

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

August 4, 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.
  - 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. Tom Roth, Mr. Joseph Scalamogna, and Mr. Anthony Storti.

Others present included Dr. 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. INFORMATION REPORTS

### A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

1. Hailie Sandor, a Seneca Valley Middle School eighth grader, won first place in the Annual Alliance Against Drugs Poster Contest in June. Her poster was chosen from nearly 2,500 student entries submitted from 20 area schools. Seneca Valley students Colten Gill, Elyse Mastrostefano, Alyssa Mehlhorn, and Tony Sorce were also named finalists in the poster competition.
2. Kristin Cukovich, a 2008 graduate, was named a semifinalist in the National Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's 2008 Essay Contest, "Life After High School." She received a savings bond for her essay, "An Economic View of My Future."
3. Mr. Robert Beighey, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School crossing guard, has retired from his position after 17 years of dedicated service at the elementary school. In appreciation, Mr. Beighey was presented with a certificate and gift by Dr. Fuller. The meeting was adjourned for a few minutes so that Board members could congratulate Mr. Beighey.

B. **Dates to Remember** - The August calendar was provided in the backup materials.

August 20-22	New Teacher Induction
August 27	Band Pic Festival, Nextier Stadium, 6:15 p.m.
Aug. 28, 29, Sept. 2	Teacher In-Service
September 1	Labor Day
September 3	First Day for Students
September 4	Veterans' Recognition/Football Game Against Erie McDowell, Broadcast on FSN, 7:00 p.m.

C. **Legislative** - Mr. Kenneth Brennan

1. ***Voting Delegates*** - Information provided in the backup on October 16 PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting voting delegates.

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. **Budget Report** - The 2007-08 budget reports are provided in the backup materials.

3. **ACTION AGENDA** - There were no public comments on the action agenda.

A. **Resignation** - Accept the resignation of Anthony Evans for Region 4, Cranberry West III, effective today.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Roth, to accept the resignation as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Dr. Hanley and Mr. Widdowson absent.

Mr. Hoffman noted the law states that the position must be filled within 30 days but there is no particular process. Following past practice, the Board will solicit letters of interest and interview candidates. It was agreed to set the deadline for letters of interest as August 20. Interviews will be conducted at an August 25 special meeting with a vote for appointment taken at that meeting.

B. **Retirement Plan Program** - Appoint PenServ Plan Services as the third party administrator for employees' 403(b) retirement plan program for certain non-discretionary plan administration, plan compliance, and related services for the plan.

C. **Classroom Televisions** - Approve the purchase of 335 televisions from GovConnection at a cost of \$259,625.

D. **Television Installation** - Approve the installation of televisions by ASCC Inc. (covered by the MIU4 Smart Contract) in the amount of \$282,192.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the retirement plan program, classroom televisions, and television installation. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Widdowson and Dr. Hanley absent.

E. **Personnel** (Details provided in the backup materials.)

1. ***Resignations*** - *Professional* - Dean Boronyak, Heather Winters, Carissa Schott, Renee Vaughan; *Supplemental* - Harold Perkins, Lynn Wagner, Dean Boronyak; *Cafeteria* - Alicia McCormick.
2. ***Appointments*** - *Professional* - Daniel Wilkins, Tammie Limmer, Melissa Kleiner, Jennifer McSweeney, Deborah Pence; *Classified* - Valerie Damiani, Diana McCauley; *Supplemental* - Karen Martini, Lance Erdos, Kevin Wildrick, Archie Brinza, Megan Meeder, Kelly Weston, Margaret Mourer, Linda Starosta, Michael Manipole, Sara Snyder, Erin Pile, Rozanne Lamberto, Susan Kearney, Kathy Novakovich, Jessica Ayers, Anna Coyne, Pamela Todd, Maureen O'Dell, Amy Brush, Joan Widdowson, Peter Moskos; *Classified Substitutes* - Raymond Robinson, Bonnie Wilkinson, Danielle Magill, Trisha Citrone.
3. ***Leaves*** - Mary McConaughy, Nannette Farmar, Andrea Wary, Ashley Watkiss, Jeffrey Szakelyhidi, Shana Mackie, Shelly Keffalas, Adele Marks, Carole Zinkham, Marion Eckstein, Shirley Marburger.
4. ***Voluntary Transfer*** - *Professional* - Michelle Russo, Erin Cline, Karen Brooks, Jeremiah Friday, Joanne Bouda, Jeanette Mike.
5. ***Retirement*** - Joanne Meredith, Jeffrey Szakelyhidi
6. ***Tenure*** - Dean Walker

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

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

- A. **Work Session** - June 2, 2008
- B. **Regular Meeting** - June 9, 2008

5. **OPERATION REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer's reports are provided in the backup materials.
- B. **Financial Reports** - The following financial reports are 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* - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening.
  2. *I. U. IV* - Mr. Hill had nothing new to report.
  3. *Clarence Brown* - There was no report given.
6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$3,684,480.49.
7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$23,909.35.
8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**
- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.
  - B. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:
    1. #008 - Organization Chart, revised, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
    2. #217 - Graduation Requirements, revised, 1<sup>st</sup> reading
    3. #249 - Anti-Bullying, revised, 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - C. **Kennywood Picnic** - Acknowledge Friday, June 19, 2009, as Kennywood picnic day.
9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**
- A. **Testing Schedule** - Approve testing/assessment schedule for 2008-09.
  - B. **Choral Trip** - Approve choral trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for competition on May 1-4, 2009. There will be no cost to the district and the students will miss two days of classes.
  - C. **Longmore Academy** - Approve contract with Mars Home for Youth for 25 seats for students placed at Longmore Academy at a cost of \$60/day for regular education students and \$65/day for special education students.
  - D. **Photography Contract** - Approve Senior Class Photography contract for 2009-2011 with EDI Imaging.
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**
- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers (2007-08).
  - 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 Boys' 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. **Audit Report** - Acknowledge single audit report for federal awards passed through commonwealth funding agencies for year ended June 30, 2007.
  - D. **Wrestling Mats** - Award bid for wrestling mat to Resilite in the amount of \$8,432.

- E. **Traffic Light** - Approve payment of \$26,272.50 for Seneca Valley's share toward the installation of the traffic signal at the intersection of Hartman Road and Route 68.
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel was discussed in executive session.
  12. **COMMUNICATIONS** - No communications were received.
  13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Scott Clary asked the Board if they would consider changing the border along his property so that his property would be in the Mars School District rather than Seneca Valley. He stated that his children currently attend private schools. Mr. Hoffman provided history of the border dispute. Mr. Berkebile said the Board would review information and get back to Mr. Clary.
  14. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with Mr. Widdowson and Dr. Hanley absent.
  15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel matters were discussed prior to this meeting.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary