

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

May 12, 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 Pfc. Matthew Brown, a 2006 Seneca Valley graduate who died in Afghanistan.
 - 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, 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. Kevin Prady, Transportation Director; Mr. Paul Cornetti, Harmony Water Authority; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Student/Staff Recognition

1. The Seneca Valley All-School Musical, "Pippin," received a record 12 nominations for the 2008 Annual Henry Mancini Musical Theater Awards. They include Josh Smith for Outstanding Male in a Lead Role, Allyson Dietrich for Outstanding Female in a Lead Role, Cole Rapso for Outstanding Male in a Supporting Role, Tim Gilbert for Outstanding Performance by an Individual, Allyson Dietrich, Alyssa St Clair, Amanda Nixon, and Chelsea Carmella for Outstanding Performance by a Small Group. They also received nominations for Outstanding Dance Performance, Vocal Ensemble, Orchestra Performance, Technical Achievement, Sets and Scenery, Costumes, and Overall Production. The awards will be presented on May 21 at Geneva College.
2. Grades 7 - 12 students will be exhibiting art work completed during this school year in the Cranberry Municipal Center from May 13 through the 25th. Works including drawings, paintings, printmaking, sculpture, and ceramics will be shown.

3. Seneca Valley Senior Emily Wolfarth was named the Northern Athletic Directors Association Female Tri-Athlete Scholarship Award Winner for the 2007-08 School year. Emily has participated in cross country, swimming, and track at the PIAA championships for four years.
4. Seneca Valley choruses, grades 8-12, participated in the North American Festival Competition/Adjudication at York University in Toronto, Canada, May 1-5. All Seneca Valley choruses that competed won first place. In addition, Seneca Valley choirs returned with five superior ratings, the highest rating, and three excellent ratings.

B. **Dates to Remember**

May 19	Awards Night - Senior High auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
May 26	Memorial Day - No School

- C. **Legislative** - Mr. Brennan updated the Board on current legislative issues.
- D. **Enrollment Update** - The latest figures provided in the backup.
- E. **Principal Reports** - The building reports are provided in the backup.
- F. **Grant Programs** - There were no new updates on the grant programs.
- G. **Budget Report** - The March report provided in the backup materials.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Kriston McMichael addressed the Board regarding reading remediation. Her handout is included in the backup material.
- B. Comments on the water tower were held until the discussion under item 10.F.

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

- A. **Work Session** - April 7, 2008
- B. **Regular Meeting** - April 14, 2008
- C. **Special Meeting** - April 28, 2008

5. **OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - Approve the March treasurer's report.
- B. **Financial Reports** - Approve the following financial reports provided in the backup:
 1. Senior High Activities
 2. Intermediate High Activities
 3. Middle School Activities
 4. Tax Collection
 5. Athletics
 6. Food Service
 7. Earned Income Tax
- C. **Agency Reports**
 1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.

2. *I. U. IV* - There was no update at this time.
 3. *Clarence Brown* - There was nothing to report.
6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$4,004,179.35.
 7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$23,379.60.

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

8. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences.
- B. **Board Policies** - Approve the following policies:
 1. #117, Homebound Instruction, revised, adoption
 2. #204, Attendance, revised, adoption
 3. #810, Transportation, revised, adoption
 4. #819.1, Megan's Law, new, adoption
 5. #815, Acceptable Use of the Internet, revised, 2nd reading

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

9. INSTRUCTION ACTION

- A. **Book Disposal** - Approve disposal of outdated books from Evans City school library.
- B. **Intramural Program** - Approve pilot intramural program at the Intermediate High School for 2008-09
- C. **ASSET Teacher** - Approve ASSET resource teacher contract for 2008-09 school year.
- D. **ASSET Agreement** - Approve ASSET membership agreement for 2008-09 school year.
- E. **Accountability Block Grant** - Authorize administration to submit and disburse Accountability Block Grant (ABG) in the amount of \$688,546.
- F. **2008-09 Calendar** - Approve revised 2008-09 Calendar.

Dr. Hanley motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the book disposal, intramural pilot, ASSET Teacher, ASSET agreement, ABG grant, and calendar as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Storti absent.

10. BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION

- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.

- B. **Depository and Treasurer Appointments** - Appoint NexTier Bank as Depository and Treasurer for 2008-09 school year.
- C. **Authorization to Bid** - Authorize administration to seek bids for the following:
 - 1. Carpet for Rowan Elementary
 - 2. Replacement Roof for Senior High School Gymnasium
 - 3. Lease for Replacement Van
 - 4. District Television Installation
- D. **Bid Awards** - Award the following bids for buildings and grounds:
 - 1. Award Senior High chiller replacement to JB Mechanical, Inc. (3 bidders) - \$98,800
 - 2. Award Senior High School makeup air units to JB Mechanical, Inc. (4 bidders) - \$69,500
 - 3. Award campus paving to Protech Asphalt Maintenance (2 bidders) - \$70,081
- E. **Athletic Bid** - Award bids for fall athletic cloth.

Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the transfers, appointments, authorization to bid, and various bid awards as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Storti and Mr. Evans absent.

- F. **Water Tower** - Grant an easement and right-of-way to Harmony Water Authority for the construction of a new water tower at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.

Under public comment, Dave Szakelyhidi and John Rice of the Harmony Water Authority asked the Board if there were any questions they could answer. Information was exchanged regarding the number and location of water tanks in the water system and the proposed changes to be made. Lynn Hamilton spoke on behalf of her family and neighbors opposing the massive structure that is planned.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Brennan, to table the proposed item F pending more detailed information. The motion failed to carry with Mr. Hill and Mr. Brennan voting in the affirmative; Mr. Roth, Dr. Hanley, Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Scalamogna, and Mr. Berkebile voting no; and Mr. Evans and Mr. Storti absent.

Mr. Brennan motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to grant an easement and right-of-way to Harmony Water Authority for the construction of a new water tower at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School. Motion failed to carry with those present voting in the negative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Storti absent.

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

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Brenda Hagan, Amy Buckley, Elizabeth Brauer; *Supplemental* - Michelle Smith, Mike DeDuca, Jaclyn Bianco
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - Ashley Moll, Valerie Rogers; *Supplemental* - Paul Hawthorne, Virgil Palumbo, Matthew Rieder, Jessica Pyle, Elaine Duggan, Jamie Atkinson, Matthew Delp, Eric Grove, Karen Martini, Tracy Schultz, Kelly Levere, Susan Van Arsdale, Cheryl Schaudt, Deborah Kennedy, Joe Montalbano, Linda Plesniak, Ted Neill, Linda Martin, Todd Winter, Carissa Schott, Todd Karman; *Professional Substitutes* - day-to-day substitutes; *Classified* - Launi Volkman; *Classified Substitutes* - day-to-day substitutes; *Summer Employment*- Adam Jason, Carl Lickfold

- C. **Leaves** - Jennifer North, Wanda Reynolds, Cheryl Schaudt, Michelle Hess, Shay Houser, Mary Jane Hadley, Carrie Vaccaro, Carolyn Huttinger, Susan White, John Jacobs, Norma Magerko; *Rescission* - Anne Koch
- D. **Voluntary Transfer** - Rachael Zoelle
- E. **Retirement** - *Classified* - William Warner
- F. **Information**
 - 1. Jessica Kotula will be completing a principal internship during the summer & fall of 2008, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Hallman and Mr. Alan Cumo.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the resignations, appointments, leaves, voluntary transfer, and retirement as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Storti absent.

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

- A. Butler County Commissioners
- B. Christopher Capozzi
- C. Elizabeth Blakely
- D. William and Virginia Banks
- E. Bill Bodnar

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Roth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Storti and Mr. Evans absent.

14. **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