

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

October 8, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Hill, Acting Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - Mr. Hill asked those present to keep Mr. Adametz and Mr. Berkebile's son, who are both hospitalized, in their thoughts.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. Hill 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. 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; 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. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. **STUDENT COUNCIL** - Torry Shepherd, Senior High School student council representative, reported on homecoming activities.
3. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Seniors Lindsay Codispot, Adam Dobson, and Samuel Ovenshine have been named commended students in the 2008 National Merit Program.
 2. The following 2007 Seneca Valley Graduates were recently named Advanced Placement Scholars in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program Exams taken last year: Anne Acton, Ashley Biernesser, Sarah Burkot, Michael Emling, Rachele McFarland, Pavel Tarassov, Catherine Wargo, Ramakrishnan Mahalingam, and Zachary Piso.
 3. Julie Smith and Meagan Loewy, Science and English Teachers in the Seneca Valley Middle School, both received McDonald's Mac grants for \$300 and \$450, respectively, for enrichment activities in the classroom.
 4. Intermediate High School librarian, Peggy Mourer, had an educational brief published in *Pennsylvania School Libraries: Key Players in Education* magazine.

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
October 23-31	Red Ribbon Week

C. **Legislative** - There was no report given.

D. **Principal Reports** - The building reports are 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. **Enrollment Reports** - The October 1 enrollment numbers provided in the backup materials.

G. **Test Scores** - This presentation was postponed until next month.

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

I. **Transportation Committee** - No report was given.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Marilyn DeMarco asked the Board to get together with the teachers to get the contract rectified.

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

A. **Work Session** - September 10, 2007

B. **Regular Meeting** - September 17, 2007

6. **OPERATION REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer's Report** - The July 2007 treasurer's 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
6. Earned Income Tax

C. **Agency Reports**

1. ***Vo-Tech*** - The next meeting scheduled for Thursday.
 2. ***I. U. IV*** - Information provided in the backup materials.
 3. ***Clarence Brown*** - There was nothing new to report.
7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$3,177,120.34.
 8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$7,675.10.
 9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$3,800.00.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the minutes, financial reports, and various bills as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Adametz and Mr. Berkebile absent.

10. **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.

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

11. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** - Mr. Anthony Storti/Mr. Thomas Roth

- A. **Dictionary Donations** - Approve donation of dictionaries to 3rd 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.

Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the donations and two student trips as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Adametz and Mr. Berkebile absent.

12. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION** - Mr. William Paul/Mr. Anthony Evans

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

- B. **Athletic Bids** - Authorize the administration to seek bids for spring athletic equipment and supplies.
- C. **Transportation Contracts** - Approve contracts with Mr. and Mrs. David Zurawski and Mr. and Mrs. George D'Amore for transporting each of their students to and from the Children's Center at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at a cost of \$57.52 and \$58.00 per day, respectively.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the budget transfers, athletic bids, and transportation contracts as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative, with Mr. Adametz and Mr. Berkebile absent.

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

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Carrie Byrne; *Supplemental* - Jeff Fisher.
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - Jennifer North, Dina Hughes; *Professional Substitutes* - Christine Sherman, Danielle McCormick, and day-to-day substitutes; *Classified* - Teresa Greno; *Supplementals* - Ray Peaco, Jason Shorr, Rebecca Finch, Dana Hadley, Jeffrey Roberts, Dean Walker, Andrea Magill, Valerie Danner, William Crummy, Joseph Logsdon, Joseph Ehrenberger, Marie McLaughlan, Nancy Graham, Margaret Mourer, Jill Schulz, Jeffrey Roberts, Megan Bonistalli, Joseph Logsdon, Joseph Ehrenberger, Dean Walker, Aaron Magill, Susan Harmon, Deborah Kennedy, Michael Henry, Jason Shorr, Marie McLaughlan, David Gerrich, Heather Yeck, Trisha Hazen-Nye, Lynn Wagner, Karyn Brooks, Bruce Clark, Lisa Masciarelli, Tabatha Karman, Curtis Johns, Todd Karman, Sherrie Creasy, Sandra Reidmiller, Todd Winter, Michael Flood, Leo Stefanacci, Curtis Johns, Herbert McCracken, Oliver Wiehe, Robert Magerko, Joy Brewer, David Smolinski, Albert Smith, Daniel Sample, William Allen, James Sutkowski, Thomas Magill.
- C. **Leaves** - Susan Cravener
- D. **Transfers** - Andrew Russell
- E. **Intents to Retire** - Susan Frankenstein, Colleen Cotherman, Dr. Donald Tyliniski, Joanne Meredith, Lynn P. Stewart, Lynne Kramer
- F. **Information** - Ms. Susan Lazar will be completing a school psychology doctoral practicum at Central Office during the 2007-08 school year under the direction of Ms. Claire Zovko.

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

- A. Mark Jakubowycz
- B. Lisa Wilson
- C. Christine Dennis-Liston
- D. Tracey Zeigler

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative

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

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary