

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

September 8, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Berkebile called the meeting to order at 8:03 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, Mr. Jason Wehrle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson. Mr. Berkebile welcomed Mr. Wehrle to his first meeting.

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. Kevin Prady, Transportation Director; Mrs. Gerry Galat, Food Services Director; Mr. Greg Caprara, Athletic Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; visitors on enclosed list; and press representatives.

2. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** - There were no public comments on the action agenda.
- B. **Personnel Action** (Details provided in the action agenda.)
 1. ***Resignation - Classified*** - Elizabeth Cavanaugh; ***Supplemental*** - Christopher Brown.
 2. ***Appointments - Professional Substitutes*** - day-to-day substitutes; ***Supplementals*** - Deanna Sipp, Traci Borst, Kara Spagnola, Kelly Mathews, Kristin Pukas, Paul Hawthorne, Ray Peaco, Victor Giannotta, James Pyle, Robert Lombardo, Anthony Babusci, Mike Henry, Matt Martin, Ben Trew, David Sylvester; ***Classified*** - Kay Hoch, Valerie Mannas, Bonnie Wilkinson, Michelle Phillips, Launi Volkman, Martha Florie, Gloria Toma, day-to-day substitutes;

3. *Leaves - Professional* - Kelly Bucklen, Andra Titus, Eileen Bonomo, Tamara Watson.
4. *Voluntary Transfer* - Eric Fogle
5. *Information* - Jessica Kotula will be completing an administrative internship with Mrs. Graham at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, to approve the resignation, appointments, leaves, transfer as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Wehrle abstaining.

C. **Administrative Action**

1. **JROTC Instructor / Kevin Johnson** - Approve the discharge of JROTC instructor Kevin Johnson pursuant to Section 514 of the Public School Code based upon the statement of charges dated August 20, 2008.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the discharge as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Wehrle abstaining.

2. **Student Adjudications** - Approve the following student adjudications:
 - a. 2007-08-19
 - b. 2007-08-20
 - c. 2007-08-21
 - d. 2007-08-22
 - e. 2007-08-23

Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the student adjudications as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Wehrle abstaining.

The Board took a five minute recess at 8:15 p.m.

3. **Student Adjudication** - Approve student adjudication 2007-08-24.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve student adjudication 2007-08-24. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Widdowson voting no and Mr. Wehrle abstaining.

4. **Harmony Borough Water Tower Replacement Project** - Approve resolution regarding the Harmony Borough water tower replacement project.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Brennan, to approve the resolution as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Wehrle abstaining.

3. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Dates to Remember

September 16	SHS Open House, 6:00 p.m.
September 18	SVMS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
September 24	SVIHS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
September 25	Homecoming Carnival (5 p.m.) and Parade (7 p.m.), Campus
September 26	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
September 26	Homecoming Football Game, 7:30 p.m.
September 27	Homecoming Dances, 7:00 p.m., Senior and Intermediate
October 1	ECMS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
October 2	ECE Open House, 6:30 p.m.
October 6	Haine Open House for Grades K-2, 6:00 p.m.

B. Legislative - Mr. Brennan had nothing new to report.

C. Grant Programs - There was nothing new to report on grant programs.

D. Budget Report - The budget report is provided in the backup materials.

E. Press Box - Mr. Jeff Foreman and Ms. Natalie Sheeley answered the Board's questions on the press box. The Board asked that the Athletic Committee visit other press boxes and present a scaled down version of the Eckles design.

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

A. Work Session - August 4, 2008

B. Regular Meeting - August 11, 2008

C. Special Meeting - August 25, 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. Senior High Activities
2. Intermediate High Activities
3. Middle School Activities
4. Tax Collection
5. Earned Income Tax
6. Athletics

C. Agency Reports -

1. *Vo-Tech* - Personnel and the expansion of the Vo-Tech were discussed at the last meeting.
2. *I. U. IV* - The comprehensive strategic plan was discussed at the last meeting.
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 \$2,156,412.45.

7. **ACTIVITY FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activity Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$8,944.47.
8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**
 - A. **Board Policies** - Approve the following Board policies:
 1. #217 - Graduation Requirements, revised, adoption
 2. #249 - Anti-Bullying, revised, adoption
 3. #827 - Energy Management Conservation, new, 2nd reading
 - B. **Nutrition Standards** - Approve the implementation of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods in Pennsylvania Schools (revised July 2008), beginning school year 2008-09. Mrs. Galat suggested that these guidelines be approved since they are less restrictive than those proposed last year.
9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**
 - A. **Glade Run Lutheran Services** - Approve the following contracts with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2008-09 school year:
 1. Title I
 2. Act 30 - PRRI
 3. Day Student - Education Placement
 4. Diagnostic Placement Program
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**
 - A. **Settlement Agreement** - Approve settlement agreement with SAPP Roofing.
 - B. **Plancon K** - Acknowledge PDE approval of Plancon K, Project Refinancing, for Series of 2008 to Refund General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 1998.
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel items were discussed in executive session.
12. **COMMUNICATIONS** - A communication was received from:
 - A. Meg Myers, Seneca Valley Swim Club
13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Meg Myers, representing the Seneca Valley Swim Club, asked for a reduction in fees associated with using the pool facilities. Mr. Berkebile asked the Athletic Committee to meet to discuss this matter and provide a recommendation to the Board.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel, legal, and real estate matters were discussed in executive session prior to this meeting.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary