

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 7 p.m.

### Minutes

**April 15, 2024**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Simon Negley, fourth grader, Ehrman Crest Elementary School, continued the board initiative, “I Led the Pledge” by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. **Roll Call** – by Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Nick Brower, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Fred Peterson, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer.

## 2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

1. Seneca Valley chorus and orchestra students in grades 10-12 hit all the right notes as they recently participated in several Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) regional festivals. Based on audition results at those festivals, the following students will represent Seneca Valley at the PMEA All-State Festival later this week (BACKUP):
  - Representing Seneca Valley Choir will be Ayla Alexander, Giulia Siegfried and Graham Logue
  - Representing Seneca Valley Orchestra will be Isabella MuthlerStudents are under the direction of Bobi-Jean Alexander, senior high choir director, and Ms. Sarah Miller, secondary orchestra director.

- B. **Dates to Remember** – Ms. Linda Andreassi announced the following dates to remember:

April 22	Passover Begins
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
April 24	Administrative Professionals' Day
May 3	School Lunch Hero Day
May 4	SAT Testing, SVSHS, 7:30 a.m.

- C. **All-Star Award Winner, April 2024** - Karen Greenawalt, Seneca Valley Senior High School Administrative Assistant, was recognized and presented the All-Star Award by Senior High School Principal Mr. Robert Ceh. Mr. Ceh shared that Ms. Greenawalt has been a perfect fit for the Senior High School staff and building. Ms. Greenawalt is someone who has always been there, and that in everything she does, she does it well. He shared that Ms. Greenawalt is kind, polite and pleasant to everyone. Dr. Vitale shared that she often receives compliments on our graduation ceremony process and that Ms. Greenawalt plays an integral role in the details and success of graduation. Dr. Vitale expressed her heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Greenawalt for her loyalty, dedication and hard work during her time at SV. Ms. Bredl thanked and congratulated Ms. Greenawalt. Mr. DiTullio shared his appreciation for all that she has done behind the scenes over the years.

D. **Financial Reports**

1. Operations
2. Senior High Activities
3. Intermediate High Activities
4. Middle School Activities
5. Athletics
6. Food Service
7. Tax Collections
8. Capital Projects Funds

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – March 4, 2024
- B. **Action Meeting** – March 11, 2024

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**  
Grand Total: \$11,392,836.29

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**  
Grand Total: \$329,943.92

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison to approve the minute’s, treasurer’s report, general fund bills and construction fund bills. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Board Policies** -
  1. Approved board policy 200 – Enrollment of Students, new, second and final reading.
  2. Approved board policy 201 – Admission of Students – revised, first reading.

3. Approved board policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students, revised, second and final reading.
  4. Approved board policy 204.1 – Dual Enrollment – revised, second and final reading.
  5. Approved board policy 221 – Dress and Grooming – revised, first reading.
  6. Approved board policy 312 Employees – Evaluation of Employees, new, second and final reading.
  7. Approved board policy 425 – Dress and Grooming – revised, first reading.
  8. Approved board policy 605 – Tax Levy – revised, second and final reading.
  9. Approved board policy 606 – Tax Collection – new, second and final reading.
  10. Approved board policy 618 – Student Activity Funds – revised, second and final reading.
  11. Approved board policy 625 – Procurement Cards – new, second and final reading.
  12. Approved board policy 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement - revised, second and final reading.
  13. Approved board policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, revised, second and final reading.
  14. Approved board policy 317.1 Employees – Weapons, revised, first reading.
  15. Approved board policy 319 Employees – Outside Activities, revised, first reading.
  16. Approved board policy 602 – Budget Planning, new, first reading.
  17. Approved board policy 608 – Bank Accounts, revised, first reading.
  18. Approved board policy 615 – Payroll Deductions, revised, first reading.
  19. Approved board policy 623 – Anti-fraud, new, first reading.
  20. Approved board policy 438 – Sabbatical/Professional Development Leave, revised, first reading.
  21. Approved board policy 438.1 – Classroom Occupational Exchange Leave, revised, first reading.
- Policies to be retired:
22. Policy 412 Professional Employees – Evaluation of Employees, retire, second and final reading.
  23. Policy 317.1 Administrative Employees – Weapons, retire, first reading.
  24. Policy 417.1 Professional Employees – Weapons, retire, first reading.
  25. Policy 517.1 Classified Employees – Weapons, retire, first reading.
  26. Policy 419 Professional Employees – Outside Activities, retire, first reading.

- B. **Settlement Agreement** – Approved a special education agreement with one student.
- C. **Drug Testing Fees** – Approved to increase the cost of the District drug testing fee.
- D. **Student Adjudication** – Approved Student Adjudication #2023-24-17.
- E. **School Bus Drivers** – Approved the list of new bus drivers for ABC Transit, Valley Lines with Seneca Valley School District.

Mr. DiTullio reminded the public that the board has multiple readings for policies before they are approved.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower to approve board policies, settlement agreement, drug testing fees, student adjudication and school bus drivers. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

## 9. INSTRUCTION

- A. **Student Trips** – Approved Varden Armstrong, Robert Babick, Sarah Miller, and Bobi-Jean Alexander to take band, choir, and orchestra students to the Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) All-State Conference from April 17-20, 2024. Students will miss three days of instruction.
- B. **Equipment Disposal** – Approved the disposal of old, unusable weight room equipment.
- C. **Intergovernmental Agreement** - Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Seneca Valley School District for special education services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. **Conferences** – Approved conference requests.
- E. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Approved the memorandum of understanding with the Education Support Professionals Association to allow adjusted work schedules during the instructional recess of the summer of 2024.
- F. **Grant Disbursement** – Granted permission for and to disburse:
  - 1. Ehrman Crest Movement Studio Grant in the amount of \$7,500 requested by Ms. Annie Mersing. Funds will be used to enhance the Ehrman Crest Movement Studio with hands-on learning opportunities.
  - 2. Supplemental Nutrition for Extended Day Kindergarten Grant in the amount of \$7,500 requested by Ms. Annie Mersing. Funds will be used to supplement student nutrition in the afternoons for extended day kindergarten students.
  - 3. Athletics Grant in the amount of \$3,000 requested by Ms. Heather Lewis. Funds will be used to offset the purchase of a sizable quantity of middle school track and field uniforms.
- G. **XR Terra, LLC Agreement** – Approved the agreement for XR Terra, LLC to provide virtual/augmented/mixed reality education programs to students and staff, coordinated by the Seneca Valley Academy of Choice, in the amount of \$20,000.
- H. **Educational Use License Agreement** – Approved the Educational Use License Agreement with Carnegie Mellon University.

Mr. DiTullio asked Dr. McCarty to share additional information regarding the Educational Use License Agreement. Dr. McCarty shared that this is an agreement with Carnegie Mellon University and we currently have this in two of our elementary buildings. The technology is called NoRilla machines, and this product engages students in engineering, design, architecture and physics. Students can design different structures and this equipment will simulate earthquake movements,

demonstrating to students either the flaws or successes of their designs. Additionally, there are enhancements that analyze their designs.

Currently this is available at Haine Middle and Ehrman Crest Middle Schools, but if approved, this agreement will allow us to expand to Rowan Elementary and Connoquenessing Valley Elementary Schools. Additionally, the interaction between our students and the professionals from Carnegie Mellon University is another positive benefit of this program.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl to approve student trips, equipment disposal, Intergovernmental Agreement, conferences, Memorandum of Understanding, grant disbursements, XR Terra, LLC agreement and the Educational Use License Agreement. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to approve budget transfers. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

11. **PERSONNEL** – Approved the following personnel items that were discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting:

- A. **Resignation** – *Director* – Taylor Schmidt
- B. **Appointments** – *Administration* – Dr. Bridget Miller, *Professional Substitutes* – Gabriel Miller, Stephen Miller, John Nicotra, Emily Bright, Nolan Colaric, Anna O'Connor, Emily Smith, Thomas Bachert, *Classified* – Natalie Shipton, Susan Siegfried, Julia Castio, *Supplementals* – Halley Rooney, Karissa Lambert, Cortney Lambert, Isabella Harris, Eric Grove, Brett Poirier, Owen Moran, Aaron Parker, Elliott Pater, Judith Baret, Ronald Butschle, William Crummy, Nancy Graham, Ann Hahn, Kristie Long, Aaron Magill, Jill Schulz, Michelle Kostlich, Rebecca Rockey, Darla Ramirez-Lightner, Susan Berlin, Kimberly Magill, Chad Robertson, Wendy McQuiston, Stephen Wolfe, Bruce Clark, Lilia Pries, John McFeeley
- C. **Leaves** – *Administrator* – Jessica Parker, *Professional* – Brieana Nassan, Amanda Fleming, Ciara Was, Michelle Rogozinski, Kayla Hixon, James Mileski, Michelle Hess, Carolyn Bromberg, Gioia Warecki, Corrin DoVidio, Deborah Skinger, Deanna Sipp, Deanna Sipp, *Classified* – Catherine Lusty, Barbara Buchanan, ISG Angelo Lettiere, Loretta McCafferty
- D. **Sabbatical** – Susan Moury
- E. **Stipend** – Chet Henderson
- F. **Retirements** – *Administration* – Lauri Pendred, *Classified* – Steven Trempus
- G. **Affiliation Agreements** – Approved affiliation agreement with Seneca Valley School District and Carlow University and a clinical affiliation agreement with Seneca Valley School District and Carlow University.


Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower to approve the resignation, appointments, leaves, sabbatical, stipend, retirements and affiliation agreements. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the April 8, 2024, public agenda:

a. Nikki Marnik

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – With noting further to come before the board, Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary