

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium

MINUTES

October 13, 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, Mr. Jason Wehrle, 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; Ms. 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 REPORT** - Angela Panza, student council vice president, updated the Board on activities at the school such as homecoming, conferences, MORP, and RAK.

3. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

1. Senior Allyson Dietrich has been named one of five finalists in the "Pittsburgh's Most Talented Teen Contest" hosted by the Greater Harmony Chorus of Pittsburgh. Allyson will compete for the title and a cash prize during the finals on October 25.
2. Marina Napoli, Katie Acton, Kerry Reed, Alyssa St. Clair, Zach Renner, Cole Rapso, Josh Smith, Ryan Hestin, Trey Skalos, Chris Allen, Mike Traverso, Will Fleming, Erica Glynn were recently chosen through audition to perform as members of the District 5 Honors Chorus in November at Westminster College. Josh Smith and Cole Rapso both took first chair in their respective sections.

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.
October 27-31	Red Ribbon Week

- C. **Technology Update** - Dr. Fuller presented an update of technology entitled *Seneca Valley School District - Model for Academic Excellence*. A copy is provided in the backup materials.
- D. **Enrollment Update** - The October 1 numbers are provided in the backup materials.
- E. **Principal Reports** - The building reports are provided in the backup materials.
- F. **Grant Programs** - There was no new information on grant programs.
- G. **Budget Report** - The August budget report is included in the backup materials.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Heather Pittman asked about the status of instructors for the JROTC program. Currently, instruction is continuing with substitutes. Administration has begun the interview process and will have someone in place as soon as possible. Ms. Pittman and the administration complimented the students for their leadership throughout this period.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve the following Board minutes:
- A. **Work Session** - September 8, 2008
- B. **Regular Meeting** - September 15, 2008
6. **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. Athletic
- C. **Agency Reports**
1. ***Vo-Tech*** - Information is provided in the backup materials.
 2. ***I. U. IV*** - Information is 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 \$3,413,940.04.
8. **ACTIVITIES FUND BILLS** - Approve the Activities Fund bills provided in the agenda which total \$27,580.40.
9. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approve the Construction Fund bills provided in the backup materials which total \$262,739.70.

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, 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.

10. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Board Policies**- Approve the following Board policies:
 1. #827 - Energy Management Conservation, new, adoption
 2. #218.1 - Weapons, revised, 2nd reading

Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Storti, to approve the policies as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

11. INSTRUCTION ACTION

- A. **Rotary Dictionary Donation** - Acknowledge donation of dictionaries to Evans City third graders from the Rotary Club of Evans City.
- B. **Student Trips**
 1. Acknowledge 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.
 2. Acknowledge the Boys Lacrosse trip to Tully, New York, for the Tully Cornfield Classic Lacrosse Tournament on November 7-9. The students will miss a half day of school and there is no cost to the district.
- C. **Book Disposal** - Approve the disposal of outdated library books at Evans City Elementary.

Dr. Hanley motioned, seconded by Mr. Scalamogna, to approve the donation, student trips, and book disposal as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

12. BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION

- A. **Sherwood Oaks Agreement** - Approve continuation of payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Sherwood Oaks, contingent on review of the solicitor.
- 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.

Mr. Scalamogna motioned, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the Sherwood Oaks agreement, transportation contracts, authorization to bid athletics and router, property sale, budget transfers, and tax refund as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

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

- A. **Resignation** - *Classified* - Carol Nagle; *Supplemental* - Jason Woolslare, Keith Bittel, Alvin Mullett.
- B. **Appointments** - *Professional* - day-to-day substitutes; *Supplemental* - Brian Beighey, David Gerrich, Christopher Miller; *Classified* - Susan Dispennett, Sherie Bridgeman; *Classified Substitutes* - Jeanine Swanson.
- C. **Leaves** - Kristen Kress, Connie DeArmit.
- D. **Intents to Retire** - Lynn P. Stewart, Lynn A. Stewart, Debra J. Hill.

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

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

- A. Kirk Tush
- B. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Charles Drew Roberts, Sr.
- C. Haine Fifth Graders

15. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel matters were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dean Berkebile, Board President

Mrs. Joan Rinaman, Board Secretary