

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 7 p.m.

Minutes

May 6, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Jeff Widdowson, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - Please keep in your thoughts the friends and family of Mr. John Vrana, retired Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Teacher, who passed away on Wednesday, April 24. Mr. Vrana was a beloved math teacher and swim coach at Seneca Valley during his 34 years with the District. He will be fondly remembered and profoundly missed.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Cora Gallie, fourth grader at Connoquenessing Valley 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, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Mr. Eric DiTullio and Mr. Fred Peterson were not in attendance.
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Isaiah Clerkley earned the PIAA Class 3A State Diving Championship last month, finishing with one of the best scores in PIAA history at 570.40 points, more than 75 points ahead of the nearest competitor. His PIAA score of 570.40 set a new pool record for Bucknell University. Isaiah also won his second consecutive WPIAL title with a score of 583.35, more than 100 points ahead of the second-place finisher.

Ms. Heather Lewis shared that Isaiah started diving when he was a freshman and has been breaking records both at SV and other schools since that time. Ms. Lewis acknowledged that Isaiah is a generational athlete that excels in both diving and in the classroom. She also recognized that he is talented, humble and a model student athlete, congratulating him for all his accomplishments. Mr. Widdowson and Ms. Bredl both congratulated Isaiah on his accomplishments. Ms. Zimmer echoed their congratulations and thanked him for representing SV so well. Mr. Jacobs commented on Isaiah's humility at his age and congratulated him. Dr. Vitale said that others have shared with her that he is a person of character, is the model student and athlete as well as humble. She also congratulated him for all he has accomplished during his high school career.

2. Seneca Valley School District received the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Youth Award, a state-wide community service award recognizing ways in which students give back and better their community. The award was presented to representatives from Seneca Valley and Cranberry Township on April 17, at the PSATS Conference in Hershey, PA. Cranberry Township nominated the District based on the ongoing, collective efforts that connect the school, students and community. Throughout the year, hundreds of students team up with Cranberry Township to beautify and improve the area through several volunteer projects.
3. Seneca Valley video production students and SVTV student volunteers set a new school record recently by winning nine awards at Robert Morris University's annual Digital Media Arts Consortium (DMAC) Student Video Festival. Seneca Valley came away with awards in eight categories, including two Best in Category distinctions and a senior honorary award. The group is led by Mr. Dan McKosky, SVTV Advisor and SHS Media Arts Teacher.
4. Five Seneca Valley students showcased their innovative research projects at the 85th annual Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF), held at the Carnegie Science Center, April 2-3. They joined nearly 500 students from across the region to participate in this esteemed fair. Junior Isabella Muthler earned a Sponsor award from Air & Waste Management Association for her project Dyeing Microplastics. Students were led in this effort by Ms. Kelly Weston, SVSHS Science Teacher.

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

May	Mental Health Awareness Month
May 7	National Teacher Appreciation Day
May 8	National School Nurse Day
May 8-11	Advanced Placement Testing
May 10	Act 80 (Professional Development) Day – No School for Students
May 10	Graduation Project Day – SVSHS
May 11	Prom – Grand March begins at 5 p.m. – SVSHS Auditorium
May 12	Mother's Day
May 13-16	Keystone Exams
May 18	Armed Forces Day
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – No school for students and staff
May 30	Graduation Day (May 31 is the Rain Date)
June 1	Seneca Valley Best Buddies Walk, 9 a.m. – Noon, North Boundary Park; signup at Seneca Valley Best Buddies Walk (runsignup.com)
June 6	Last Day of School for Grades K-11
June 7	Staff In-Service Day

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester reported that, currently, the whole school is working on a group project that will be a part of competition next week in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Brower also shared that Evans City Borough reached out to the

Vo-Tech and asked if students would design a community sign for them. Students have worked together to design three signs and these will also be a part of the competition next week in Atlanta, Georgia.

2. I.U. IV – No report was given.

D. **Legislative** – No report was given.

E. **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. ACTION AGENDA

A. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

B. **Proposed Final 2024-2025 General Fund Budget** - Approved the proposed final general fund budget for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$176,200,022 with a proposed millage increase of 5.32 mills (4%) and authorize the budget to be made available for public inspection.

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the Proposed Final 2024-2025 General Fund Budget. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

C. **Personnel** – Approved the following personnel item that was discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting:

1. **Appointment** – *Director* – Dr. Cassandra Doggrell

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower, to approve the appointment. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Work Session** – April 8, 2024
- B. **Action Meeting** – April 15, 2024

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$5,082,203.23

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$124,823.75

8. **ADMINISTRATION**A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 201 – Admission of Students – revised, second and final reading.
2. Approve board policy 221 – Dress and Grooming – revised, second and final reading.
3. Approve board policy 425 – Dress and Grooming – revised, second and final reading.
4. Approve board policy 317.1 Employees – Weapons, revised, second and final reading.
5. Approve board policy 319 Employees – Outside Activities, revised, second and final reading.
6. Approve board policy 602 – Budget Planning, new, second and final reading.
7. Approve board policy 608 – Bank Accounts, revised, second and final reading.
8. Approve board policy 615 – Payroll Deductions, revised, second and final reading.
9. Approve board policy 623 – Anti-fraud, new, second and final reading.
10. Approve board policy 438 – Sabbatical/Professional Development Leave, revised, second and final reading.
11. Approve board policy 438.1 – Classroom Occupational Exchange Leave, revised, second and final reading.

Policies to be retired:

12. Policy 317.1 Administrative Employees – Weapons, retire, second and final reading.
13. Policy 417.1 Professional Employees – Weapons, retire, second and final reading.
14. Policy 517.1 Classified Employees – Weapons, retire, second and final reading.
15. Policy 419 Professional Employees – Outside Activities, retire, second and final reading.

B. **Board Meeting Dates** – Approve the July 2024 through June 2025 School Board Meeting Dates.

C. **Care Solace Agreement** - Approve utilization of PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant funds for the board-approved Care Solace agreement to provide mental health care coordination and support for students, staff and their families during the 2024-2025 school year.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.

B. **Student Trip** – Head Cross Country Coach Steve Strellick, along with assistants to the boys and girls Cross County Teams, to Jennerstown, PA. for a pre-season training camp from August 16-18, 2024. Students will not miss instruction and there is no cost to the district.

- C. **Adelphoi Education Agreement** – Approve the agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide alternative education services for the 2024-25 school year.
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**
- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
- B. **Bid Awards** – Award the following bids for the 2024-25 school year:
1. General Supplies
 2. Print Supplies
- C. **Depository/Treasurer** – Appoint NextTier Bank as depository and treasurer for the 2024-25 school year.
- D. **Ryan Gloyer Middle School partial Re-Roofing Project** - Approve Duro-Last, Inc. through the government cooperative purchasing program, The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Vendor Agreement for the RGMS partial Re-roofing Project, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- E. **Ryan Gloyer Middle School Quarry Tile Replacement Phase III**: Award the General Construction (GC) Bid to GEM Building Contractors and Developers in the amount of \$615,550 – pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- F. **CVE Re-Roofing Project** - Approve Duro-Last, Inc. through the government cooperative purchasing program, The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Vendor Agreement for the CVE Re-roofing Project for Areas A, B, C, & E, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
11. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves and affiliation agreement.
12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the April 15, 2024, public agenda:
- a. Dan Weimer
 - b. Nilu and Sam Ranaweera
 - c. David Wecht
 - d. Tom Nesbitt
 - e. Sarah Cardosi
13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel items.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary