

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

August 11, 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, Dr. Sally Hanley, Mr. Robert J. Hill, Jr., Mr. Tom Roth, Mr. Joseph Scalamogna, Mr. Anthony Storti, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Elementary; Ms. Tracy Vitale, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Pupil Services; Mr. Lynn Stewart, Business Manager; Mr. Ronald Lamneck, Buildings/Grounds/Security Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

August 20-22	New Teacher Induction
August 25	Special Meeting, Intermediate High Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
August 27	Band Pie Festival, NexTier Stadium, 6:15 p.m.
Aug. 28, 29, Sept. 2	Teacher In-Service for 2008-09
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.

- B. **Legislative** - Mr. Kenneth Brennan

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

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve Mr. Ken Brennan and an unnamed Board member to participate as a voting delegate to the PSBA Legislative Policy Council on October 16.

There was no public comment. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

C. **Principal Reports** - The building reports are 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 budget report is provided in the backup materials.

F. **Border Dispute** - Mr. Hoffman reviewed the status of the establishment of boundary lines between Adams and Cranberry Townships. The district cannot change the borders, nor can the district exempt property owners from property tax or give the tax to another district.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Scott Clary asked if the Board would change the border or allow his children to attend the Mars School District. Mr. Hoffman suggested Mr. Clary contact the Mars School District to work out attendance as this Board is not able to grant his request.

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

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

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. Tax Collection
5. Food Service
6. Earned Income

C. **Agency Reports**

1. *Vo-Tech* - The Vo-Tech Board is planning an \$11.4 million renovation project.
2. *I. U. IV* - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.
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 \$3,684,480.49.

7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$23,909.35.
8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$198,670.55.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, 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.

9. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Conferences** - Approve conferences in backup.
- B. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:
 1. #008 - Organization Chart, revised, 2nd reading
 2. #217 - Graduation Requirements, revised, 1st reading
 3. #249 - Anti-Bullying, revised, 1st reading
- C. **Kennywood Picnic** - Acknowledge Friday, June 19, 2009, as Kennywood picnic day.
- D. **Special Meeting** - Approve a special meeting for August 25, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Intermediate High School auditorium.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, to approve the conferences, policies, picnic date, and special meeting as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. 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.

Dr. Hanley motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the testing schedule, choral trip, education contract, and photography contract as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

11. 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 Signal** - 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.
- F. **Comdoc Agreement** - Approve a document management agreement with Comdoc for two (2) Sharp 850, one (1) Sharp MX350, and one (1) Ricoh Aficio 2500C copy machines and twenty (20) Sharp desk licenses (OCR software) at a price of \$1,941 per month for sixty-six (66) months.
- G. **Victory Security** - Approve a three-year agreement with Victory Security Agency.
- H. **Tower Engineering** - Approve feasibility study for adding cooling for classroom spaces at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary, Evans City Elementary/Middle, Haine Elementary/Middle, and Rowan Elementary Schools at a cost not to exceed \$15,900.

Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the budget transfers, liability insurance, audit report, mat bid, traffic signal payment, Comdoc agreement, security agreement, and feasibility study as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

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

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Marsha Hughes, Jay D'Ambrosio, Keith Bittel; *Classified* - Helen Levenson.
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - Emily Onik, DeAndra Boronyak, Heather Perella, Valerie Koehler, Sarah Schmitz, Kimberly Belt, Danielle McCormick; *Professional Substitutes* - Beth Clegg; *Supplemental* - Ian Verba, Sean Glackin; David Gerrich; *Classified Substitutes* - day-to-day substitutes.
- C. **Leaves** - *Professional* - Michele Zorn
- D. **Voluntary Transfer** - Kenneth Kotula, April Christopher
- E. **Cafeteria Wages** - Approve cafeteria wages for the 08-09 school year: \$8.05/hr. for day-to-day substitutes and \$8.15/hr. for first year employees.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the resignations, appointments, leave, transfer, and cafeteria wages as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel and real estate matters were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary