township.
- G. **Tax Refund** - Approve a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$857.51.

11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel items were discussed in executive session.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications were received from the following:
- A. Darlene Kish
 - B. Frank Essek
 - C. Lisa Mislán
 - D. Lynn Spadine Taylor
 - E. Gina Miller
 - F. Rosella and Bill Kolling
 - G. Rolling Road Regency Residents
 - H. Elaine and Bill Fugate
13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary