

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

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

Minutes

June 13, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. James Nickel, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. Nickel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - C. **Roll Call** by Ms. Mislán, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson. Mr. Timothy Hester was absent.
 - D. **Amendment of Action Agenda** - Approved the amendment of the agenda of the action agenda by the addition of the following resolutions:
 1. Accepted the resignation of Mr. Eric DiTullio as President of the Board of School Directors.
 2. Appointed Mr. James Nickel as President of the Board of School Directors for the remaining term through December 5, 2022.

Mr. Nickel made an amendment to the agenda and presided over the election of a new president stating, "While Mr. DiTullio has resigned as president, he remains a valued member of the Seneca Valley School Board."

- E. **Acceptance of Resignation** - Accepted the resignation of Mr. DiTullio as President of the Board of School Directors.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to accept Mr. DiTullio's resignation as President, with Mr. DiTullio abstaining and Mr. Timothy Hester absent.

- F. **Appointment of Board President** - Appointed Mr. Nickel as President of the Board of School Directors for the remaining term through December 5, 2022.

Ms. Kathy Whittle nominated Mr. Nickel to serve as Board President until the expiration of the term on December 5, 2022. Mr. Nickel was approved 7-1 as the new Board President with Mr. DiTullio abstaining and Mr. Hester absent.

G. Appointment of Board Vice President

Ms. Whittle nominated Mr. Mike Jacobs, and Ms. Bredl nominated Mr. Jeff Widdowson for Board Vice President. The motion did not pass due to a 4-4 tie with Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Whittle, Mr. DiTullio and Mr. Nickel voting for Mr. Jacobs; and Ms. Harrison, Ms. Bredl, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Widdowson voting for Mr. Widdowson. The Board agreed to vote on a Vice President at the next action meeting in August.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Student/Staff Recognitions - Ms. Andreassi announced the following:

1. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 2,600 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities, including Seneca Valley’s own Mr. Daniel Spear. A recent 2022 graduate and co-valedictorian, Mr. Spear has been offered a National Merit Purdue University Scholarship. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. Daniel intends to attend Purdue University this fall as a computer science major.
2. Mr. Chris Helmsen, a recent 2022 Seneca Valley graduate, has been named a National Cyber Scholar by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) for his performance in a challenging online cybersecurity training program. Mr. Helmsen competed for a top score against thousands of high school students across the nation by solving real-world cybersecurity problems. Over 45,000 students nationwide sought to qualify for a National Cyber Scholarship. As a result of his achievement, Mr. Helmsen is one of only 20 students in the state who has earned a \$3,000 scholarship to attend the Cyber Foundations Academy, a multi-week online program based on the nationally recognized SANS Foundations training course and certification.
3. The Seneca Valley Girls’ Softball Team won the semifinals of the PIAA State Championship and will be competing for the State Championship title on Friday, June 17 at Penn State University. There has been a Seneca Valley athletic team in state finals for all three seasons this school year: SV Boys’ Soccer was state runner-up; SV Boys’ Swim Team are State Champions; and SV Girls’ Softball.

B. Dates to Remember - Ms. Andreassi announced the following dates to remember>

June 14	Flag Day
June 19	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 21	Summer Begins
June 24	Kennywood Day
July 4	Independence Day
August 1	School Board Work Session Meeting
August 4	Seneca Valley Foundation Gift of Hope Golf Classic at Cranberry Highlands
August 8	School Board Regular Meeting

**Extended School Year Camps - Qualifying IEPs, Not funded by ESSER
(Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund)**

June 20-23 July 18-21	Academic Camp, RGMS
June 27-30 July 11-14	Camp Friendship & Learning, Haine
July 13 & 26	CPR & Stop the Bleed Recertification for Admin Staff
July 18-21	Camp Amazing Race, RGMS; Academic Camp, RGMS

**Summer Programs - Funded by ESSER
(Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund)**

June 13-16 June 20-23	Summer Program at CVE, ECE, ECM
June 13-16 June 20-23	Around the World Summer Camp for English Learners, Haine Elementary
June 20-23 June 27-30	Math, ELA and Science Essentials Camps, RGMS
June 20-23 June 27-30	Authentic Learning in Science, Math and English, I HS, SHS
June 20-23 June 27-30	SAT/ACT Test Prep, SHS
June 27-30 July 11-14	Summer Program at Haine Elementary & Middle; Rowan Elementary
July 18-21	Pathfinder Summer Workshop for English Learners RGMS and Senior High School

C. **Financial Reports** - The following reports were provided in the backup materials:

1. Operations
2. Senior High Activities
3. Intermediate High Activities
4. Middle School Activities
5. Athletics
6. Food Services
7. Tax Collection Reports
8. Capital Project Funds

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approved the following meeting minutes:

- A. **Work Session** - May 2, 2022
- B. **Action Meeting** - May 9, 2022

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Approved the treasurer's report.

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - Approved the general fund bills totaling \$2,821,309.60

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approved the construction fund bills totaling \$3,091,736.95

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, general fund bills and construction fund bills as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Hester was absent.

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Board Policies** - Approved the following board policies:
1. Policy 227, Substance Use/Abuse - revised, second and final reading.
Dr. McKinley
 2. Policy 227.1, Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers - revised, second and final reading. Dr. McKinley
- B. **Transportation Contracts** - Approved the following transportation contracts:
1. One family to transport their child to their qualifying placement retroactive to May 13, 2022, through the 2022 summer program (due to a resignation of contracted nurse) at a cost of \$36.74 per day.
 2. One family to transport their child to their qualifying placement retroactive to May 13, 2022, through the 2022 summer program (due to a resignation of contracted nurse) at a cost of \$50.54 per day.
 3. One family to amend and extend their current transportation contract to include their qualifying 2022 summer program at a cost of \$37.26 per day.
- C. **The Day School at The Children's Institute Services Agreement** - Approved the Day School at the Children's Institute Services Agreement for educational and related services during the 2022-23 school year.
- D. **Head Start Agreement** - Approved the renewal lease agreement with Butler County Children's Center, Inc. DBA Early Learning Connections for the operation of a Head Start program at Rowan Elementary for the 2022-23 school year. Dr. McCarty and
- E. **PreK Counts Agreement** - Approved the renewal lease agreement with Butler County Children's Center, Inc. DBA Early Learning Connections for the operation of a PreK Counts program at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary for the 2022-23 school year.
- F. **Care Solace Agreement** - Approved utilization of Federal Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) funds for the board-approved Care Solace agreement to provide mental health care coordination and support for students, staff and their families during the 2022-23 school year.
- G. **PSBA Voting Delegate** - Appointed Mr. Eric DiTullio as the voting delegate for the PSBA Delegate Assembly meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2022.
- H. **Student Adjudication** - Approved adjudication #2021-22-09.
- I. **Settlement Agreements** - Approved settlement of special education agreements with two students.

- J. **School Health Services Agreement** - Approved the School Health Services Agreement between Allegheny Clinic and Seneca Valley School District effective for three years beginning on July 1, 2022.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the board policies, transportation contracts, The Day School at Children's Institute services agreement, Head Start agreement, Pre-K Counts agreement, Care Solace agreement, PSBA voting delegate, student adjudication, settlement agreement, and school health services agreement as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Hester was absent.

- K. **Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Process for School Reconfigurations** - Approved the PDE process for school reconfigurations for the closing of Evans City Elementary and Middle Schools and the Opening of Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle Schools.

Ms. Bredl motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the PDE Process for School Reconfigurations as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Hester was absent.

9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

- A. **2022 Graduates** - Approved the list of Seneca Valley graduates for 2022.
- B. **Conference Requests** - Approved conference requests.
- C. **Student Assistance Program Articulation Agreement** - Approved the Student Assistance Program agreement for 2022-23 school year between Butler County Human Services, the Center for Community Resources and Seneca Valley School District.
- D. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Services Agreement** - Approved the AIU services agreement for special education services for the 2022-23 school year.
- E. **Adelphoi Education Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide alternative education services for the 2022-23 school year.
- F. **Pittsburgh Art Region Agreement** - Approved the affiliate partner agreement with Young Artists & Writers, Inc. for administration of a Scholastic Art & Writing Awards regional program for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- G. **Pittsburgh Ballet House** - Approved the SV Academy of Choice Instructional Services Agreement with Pittsburgh Ballet House for 2022-23.
- H. **Glade Run Day Student Education Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the provision of educational services for Seneca Valley students at their St. Stephens Academy, Special Education Transitions Program, and Partial Hospitalization programs during the 2022-23 school year.

- I. **MHY Family Services Agreement** - Approved the agreement with MHY Family Services for the provision educational services at Longmore Academy for Seneca Valley students who attend there during the 2022-23 school year.
- J. **Student Trip** - Approved the March 2023 chorus trip to Orlando, Florida at no cost to the District and under the supervision of Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander. Students will perform for international audiences, participate in educational workshops and miss two days of school.
- K. **Book Disposal** - Approved the sale, donation or recycling of obsolete books from the Senior High School.
- L. **Club Status** - Approved club status for the Mountain Bike Club at no cost to the District and under the volunteer supervision of Mr. Oliver Wiehe, RGMS teacher.
- M. **Grants** - Granted permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following:
 - 1. Teacher Resource Grant funded by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 in the amount of \$490.61 to purchase supplemental classroom instruments for Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School. Requested by Ms. Erin Sypien.
 - 2. Little Tugboat grant funded by the Grable Foundation, Learning 2025, in the amount of \$32,250 to provide after-school programming for students enrolled in grades 4-6 to prepare for and compete in the FIRST Lego League Challenge. Students will gain real-world problem-solving experience through this robotics program that promotes critical thinking, coding and design skills. Requested by Dr. Marie Palano.
- N. **Emergency Resolution for Continuity of Instruction During COVID** - Renewed the COVID Emergency Instruction Resolution.
- O. **Pathfinder Workshop for Secondary Students** - Approved the memorandum of agreement with Duquesne University to develop and deliver summer programming to commence on July 18, 2022 through July 21, 2022.

Dr. McKinley confirmed for Mr. Peterson that there were approximately 600 graduates this year.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the 2022 graduates, conference requests, Student Assistance Program Articulation agreement, AIU services agreement, Adelphi education agreement, Pittsburgh Art Region agreement, Pittsburgh Ballet House, Glade Run day student education agreement, MHY Family services agreement, student trip, book disposal, club status, grants, emergency resolution for continuity of instruction during COVID, and Pathfinder workshop for secondary students items as listed above. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Hester was absent.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

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

- B. **Act 1 Resolution** - Approved the 2022-23 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution per Act 1, Taxpayer Relief Act.
- C. **Act 511 Taxes** - Approved re-enactment of the following Act 511 taxes:
1. Flat Rate Occupation Tax – \$10
 2. Earned Income Tax – 1%
 3. Real Estate Transfer Tax – 1%
- D. **Summer Actions** - Authorized the administration to approve the following:
1. Year-end budget transfers
 2. Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) agreements
 3. June and July bills
- E. **Liability Insurance** - Approved the sanction of the following groups to work on behalf of the Seneca Valley School District and intention to provide that the District’s liability insurance covers these groups for the 2022-23 school year: PTA, PTO, SV Boys’ Lacrosse, SV Indoor Track and Field, SV Ice Hockey, SV Inline Hockey, SV Slow Pitch Softball, SV Bowling, SV Competitive Cheer, SV Ultimate Frisbee, JROTC, After Prom Committee, Booster Groups, Seneca Valley Foundation, and all Board approved student clubs.
- F. **Booster Group Resolution** - Approved the Booster Group Recognition resolution for the 2022-23 school year.
- G. **Ticket Prices** - Approved the athletic ticket prices for the 2022-23 school year as follows: football reserved seating \$8.00/entry; football pre-sale adult general admission \$6.00/entry; football pre-sale student general admission \$4.00/entry; all football tickets at the gate \$6.00/entry; all other sports adult general admission \$5.00/entry; all other sports student general admission \$3.00/entry.
- H. **Facilities Rental Fees** - Approved the facilities rental fees for 2022-23 with no changes other than the addition of with/without lights for baseball and softball turf fields.
- I. **Insurance Premiums** - Approved insurance premiums for 2022-23 provided by First National Insurance Agency.
- J. **Change Orders** - Approved the construction change orders for Ehrman Crest.
- K. **Summer 2022 Construction Projects Contracts** - Awarded the following contracts for the Summer 2022 construction projects, pending solicitor's final review of the agreements.
1. CVE Field Drain Replacement: Award the General Construction (GC) bid to GEM Building Contractors and Developers in the amount of \$142,743
 2. Paving Improvements at the secondary campus: Award the General Construction (GC) bid to Shields Paving in the amount of \$279,117
 3. Ryan Gloyer Middle School Quarry Tile Replacement Phase I: Award the General Construction (GC) bid to GEM Building Contractors and Developers in the amount of \$984,743

- L. **Bid Award** - Awarded the 2022-23 paper products and supplies bid to United Sales USA Corp.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve the budget transfers, Act 1 resolution, Act 511 taxes, summer actions, liability insurance, booster group resolution, ticket prices, facilities rental fees, insurance premiums, change orders, summer 2022 construction projects contracts, and bid award as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Hester was absent.

- M. **2022-23 Budget** - Adopted the annual budget for 2022-23 in the amount of \$166,861,572 with no millage increase.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the 2022-23 budget as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Hester was absent.

- 11. **PERSONNEL** - Personnel items were discussed in an executive session held prior to this meeting.

- A. Resignations: *Professional* - Amy Thoman, Margaret Boulanger
- B. Appointments: *Administrator* - Megan Lizewski; *Professional* - Rachel Sager; *Professional Substitutes* - Michele Semrau, Erin Scott, Jennifer Keefer; *Supplementals* - Ann Cheman, Val McGee, Ray Peaco, Kayla Keown, Wesson Brahler, Ian Shadle, Grant McCarthy, Daniel Dickey, Jenna Plummer, Jennifer Erin, Kasey Kraus, Hannah Sheldon, Scott Postler
- C. Contracted Services: Ashley Salman, Laura Lugarich, Jack McDermott, Ashley Babick, Timothy Baurle, Clint Bleil, William Brewer, Sarah Frey, Perry Gatch, Younga Reitz, Brian Stahurski, Brianna Casale, Mallory Diez, Sae-Young Kang, Emily McGoey, Robyn Naugle
- D. Leaves: *Professional* - Philip Sassaman, Sarah Braband, Alysia Barrett
- E. Tenure: Margaret Boulanger, Bethany Bowen, Erik Carlberg, Kathryn DeVita, Quincy Gildea, Hannah Hamilton, Gabriella Harding, Kalene Ireland, Christina King, Chloe Knappenberger, Alex Krajniak, Karissa Lambert, Latitia Lattanzio-Paros, Candace McComb, Briana Nassan, Lora Nickel, Jennifer Ramsey, Sinead Reeb, Sydney Sterner, Janet Tallerico, Brittney Voettimer, Morgan Wagner, Ciara Was, Kaitlyn Witt
- F. Classified and Administrative Adjustments
- G. Sabbatical: Rachel DeVinney

- 12. **LETTERS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the June 6, 2022 public agenda:

- A. Ms. Amy Leonard
- B. Ms. Virginia Scheutz
- C. Ms. Erica Graves
- D. Ms. Megan Hall
- E. Ms. Amber Scalise-Peters
- F. Mr. Paul Kuntz
- G. Mr. Timothy Hutton
- H. Ms. Brittany Hutton
- I. Ms. Merin Srivastava
- J. Ms. Kristy Shearer

- K. Ms. Brandi Jacobs
- L. Ms. Tiffany Monz
- M. Mr. John and Ms. Tina Kooser
- N. Ms. Emily Andrulonis
- O. Ms. Sara Eisenhuth
- P. Ms. Angelina Dornetto
- Q. Mrs. Samantha Bailey
- R. Ms. Marilyn Mulvihill
- S. Ms. Rachel Schuster
- T. Ms. Patricia Abraham
- U. Ms. Stacy Baniecki
- V. Ms. Amy Leonard
- W. Mr. Paul Fisher
- X. Ms. Jayme Gordon
- Y. Ms. Kristen Aleprete
- Z. Mr. Gregg Davis
- AA. Ms. Erin McClymonds
- BB. Ms. Shelby Cassesse
- CC. Mr. Steve and Ms. Sara Hazen

- 13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Whittle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative.
- 14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel items.

Mr. Jim Nickel, President

Ms. Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary