

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria

MINUTES

February 11, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of cafeteria employee, Donna Elser, who passed away February 8.
 - 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. 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. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings/Grounds/Security Director; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. 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. **Student/Staff Recognition**

- a. PMEA named 15 Seneca Valley students to region band held at Mercer High School.
 - b. Seneca Valley had 22 students selected to perform at PMEA District 5 Jazz Festival at Slippery Rock Swope Music Hall on February 16.
- C. **Enrollment Update** - The latest enrollment numbers provided in the backup materials.
 - D. **Principal Reports** - The building reports are provided in the backup materials.

- E. **Grant Programs** - There was nothing new to report on grant programs.
 - F. **Budget Report** - The November budget report is provided in the backup materials.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mr. James McFadden's son's van was involved in a motor vehicle accident while being transported from school. Due to his son's age, Mr. McFadden asked if his wife could ride in the van for a few days and he would follow in their car. School policy prohibits parents from riding district transportation. A compromise was reached with Mr. Prady riding with the child for a few days.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following minutes:
- A. **Work Session** - January 7, 2008
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - January 14, 2008
5. **OPERATION REPORTS**
- A. **Treasurer's Report** - Approve the November treasurer's report.
 - B. **Financial Reports** - Approve the following financial reports:
 - 1. Senior High Activities
 - 2. Intermediate High Activities
 - 3. Middle School Activities
 - 4. Athletics
 - 5. Earned Income Tax
 - 6. Tax Collection
 - C. **Agency Reports** - President
 - 1. ***Vo-Tech*** - There is a potential update and modernization of the Vo-Tech facilities in the works at a cost of approximately \$13 million. Each district will be asked for approval of the expansion project. Also, please complete and return your budget ballot.
 - 2. ***I. U. IV*** - The I.U. Board approved the operating budget and asked the districts' boards for their support.
 - 3. ***Clarence Brown*** - There was nothing new to report.
6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$2,463,095.47.
7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$29,135.05.
8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$986.00.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, to approve the minutes, financial reports, and bills as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Dr. Hanley and Mr. Evans absent.

9. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.
- B. **Board Policy** - Approve the following revised Board policies:
 - 1. #226 - Searches, second reading.
 - 2. #906 - Public Complaints, first reading.

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

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.

Mr. Roth motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the grant, scholarship distribution, use of facilities request, and student trips as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Dr. Hanley absent.

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.

- E. **Press Box** - Authorize administration to work with the architect to develop specifications for press box improvements.
- F. **Easement Request** - Approve a request from Kaclik Builders for electrical power easement at Rowan Elementary School pending approval of the solicitor.

Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the bids, audit, transfers, security enhancements, press box, and easement request as listed above. Dr. McKinley presented background on the need for security enhancements. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Dr. Hanley absent.

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

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Sandy Reidmiller; *Cafeteria* - Jean Spithaler, Bonnie Peffer; *Supplemental* - Robert Raso, Edward Sipp.
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - Katie Cramer; *Supplemental* - Michael Bianco, Jeff Beavers, Josh Springer, Charlotte Deer, Matt Durst, Oliver Wiehe, James Pyle, Jane Leo, Brian Beighy, Eric Grove, Duane Mayeda, Sue Hilliard, Nick Desanzo, Kelly Bucklen, Ronald Butschle, George Williams, David Sylvester, James Nagle, Lynn Wagner, Steve Mayes, Jason Shorr, Joe Montalbano, Cheryl Zorich, Steve Miller; *Professional Substitute* - day-to-day substitutes; *Classified* - Cynthia Stacy, Terry Serman; *Classified Substitutes* - day-to-day substitutes.
- C. **Leaves** - April Christopher, Deborah Skinger, Victoria Knichel, Cledith Price, Carole Zinkham, Royce Lang, Debra Hill.
- D. **Voluntary Transfer** - Julie Fabritius, Kathy Doerfler
- E. **Tenure**
 - 1. Lisa Campbell
 - 2. Shannon Goehring
 - 3. Amy Humes
 - 4. Jeanne Probst
- F. **Information**
 - 1. Jeffrey T. Roberts will complete a Principal's internship under the direction of Mr. Steve Smith and Mr. Mark Korcinsky summer and fall 2008.
 - 2. Jessica Kotula will complete a clinical practicum under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Meredith, Mr. Alan Cumo, and Mr. Rob Raso during the spring of 2008.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the resignations, appointments, leaves, transfers, and tenure as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Dr. Hanley absent.

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

- A. Jacqueline Mullen
- B. Darryl Rasmussen

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Roth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Dr. Hanley and Mr. Evans absent.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, legal, and negotiations.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary