

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

### Minutes

April 4, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in loving memory of a Seneca Valley Freshman who passed away on March 29 after a courageous battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** Lina Setter, third grader at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School, continued the board initiative, "I Led the Pledge" by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. **Roll Call** - Roll call by Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson. Ms. Leslie Bredl and Ms. Susan Harrison were absent.
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Winter Sports Update** - Ms. Lewis provided a winter sports update as follows:  
**BASKETBALL - Boys (Head Coach: Kevin Trost)**  
Finished the season 9-13 overall, 4-8 in section play. Post-season recognition:
    - All-Big 56 Conference, 2nd Team - Luke Lawson and Caiden Oros
    - All-Big 56 Conference, Honorable Mention - Jameson Grieco**BASKETBALL - Girls (Head Coach: Dorothea Epps)**  
Finished the season 11-11 overall; 8-6 in section play. Lost in WPIAL quarterfinals to North Allegheny. Post-season recognition:
    - All-Big 56 Conference, 1st Team - Olivia West
    - All-Big 56 Conference, 2nd Team - Jess Bickart
    - All-Big 56 Conference, Honorable Mention - Emerson PefferOf note, Olivia West scored her 1,000-career point on her final basket in playoff game vs N.A., only the second player in program history to reach career 1000-point plateau.  
**COMPETITIVE CHEER (Head Coach: Laura Wise)**  
Qualified for PIAA Championships through WPIALs performance and advanced to semifinal round for PIAAs with a team comprised solely of underclass performers.

### **ICE HOCKEY (Head Coach: Anthony Raco)**

Finished regular season with 11-7-0-1-1 record and earned fifth seed in playoffs. Beat Mt. Lebanon 4-1 in first round and upset top-seeded North Allegheny 2-1 in semifinals to advance to championship game. Lost to Peters Township 6-2 in AAA Penguins Cup championship game.

### **WRESTLING (Head Coach: Kevin Wildrick)**

Tyler Chappell - 113 lbs.

- WPIAL Champion (second consecutive year)
- PIAA 7th Place

Liam Volk-Klos - 215 lbs.

- WPIAL - 4th place
- PIAA - 5th Place

### **SWIMMING & DIVING - Girls (Head Coach: Brian Blackwell, Swimming and Nancy Laslavic, Diving)**

Finished 10-2 overall, 5-1 in section meets. Team finish of 4th place at WPIALs.

Individual medalists from WPIALs and PIAAs:

- **200 Medley Relay** - 5<sup>th</sup> place (Ria Dietz, Alissa Wilson, Abby Perry, Lena Rothrock)
- **100 Fly** - Ria Dietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Abby Perry, 5<sup>th</sup> place
  - PIAA - Ria Dietz, 7<sup>th</sup> place
- **100 Back** - Ria Dietz, 4<sup>th</sup> place
- **Diving, 1m** - Ashley Felitsky, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Madison Monahan, 6<sup>th</sup> place
  - PIAA - Ashley Felitsky, 7<sup>th</sup> place

### **SWIMMING and DIVING - Boys (Head Coach: Brian Blackwell, Swimming and Nancy Laslavic, Diving)**

Finished with an undefeated season of 12-0 overall and 6-0 in section meets. WPIAL and PIAA AAA CHAMPIONS.

Entered WPIAL swimming championships with 62 points secured from diving:

- **Diving, 1m** – Isaiah Clerkley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Jeremiah Laslavic, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Sam Skeen, 4<sup>th</sup>; Sam Hersick, 5<sup>th</sup>
- WPIAL District had five qualifying spots for PIAAs, and Seneca Valley took four of the five

Decisive team performances at WPIALs (winning with 333.5 points over runner-up USC with 266). Won PIAA title with 188 points over runner-up LaSalle College 174. Won meet and state championship on final relay race of the championships - 400 free relay.

- B. **Student/Staff Recognition** - Ms. Andreassi announced the following recognitions:
1. Seneca Valley School District Athletics and Activities Director Heather Lewis has been named 2022 Region IV Athletic Director of the Year by The Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA). She was recognized during their annual conference on March 17 in Hershey. PSADA awarded Ms. Lewis the honor for her many efforts, contributions, dedicated service and leadership in her field. One individual is recognized from each of the five regions; Region IV covers the schools found in the 10 counties that make up the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL).
  2. The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon Team once again earned the title of state champs and is heading to nationals. With a score of 41,476 and an 1,100-point lead, the team placed first in their division against 15 of the top high schools from Western, Central and Eastern PA at the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) Pennsylvania State Competition in Philadelphia. The team competed against the top 15 schools throughout the state and will now represent the state of Pennsylvania for the USAD National Competition later this month.

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

April 5	Josh Shipp Presentation - SVIHS Auditorium 6:30 p.m.
April 11	School Board Regular (Action) Meeting, SVIHS Auditorium 7 p.m.
April 14 - 19	Spring Break, No School
April 15	Passover Begins
April 17	Easter
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Orthodox Easter
April 26	School Bus Driver Recognition Day
April 25-28	PSSA Exams (English and Language Arts)

- D. **Feasibility/Demography Study Update** - Dr. McCarty provided an update on the ongoing feasibility/demography study as follows:

The demographer has provided a completed forecast summary for district-wide growth. Davis Demographics and Eckles Architecture will facilitate a workshop with district administration to review all data points including projected growth in each of our current enrollment zones. The information provided lined up with our prediction of increased growth in the northern tiers of our district. Preliminary findings seem to indicate the district may need to slightly adjust enrollment zones.

As previously shared, options will be available this month. At the April 11, 2022 meeting, Eckles Architecture and Davis Demographics will present their findings with a forecasted summary and an electronic dashboard with the current enrollment zones, new and existing construction, and future enrollment predictions.

During the week of April 18, the district will provide direct communication to the families who may be impacted by changes in enrollment zones. Anyone in the

community may attend a public presentation of the options on April 25. Additional details of this public presentation will be shared by the Communications Department.

E. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Mike Jacobs stated that the budget was finalized and there is no other new business to report.
2. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio stated that the convention will be held on April 27 and that the new teacher contract negotiations are ongoing.

F. **Legislative Report** – Mr. DiTullio provided a legislative update as follows:

The Senate was in session today, and the House of Representatives will reconvene on Monday, April 11.

The House Education Committee voted to advance House Bill 2169, a voucher plan similar to legislation considered in previous sessions, that would have established education savings accounts.

House Education Committee approved a concurrent resolution disapproving the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s proposed regulations for charter and cyber charter schools and barring promulgation of the rules. The regulations were approved two weeks ago by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. The regulatory review process provides the House and Senate Education committees a 14-day window to report a concurrent resolution if they wish to disapprove a proposal. If this happens, the House and Senate each has 30 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which the concurrent resolution has been reported, to adopt the concurrent resolution. If the General Assembly adopts the concurrent resolution by majority vote in both chambers, it is presented to the Governor. If the Governor vetoes the concurrent resolution, as is expected with the charter regulations, the General Assembly has 30 days, or 10 legislative days, whichever is longer, to attempt to override that veto by a two-thirds vote in each chamber.

G. **Financial Reports**

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

3. **ACTION AGENDA**

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

B. **Conferences** - Approved conference requests.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to approve the conference requests. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Ms. Bredl and Ms. Harrison were absent.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **Work Session** - March 7, 2022

B. **Regular Meeting** - March 14, 2022

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Totaling \$2,846,369.06

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Totaling \$2,375,226.02

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION** - Approve student adjudication #2021-22-08

9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

A. **Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU IV) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Agreement** - Approve the MIU IV sub grant contract for the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

B. **DePaul School for Hearing and Speech Agreement** - Approve the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech agreement for professional services for the 2022-23 school year.

C. **Grants**

1. Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the Highmark Foundation School Grant in the amount of \$7,500 for Connoquenessing Valley Elementary to continue the "Leader In Me" journey with the 7 Habits Signature Training, developed to ensure staff have a foundational understanding of the 7 Habits and their value in our school community. The "Leader In Me" program equips students with essential leadership and life-readiness skills.

2. Grant permission to disburse the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Education Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to improve all Pennsylvanians' environmental literacy, preparing them to take positive action on behalf of the environment.

- D. **Student Trips** - Approve the following student trips.
  - 1. PMEA All-State Festival to Pocono Manor, PA, on April 6, 2022, returning on April 8, 2022, and under the supervision of Bobi-Jean Alexander and Aaron Magill. Students will miss three days of school.
  - 2. Academic Games Nationals to Knoxville, TN, on April 22, 2022, returning on April 26, 2022, and under the supervision of Mike Stebbins and Julie Smith.
- E. **Book Disposal** - Approve the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from the Ryan Gloyer Middle School.
- F. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Approve the memorandum of understanding with the Education Support Professionals Association to allow adjusted work schedules during the instructional recess of the summer of 2022.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** - Mr. Mike Jacobs

- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
- B. **Change Orders** - Approve the construction change order for Ehrman Crest.
- C. **Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Site Access Agreement** - Approve the agreement with CMU to install an air sampler, periodically checking the sampler for maintenance issues and data gathering which teachers and students will access.
- D. **Amendment to the June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes** - Approve the amendment to the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes to include voting verbiage of the Business and Finance action items as follows: *"Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the Business and Finance action items A-N. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative."* It is confirmed via the Roll Call sheet dated June 9, 2020, that all Board members were present and voted "yes" to all Business and Finance action items.

11. **PERSONNEL** - Approve the resignation, appointments, leaves, and sabbaticals and retirements.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the March 14, 2022 agenda.

- A. Ms. Laura Moad
- B. Ms. Julia Benson
- C. Mr. John Jackanic

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President

Ms. Lisa Mislan, Board Secretary