

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

### Minutes

**March 4, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting opened with a moment of silence.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Annie Janovsky, third grader from Haine 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: Mr. Nick Brower, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Ms. Leslie Bredl and Mr. Fred Peterson were not in attendance.
  
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
    1. Seneca Valley seniors Lucas Boyle, Alexander Kim and Shivani Umesh have been named finalists in the 69th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program held by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These SV standouts are three of approximately 15,000 finalists and will now advance to the next level of the program where they have the opportunity to earn National Merit Scholarships and, ultimately, the Merit Scholar® title.
    2. The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon Team clinched first place at the Western Pennsylvania Regional Competition that was held Feb. 2-3 at the Seneca Valley Senior High School. The team had a remarkable score of 40,422 points and earned numerous medals across a range of subjects; from art to science and economics to music. Seneca Valley’s Academic Decathlon Team is advancing to the Pennsylvania State Competition scheduled for March 8-9 at Carlisle High School in Carlisle, Pa. with aspirations of advancing to the National Academic Decathlon Competition in Pittsburgh next month. The team is coached by David Reichard, Senior High School learning support teacher.
    3. Congratulations to the members of the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Seneca Valley School Boards for recently being named a Tri-State Area School Study Council D. Richard Wynn Distinguished School Board Award winner. The board received this elite honor as they have demonstrated exemplary practices in addressing important issues that reflect directly on improved schooling for students. The D. Richard Wynn Award was commissioned by the Executive

Committee in the late 1980s to symbolize the contributions of Dr. D. Richard Wynn. Dr. Wynn was the Executive Secretary of Tri-State, a part of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education, from 1974 to 1980. The Board will be recognized by Tri-State during their 75<sup>th</sup> Annual School Board and Distinguished Educator Ceremony later this month.

4. Seneca Valley's Mock Trial team continues to raise the bar with a first-place finish at their recent District competition. A total of 11 teams from across the area competed at the Butler County Court House earlier this month in a series of mock trials. Seneca Valley went undefeated, ultimately advancing them to regionals which will be held at the Beaver County Courthouse. The SV Mock Trial Team is comprised of students in grades 9-12 in the gifted program and is advised by Ms. Briana Nassan, senior high school gifted support teacher. This is the second time in school history (last year being the first) that the Seneca Valley Mock Trial team has won Districts. If they win their trial at regionals, it will advance them to the state competition.
5. Cybersecurity is vital for protecting sensitive information, and four young women at Seneca Valley have proven themselves as future leaders in safeguarding digital frontiers. Seneca Valley's Women in Computer Science CyberPatriot Team won second place in the state within the Silver division during the recent online CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. As part of the competition, students were challenged to find and fix cybersecurity vulnerabilities in virtual operating systems. CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air Force Association to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other STEM disciplines critical to the nation's future. SV's team adviser is Diane Koegler, Senior High School computer programming and mathematics teacher.

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

March	
March 4	First Day for all PIAA Spring Sports
March 9	SAT Testing – Seneca Valley Senior High School
March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10	Ramadan Begins
March 11	School Board Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. SVIHS Auditorium
March 13	Reports of Student Progress Release, Grades K-6
March 15	Act 80 Day – No School for Students
March 18	Snow Make up Day #2 – This is a makeup day for the Jan. 19 closure; school <b>will be</b> in session
March 19	Spring Begins
March 22	End of Third Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
March 25	The holiday of Holi
March 29	Good Friday and the start of Spring Break, No school for students and Staff
March 31	Easter
March 29-April 5	Spring Break, no school for students and staff

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester reported that their next meeting will be on March 7 and he will have an update at the next meeting.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that they recently received a grant to purchase two school buses for Portersville Christian School. Additionally, he shared that the convention will be in April and that there will be three open seats due to vacancies.

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the Legislative will be back in session on March 18.

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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – February 5, 2024
- B. **Action Meeting** – February 12, 2024

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

5. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$3,306,039.68

6. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$148,346.17

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 200 – Enrollment of Students, new, first reading.
2. Approve board policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students, revised, first reading.
3. Approve board policy 204.1 – Dual Enrollment – revised, first reading.
4. Approve board policy 312 Employees – Evaluation of Employees, new, first reading.
5. Approve board policy 323 Employees – Tobacco Use, new, second and final reading.
6. Approve board policy 605 – Tax Levy – revised, first reading.
7. Approve board policy 606 – Tax Collection – new, first reading.
8. Approve board policy 618 – Student Activity Funds – revised, first reading.
9. Approve board policy 625 – Procurement Cards – new, first reading.

10. Approve board policy 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement- revised, first reading.
11. Approve board policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, revised, first reading.

Policies to be retired:

12. Policy 323 Administrative Employees – Tobacco Use, retire, second reading.
  13. Policy 423 Professional Employees – Tobacco Use, retire, second reading.
  14. Policy 523 Classified Employees – Tobacco Use, retire, second reading.
  15. Policy 412 Professional Employees – Evaluation of Employees, retire, first reading.
- B. **America250PA** –Approve the resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250PA) to demonstrate support of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026. The resolution endorses and supports the various programs, projects and events surrounding this commemoration and Pennsylvania’s rich history and culture that has contributed to the nation over the last 250 years.
- C. **Future Ready Comprehensive Plan Submission** - Approve the Seneca Valley School District Future Ready Comprehensive Plan for 2024-2027 to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. [www.svsd.net/ComprehensivePlan](http://www.svsd.net/ComprehensivePlan)

Mr. Jacobs thanked Dr. Palano and Ms. Bobak for all their work on the Future Ready Comprehensive Plan.

## 8. INSTRUCTION

- A. **McGuire Memorial Agreement** – Approve the McGuire Memorial Agreement for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program rates for the 2023-2024 ESY.
- B. **Athletic Uniform Disposal** – Approve the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms.
- C. **Student Trip** – Approve Ms. Sarah Miller, RGMS and IHS Orchestra teacher, to take students to Butler Intermediate High School for Pennsylvania Music Education (PMEA) Regions, March 21-23, 2024. Students will miss one day of instruction.
- D. **Health and Safety Plan** – Acknowledge the six-month review of the Health and Safety Plan as per the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requirements.

## 9. BUSINESS/FINANCE

- A. **2024-2025 MIU IV General Operating Budget** – Approve the 2024-25 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget in the total amount of \$4,162,498 with Seneca Valley’s contribution being \$155,200.
- B. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- C. **AmCom Agreement** - Approve an addendum to the existing document management agreement with AmCom for a 60-month lease covering a total of thirty-one (31) devices plus the additional PaperCut Solution. Twenty-eight (28) existing devices will be replaced with new machines, and three (3) existing printers

will continue in the agreement for a cost of service and supplies only. The addendum further includes 1.2M black/white impressions and 14,500 color impressions per month.

Mr. DiTullio shared that he is recommending that the Board approve the MIU IV General Operating Budget at the March 11 Board Meeting.

10. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignation, appointments, leaves, retirements, and affiliation agreements.
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the February 12, 2024, public agenda:
  - a. Chelsea Callis
  - b. Sarah Cardosi
  - c. Brandie Sberna
  - d. Stephanie Lane
  - e. Justin and Shannon Hartzell
  - f. Sam and Chelsea Lang
  - g. Marisleysis Gonzalez
  - h. Stephany Richards
  - i. Amanda Razzano-Latham
  - j. Mike Manipole
  - k. Anthony and Rebekah Conti
13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 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, Board Secretary