

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria

MINUTES

February 4, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of Latham Fitch, former Connoquenessing Valley Elementary principal.
 - 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. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent; 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. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Robert Aumer, Janney Montgomery Scott LLD; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. **STUDENT COUNCIL** - There was no student council report.

3. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. **Dates to Remember**

February 15	Semester Break/Teacher In-Service - ½ Day for Students
February 29, March 1-2, 7-8	All-School Musical, SVIHS Auditorium

- B. **Legislative** - Mr. Brennan had nothing new to report.
- C. **Enrollment Update** - The latest numbers provided in the backup materials.
- D. **Principal Reports** - The building reports provided in the backup materials.
- E. **Grant Programs** - There was no new information.

4. **ACTION AGENDA** - There were no public comments on the following items:
- A. **Early Retirement Extension Date** - Approve the extension of the rescission date for early retirement decision letter pursuant to the 2001-2006 Collective Bargaining Agreement to March 31, 2008.
 - B. **Board Policy** - Approve the first reading of revised policy #226 - Searches.
 - C. **Student Adjudication** - Approve student adjudication 2007-08-09.
 - D. **Bond Refunding** - Authorize Janney Montgomery Scott LLC to proceed with refunding of series A of 1998 bonds contingent on savings exceeding \$500,000. Mr. Aumer reviewed information provided in the backup on the proposed bond issue.
 - E. **Bond Counsel** - Appoint the firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as bond counsel if a bond refinancing is achieved.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the extension date, revised policy, student adjudication, bond refunding, and bond counsel appointment. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.

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

- A. **Work Session** - January 7, 2008
- B. **Regular Meeting** - January 14, 2008

6. **OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - A report will be available next week.
- 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

- C. **Agency Reports**

- 1. ***Vo-Tech*** - Information provided in the backup materials. Vo-Tech representatives will present the budget at the March 3 meeting.
- 2. ***I. U. IV*** - Mr. Hill reported that the I.U. is also available to report at the March 3 meeting on their budget. He suggested that since the budget is actually less than last year, perhaps it would not be necessary to bring them out.
- 3. ***Clarence Brown*** - Dr. Hanley had nothing new to report.

7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve General Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$2,463,095.47.

8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve Activities Fund bills listed in the agenda which total \$29,135.05.

9. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.

10. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

- A. **Lowes Grant** - Approve submission and disbursement of funds for Lowes Tool Box For Education Grant up to \$5,000 to purchase tools for the horticultural program at the Senior High School.
- B. **Otto Scholarship** - Approve distribution of Ruth Varner Otto Scholarship funds.
- C. **Camp Invention** - Approve the use of Haine Elementary School facilities by Camp Invention at the rate of \$250 for the one-week camp during Summer 2008.
- D. **Student Trips**
1. ***Student Council*** - Acknowledge two Intermediate High School student council representatives and one sponsor to attend the Lead conference in Chicago on February 22-25. Student council will cover expenses and two days of class will be missed.
 2. ***Girls' Lacrosse*** - Acknowledge girls' lacrosse team to travel to eastern Pennsylvania to play games at Pottsgrove High School, South Lehigh High School, and the University of Pennsylvania on April 4-6. The district will pay the cost of a school bus.

11. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

- A. **Athletic Bids** - Authorize administration to bid fall and winter athletic supplies and equipment for 2008-09 school year.
- B. **Federal Programs Audit** - Acknowledge PDE Single Audit Report of Federal Programs for the year ended June 30, 2005.
- C. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
- D. **Security Enhancements** - Authorize the administration to work with the architect to develop specifications for gate and guardhouse with cameras on the secondary campus.
- E. **Press Box** - Authorize administration to work with the architect to develop specifications for press box improvements.

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

13. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Communication received from the following:

- A. Jacqueline Mullen

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans absent.
16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, legal, and real estate matters.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary