

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

October 1, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile called the meeting to order at 8:02 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, Mr. Anthony Evans, Mr. Robert J. Hill, Jr., Mr. William Paul, Mr. Thomas Roth, 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. Ted Brooks, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

## 2. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were public comments.
- B. **Administrative Action**
  1. ***N-Visioning a Brighter Future Grant*** - Approve the Intermediate High School's submission and distribution of N-Visioning a Brighter Future grant in the amount of \$1,000.
  2. ***Differentiated Assessment and Grading Conference*** - Approve a team of teachers and principals to attend the Differentiated Assessment and Grading in Pittsburgh on October 24-25. The conference cost of \$1,410.40 and \$450.00 for substitutes will come from Title IIA funds. The team includes Jay D'Ambrosio, Jane Eisenhart, Rose Piso, Jeffrey Roberts, DeeAnn Graham, Sean McCarty, Alan Cumo, and Mark Korcinsky.

3. **SAP Training** - Approve Jennifer North to attend SAP Training held at Carlow College October 2-4. The \$239 cost of the conference and \$225 for a substitute is to come from Safe and Drug Free Schools Funds.

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

C. **Personnel**

1. **Appointments - Professional** - Nicole Sray; **Professional Substitutes** - day-to-day list; **Classified** - Lisa Byers, Liz Cavanaugh, Jessica Wright; **Supplementals** - David Gerrich, Elaine Duggan, Dale Wagner, Nathan Brewer, Amy George, Megan Mihalcin, Gary Watkins.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the appointments as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Adametz absent.

3. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

1. Sophomores Jon Baron and Nathan Cully were finalists in the Third Annual C.A.U.S.E. Challenge High School Film Festival as presented by Bayer Corporation, Carnegie Science Center’s SciTech Initiative, and Pittsburgh Filmmakers for their film, “The C.A.U.S.E. to Pause: Global Warming.” Seneca Valley was the only non-Pittsburgh school represented.
2. Central Blood Bank recognized Seneca Valley Senior High School as the 11<sup>th</sup> top donor organization in the Pittsburgh area.

B. **Dates to Remember**

October 11	Homecoming Parade, 7:00 p.m.
October 12	Homecoming Football Game, 7:30 p.m.
October 13	Homecoming Dance, SHS and IHS, 7:00 p.m.
October 19	Professional Development Day, No School for Students

- C. **Legislative** - Mr. Brennan reported that there is some interest in the legislature to replace property tax with increases in sales and income taxes.

- 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. **Test Scores** - Test scores will be presented next week.

- G. **Budget Report** (2007-08) - The latest report provided in the backup materials.

- H. **Transportation Committee** - There will be a report next week.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following minutes provided in the backup materials:
- A. **Work Session** - September 10, 2007
- B. **Regular Meeting** - September 17, 2007
5. **OPERATION REPORTS**
- A. **Treasurer's Report** - The July report provided in the backup materials.
- B. **Financial Reports** - The following reports provided in the backup materials:
1. Intermediate High Activities
  2. Middle School Activities
  3. Athletics
  4. Tax Collection
  5. Food Service
- C. **Agency Reports**
1. *Vo-Tech* - There was nothing new to report.
  2. *I. U. IV* - Mr. Hill reported that Mr. Frank Cloud has been appointed as acting director of special education.
  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 \$3,177,120.34.
7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$7,675.10.
8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**
- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.
- B. **Dollard Publishing Contract** - Approve a one-year contract with Dollard Publishing to print and distribute *In Seneca Valley Magazine* in lieu of the *Seneca Valley Insight* magazine/newsletter after solicitor's review.
9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**
- A. **Dictionary Donations** - Approve donation of dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Evans City Elementary from the Evans City Rotary Club.
- B. **Band Trip** - Approve band booster request for marching band and auxiliary units to participate in the Disney Magic Music Days in Orlando, Florida, on April 11 through 14, 2008. The students will miss two days of classes. The boosters will be responsible for all fundraising activities.

- C. **Ski Trip** - Approve ski club request to travel to Stowe, Vermont, on January 31 through February 3, 2008, at no cost to the district. The students will miss one day of classes.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

A. **Budget Transfers**

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

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

- A. Mark Jakubowycza
- B. Lisa Wilson

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

14. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The Board and district recognized Mr. Paul's 42 years of service with a dinner last week.

- B. Dr. Tylinski was inducted into the Ford City Hall of Fame on September 30.

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting the affirmative with Mr. Adametz absent.

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

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary