

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

October 6, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Robert Hill, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 8:11.p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - There was a moment of silence in memory of Randi Klingensmith, a Seneca Valley graduate who was killed in a car accident. Mr. Hill asked that thoughts go out to Mr. Berkebile who is dealing with a health issue.
 - 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, Dr. Sally Hanley, Mr. Robert J. Hill, Jr., Mr. Joseph Scalamogna, Mr. Anthony Storti, Mr. Jason Wehrle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Donald Tylinski, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent Secondary; 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. 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 items.
- B. **Personnel** (Details provided in the agenda.)
 1. ***Resignations - Professional*** - Paul Sroka; ***Classified*** - Beth Ann Marraccini, Martha Florie.
 2. ***Appointments - Professional*** - Amberlee Markowski, Denise Heiligenstein, Noelle David-Byers, Angela Mills, day-to-day substitutes; ***Supplemental*** - Troy Kroll, Eric Semega, Dina Hughes, George Trew, Eric Grove, Ray Peaco, Ken Kotula, Jessica Pyle, Joseph Montalbano, Cheryl Zorich, Steven Miller; ***Classified*** - Tanya Pretola, Elizabeth Linkenheimer; day-to-day substitutes.

3. *Leaves* - Marie Palano, Andra Titus, Virginia Nock, Kendra Bertoti.
4. *Intents to Retire* - Ronald McEntire, Daniel Sample.
5. *Other Actions*
 - a. Lisa Masciarelli will be completing a 120 hour guidance counselor practicum in the spring of 2009 under the direction of Amy Calder at the Intermediate High School.
 - b. Approve the Separation Agreement, unpaid leave of absence for and resignation of Susan Oliver.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the resignations, appointments, leaves, intents to retire, and other actions as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Roth and Mr. Berkebile absent.

C. Administration

- A. *Conferences* - Approve conferences.
- B. *PAESSP Conference* - Approve a team of principals and administrators to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals conference in Pittsburgh on October 19-21 at a cost of \$2,200. The team includes Kyra Bobak, Andrea Peck, Sean McCarty, Tracy Vitale, Michelle Ellis, Steve Smith, Denise Manganello, DeeAnn Graham, Matt McKinley, and Lori Pendred.

Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the conferences and participation in the PAESSP conference as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Roth and Mr. Berkebile absent.

3. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Student/Staff Recognition

1. Eight Senior High School students were named commended students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Alexa Becker, Adam Byko, Jacob Danowski, Steve Emling, Rebecca George, Paul Kurlak, Emily Ovenshine, and Matthew Vogt all received letters of commendation based on their results after taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They are in the program's top five percent of students who demonstrate exceptional academic promise.
2. Four juniors have been selected to attend the elite Westinghouse institute at the George Westinghouse Research and Technology Park in Churchill. Grace Emmerling, Steven Muti, Craig Russell and Ryan Thomas will participate in four months of weekend lectures and hands-on exercises on a wide variety of topics, including nuclear energy and radiation, meteorology and molecular biosensors.
3. Juniors Adam Byko and Kevin Hinerman, were named winners in the Regional Academic Games' Presidents Tournament held at Robert Morris University on Sept. 29. The win advances both to the National Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn., in April.
4. Ms. Leslie Russell, Middle School English teacher, received a \$500 Mac Grant from the McDonald's Corporation. Ms. Russell will use the grant money for *Poetry to a T* program.

5. Ms. Kathy Novakovich, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary reading teacher, was named a winner in the OfficeMax "A Day Made Better" National Contest. Kathy, who received \$1,200 in classroom supplies, was nominated and chosen for the award based on her dedication and innovative approaches to education.
6. Mr. Mark Korcinsky, senior high school principal, is a featured writer in the September edition of "The Pennsylvania Administrator" magazine. Requested to share his expertise, Mr. Korcinsky provided valuable insight on "Setting Conditions for Success: Seven Simple Rules for New Assistant Principals."

B. Dates to Remember

October 16	Haine Elementary Open House (3, 4), 6:00 p.m.
October 17	Professional Development, No School for Students
October 21	Rowan Open House (K, 2, 4), 6:30 p.m.
October 22	Haine Middle Open House, 6:30 p.m.
October 22	CVE Open House (K, 2, 4), 6:00 p.m.
October 22	Rowan Open House (1 & 3), 6:30 p.m.
October 23	CVE Open House (1 & 3), 6:00 p.m.
October 27	Adult Walking Program Begins (IHS, EC), 6-8 p.m.

C. Legislative

1. ***PSBA Fall Legislative Meeting*** - Information on the regional meeting held at the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School is provided in the backup materials.
 - D. **Strategic Plan** - The chapter 4 assessment plan is due November 30. The administration is looking to see how the Seneca Valley plan and Cranberry Township plan might overlap.
 - E. **Enrollment Update** - The October 1 numbers are provided in the backup materials.
 - F. **Principal Reports** - The building reports are provided in the backup materials.
 - G. **Grant Programs** - There was nothing new to report on the grant programs.
 - H. **Budget Report** - The August budget report is provided in the backup materials.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following Board minutes:
- A. **Work Session** - September 8, 2008
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - September 15, 2008

5. OPERATION REPORTS

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer's report is provided in the backup materials.
- B. **Financial Reports** - The following financial 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

- C. **Agency Reports** - There were no updates for the Vo-Tech, Intermediate Unit, or Clarence Brown School.
6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Approve the General Fund bills provided in the backup which total \$3,413,940.04.
 7. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$24,135.40.
 8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**
 - A. **Board Policies**- Approve the following Board policies:
 1. #827 - Energy Management Conservation, new, adoption
 2. #218.1 - Weapons, revised, 2nd reading
 9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**
 - A. **Rotary Dictionary Donation** - Acknowledge donation of dictionaries to Evans City third graders from the Rotary Club of Evans City.
 - B. **Ski Trip** - Approve Jr. High Ski Club trip to Colorado on January 23-26, 2009. The students will miss no school and there is no cost to the district.
 10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**
 - A. **Sherwood Oaks Agreement** - Approve continuation of payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Sherwood Oaks.
 - B. **Transportation Contracts** - Approve transportation contracts with Mr. and Mrs. David Zurawski and Mr. and Mrs. George D'Amore at a daily cost of \$69.38 and \$69.96, respectively.
 - C. **Spring Athletic Bids** - Authorize the administration to seek bids for spring athletic supplies and equipment.
 - D. **Techno CNC Router** - Authorize administration to bid techno CNC router for Senior High technical education department.
 - E. **Property Sale** - Amend the resolution adopted on September 15, 2008, to provide as follows: Approve the agreement of sale with Ehrman Road Development LLC, for the subdivision and sale of approximately 85 acres of the Seneca Valley School District's Ehrman Road property, primarily located within Jackson Township, for the sum of \$1,275,000 (based on \$15,000 per acre as confirmed by a survey and adjusted accordingly), contingent upon the approval of the sale by the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County in accordance with Section 707 of the Public School Code. (This amendment is necessary to reflect the correct name of the intended purchaser).
 - F. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
 - G. **Real Estate Tax Refund** - Approve real estate refund of \$101.74.

11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Personnel items were discussed in executive session.
12. **COMMUNICATIONS** - A communication was received from Kirk Tush.
13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Storti motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. Roth and Mr. Berkebile absent.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel, real estate, and legal matters were discussed in executive session prior to this meeting.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary