

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

August 13, 2007

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.
 - 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. Robert J. Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mr. Thomas Roth, and Mr. Anthony Storti.

Others present included 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**

August 14 & 16	New Teacher Orientation, Senior High School
August 15	New Teacher Technology Training, Middle School
August 21	Critical Response Training, Middle School
August 24 & 27	Teacher In-Service
August 28	First Day for Students
August 31	Veteran Recognition Football Game, Stadium
September 3	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 10	Board Work Session, Intermediate High School
September 17	Board Meeting, Intermediate High School

B. **Recognition**

1. Lynn Bachner retired as a crossing guard at Haine after 17 years of service. Mr. Fuller presented a gift and certificate to Ms. Bachner.

C. **Principal Reports** - The most recent reports provided in the backup materials.

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
6. Title V - Innovative Education

E. **Budget Report** - The 2006-07 budget report is provided in the backup materials.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Stephanie Libell addressed the Board regarding a bus stop for her first grader who attends St. Alexis. Ms. Libell's request was referred to the transportation committee and a response will be given at the September meeting.

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

- A. **Work Session** - June 4, 2007
- B. **Regular Meeting** - June 11, 2007
- C. **Special Meeting** - June 25, 2007 - The correction suggested by Mr. Roth last week was made to the minutes.

Mr. Berkebile also mentioned that the *Post Gazette* incorrectly reported that Mr. Widdowson made the motion to reject the fact finder's report. That motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Roth.

5. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer's report is provided in the backup materials.

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

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

C. **Agency Reports**

1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.
2. *I. U. IV* - The next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday.
3. *Clarence Brown* - There was no report given.

6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$1,808,085.75 for July and \$4,796,996.58 for August

7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$15,701.60.

8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$53,420.50

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, 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 Mr. Widdowson and Mr. Evans absent.

9. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **PSBA Delegate** - Appoint Mr. Ken Brennan as voting delegate for PSBA 2007 Legislative Policy Council meeting.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the appointment listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

10. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

- A. **Adelphoi Village Contract** - Approve contract with Adelphoi Village for alternative placements in the amount of \$62/day.
- B. **CCR Agreement** - Approve 2007-08 agreement with Center for Community Resources (CCR) for student assistance service program.
- C. **Class Academy** - Approve 2007-08 agreement with Class Academy for two slots at a cost of \$6,500 per slot.
- D. **Obsolete Books** - Approve the discard of obsolete books at Haine Elementary and Middle Schools.
- E. **Testing Schedule** - Approve testing/assessment schedule for 2007-08
- F. **YMCA Child Care Program** - Approve YMCA before and after school child care program for the 2007-08 school year.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the Adelphoi contract, CCR agreement, Class Academy agreement, discard of books, testing schedule, and YMCA program as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

11. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

- A. **Buildings and Grounds**

1. ***Waste Management*** - Authorize administration to bid waste management services.
2. ***Easement Agreement*** - Approve agreement with Harmony Water Authority for an easement at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.

- B. **Liability Insurance** - Approve the sanction of the following groups to work on behalf of the Seneca Valley School District and intention to provide that the District's Liability Insurance

covers these groups: PTA, PTO, SV Lacrosse, SV Indoor Track and Field Club, SV Ice Hockey, SV In-Line Hockey, After Prom Committee, Booster Groups, and all Board approved student clubs.

- C. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
- D. **Federal Audit** - Acknowledge Bureau of Audits' report on federal funding through Departments of Education and Agriculture for the year ended June 30, 2006.
- E. **JROTC Resolution** - Approve JROTC program resolution.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the authorization to bid, easement agreement, liability insurance, transfers, audit, and JROTC resolution as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

- F. **Refinance** - Authorize the administration to refinance 1998 AA bonds.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the refinance as listed above. Mr. Adametz asked if other organizations have been considered for refinancing, such as Mellon who sent a letter several months ago. Mr. Stewart responded that he periodically has looked at other firms, but rates have not been any better. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, except Mr. Adametz voting no, and Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

There was a four minute pause in the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to clarify information with the solicitor.

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

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Michelle Miller; *Classified* - Jane Anthony, Trisha Citrone, Carla Fritch, Cindy Gerwig, Sarah Leasher.
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - Erin Linden, Erin Cline, Kevin Wildrick, Erin Buccareli, day-to-day substitutes; *Classified* - Donna Elser, Theresa Hayden, Rowena McHattie, day-to-day substitutes; *Supplementals* - Tracy Schultz, Greg Lokar, David Gerrich, Jaclyn Bianco, Harold Perkins, Dale Wagner, Harold Perkins, Dale Wagner, Lee Pyle, Marie McLaughlan, Deanna Sipp, Robert Matchett III, Varden Armstrong, Jeffrey Vaughn, Missy Armstrong, Jean Hoagland, Dean Leventropoulos, Aaron Magill, Megan Mihalcin, Michael Stebbins, Jennifer Mitnick, Aaron Magill, Amanda Iman, Bruce Smith, Dewayne Segrafedo, Cheryl Schaudt, Amber Hugus, Amy Lehman, Amber Hugus, Stanley Zimmerman, Jason Shorr, Dean Leventropoulos, Sue Ennis, John Motyl, Linda Plesniak, Jodi Perry, Katie Moody, Tim Hall, Leslie Russell, Louis Nagy, Kathy Greppi, Herbert McCracken, Robert Magerko, Joseph Froehlic, Jay D' Ambrosio.
- C. **Leaves** - Ciarra Williams, Tracy Dentel, Tabatha Mains Karman, Kathleen Greppi, Michelle Bergman, Pamela Richards, Carole Zinkham.
- D. **Administrative Appointments** - Steve Smith, DeeAnn Graham, William Graper
- E. **Transfers** - Authorize administration to make transfers, including involuntary transfers, for the commencement of the 2007-08 school year with all to be reported at the September meeting.

F. **Athletic Internship** - Approve Internship Proposal/Contracted Service Agreement with Robert Morris University to provide an Athletic Administration Intern at a total cost of \$10,000.

G. **Information**

1. Highly Qualified Letter - Requirement under No Child Left Behind

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

13. **SPECIAL MEETING** - Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve a special meeting at 7:00 a.m. on August 17 to cast the second required vote regarding the fact finder's report. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

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

- A. Jo Ann Foltz
- B. Jennifer and James Coyle
- C. Kathy Farra
- D. Karen and Kurt Johanknecht
- E. Ellie Wolf
- F. Linda Deutsch
- G. Patricia Stair

15. **MISCELLANEOUS** - Mr. Adametz brought up that he is receiving \$40 per ton for recycled paper and the district is receiving only \$5. Mr. Fuller responded that Mrs. Andreassi had contacted several companies previously and that due to the difference in recyclables, this was the best price received. She will call Mr. Adametz's contact.

16. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Evans and Mr. Widdowson absent.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, negotiations, and real estate matters.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary