

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

Seneca Valley Senior High Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

March 14, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. DiTullio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - C. **Roll Call** - Roll call by Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson. Mr. Frederick Peterson was absent.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** - Seneca Valley Senior Daniel Spear has been named a finalist in the 67th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program held by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Mr. Spear is one of approximately 15,000 finalists and will now advance to the next level of the program where he will have the opportunity to earn a National Merit Scholarship and, ultimately, the Merit Scholar® title.
 - B. **All-Star Club Winner, March 2022** - Danielle Magill, Custodian at SV Senior High School was presented with the SV All-Star Club Award for March 2022.
 - C. **Dates to Remember** - Ms. Andreassi announced the following dates to remember:

March 15	End of 7-12 SVAOC Third Nine Weeks
March 18	End of Third Nine Weeks for In-Person Grades 7-12; Act 80 Day, No School for Students
March 20	Spring Begins
March 26	SAT Test Date at SVSHS - this is the make-up date for March 12, which was postponed due to weather
March 28	Release of Report Cards, Grades 7-12
March 31	SV Foundation's "Pleased to Thank You" Event - 6:00 p.m. - Steamfitters Event Center
April 2	Ramadan Begins; ACT Testing Day - SVSHS at 7:30 a.m.; Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 5	Josh Shipp Presentation - 6:30 p.m. I H S Auditorium

- D. **Eckles Feasibility Study Update** - Dr. Sean McCarty introduced Mr. Jeremy Beatty from Eckles Engineering who provided an update as follows:

Phases of a Feasibility Study

- Define goals
- Collect data
- Analysis
- Develop options

Tasks Completed To-Date

- Engineers and architects have walked each building to observe existing conditions and identify needs
- Write-up of existing conditions and identification of needs
- Meetings with Seneca Valley administration
- Review of the 2015 study, coordinated upcoming improvements and completed maintenance projects
- Analysis of building capacities for elementary schools, including Ehrman Crest

Discussion Points and Future Considerations

- Potential renovations for existing buildings
- Number of students moving between I H S and SHS buildings
- Enrollment has increased by 312 students since 2015, the majority of growth seen in K-6
- Extended day kindergarten with full-day potential in the near future
- More collaborative and flexible spaces.

Next Steps

- Collaboration meeting to review building capacities, projected enrollment, options
- Follow-up meetings with administration
- Develop potential redistricting strategies with demographer, administration, and transportation
- Update the school board
- Provide draft report
- Finalize report

Dr. McCarty added that Davis Demographics will provide draft summaries next week. Overall findings would determine to what extent, if any, the District would need to consider redistricting. If redistricting is deemed necessary, zone options will be presented to the Board in April. Location, increased enrollment, and extended-day kindergarten will be factors that impact any redistricting decisions. Ehrman Crest is designed for full-day kindergarten, other SV elementary schools are not. A portion of Federal funds received would be used to offer extended-day kindergarten to children identified as needing additional support. Specifically, those who qualify for free or reduced lunch, English language learners, children with special education needs, children in foster care and those experiencing homelessness.

Breakfast, lunch and transportation would be provided to provide these children the opportunity to be successful as they enter first grade.

Dr. McCarty added that approximately 150 students could be provided with this additional support through the program, spread throughout all four of the elementary schools. We should be able to provide options at the April meeting with a final report available in May. Parents should know by June if their children are impacted. Dr. Vitale noted that the goal is for minimal impact and even full day kindergarten offered within two to three years.

Dr. McCarty stated that an additional four or five teachers would be needed to staff the extended-day kindergarten, supplemented by federal funds.

E. **Financial Reports**

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 Projects Funds

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The following meeting minutes were approved.

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

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

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

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - Approved the general fund bills totaling \$3,147,875.32

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approved the construction fund bills totaling \$3,054,783.92

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

A. **Board Policy** - Approved Policy 008, Organizational Chart, revised, second and final reading.

B. **Kennywood Picnic** - Approved Friday, June 24, 2022 as Kennywood picnic date for 2022.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to approve the administration items as listed above. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Whittle were absent.

9. INSTRUCTION ACTION

- A. **Grant Disbursements** - Granted permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following grants:
1. Living DoNATION Micro Grant from UPMC in the amount of \$500. Funds will be utilized by the Haine Middle School Community Outreach Club to learn about kidney health. Requested by Ms. Erin Wilcher, Haine Middle School Principal.
 2. Highmark Foundation School Grant in the amount of \$7,500 for health and wellness initiatives that promote a positive school climate. Specifically, funds will be used to create a “Chill Room” in Ryan Gloyer Middle School for students to have an inviting space to decompress from stress; learn and practice coping strategies; and utilize tools to improve mental and physical health. Requested by Ms. Annie Mersing, Director of Advancement, and Ms. Trisha Butschle, Assistant Principal.
 3. Student Mental Wellness Grant funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$95,000. Funds will be used for the following: Requested by Ms. Annie Mersing and Dr. Jeff Roberts.
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid
 - Care Solace Services
 - Assessing Student Well-being
 - A community campaign to address local needs for mental health and supportive services, as well as increased awareness that our communities are committed to taking a proactive approach toward building a positive, supportive environment.
 4. PAsmart STEM Education Initiative Grant through PDE in the amount of \$35,000. Funds will be used to enhance and expand educator training in advanced STEM courses. Requested by Ms. Annie Mersing and Mr. Tom Lavelle.
- B. **Student Adjudications** - Approved the following student adjudications.
Dr. McKinley/Dr. Roberts
1. #2021-22-04
 2. #2021-22-07
- C. **Student Trip** - Approved the Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon field trip to Souderton, Pennsylvania on March 11 and 12, 2022, under the supervision of Mr. David Reichard. Students will miss two days of classes. Dr. McKinley
- D. **Conference Requests** - Approved the conference requests.
- E. **Sign Language Interpreting Professionals LLC Client Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Sign Language Interpreting Professionals LLC to provide interpreting services for deaf and/or hard of hearing students.

- F. **MIU IV Intergovernmental Agreement** - Approved the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Intergovernmental agreement for the 2022-23 school year.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester to approve the instruction items as listed above. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Whittle were absent.

10. BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION

- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approved budget transfers.
- B. **2022-23 MIU IV General Operating Budget** - Approved the 2022-23 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget in the total amount of \$3,354,178 with Seneca Valley's contribution being \$148,315.
- C. **NexTier Stadium Scoreboard Replacement Contract Award** - Approved Institutional Specialties Inc. through the government cooperative purchasing program, CO-STARS Vendor Agreement for the Scoreboard Replacement Project to be completed in the Summer of 2022 in the Amount of \$176,500, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- D. **Duro-Last, Inc. Haine Re-Roofing Contract Award** - Approved Duro-Last, Inc. through the government cooperative purchasing program, The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), vendor agreement for the Haine re-roofing project to be completed in the summer of 2022 in the amount of \$177,720.78, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- E. **Duro-Last, Inc. Ryan Gloyer Middle School Re-Roofing Contract Award** - Approved Duro-Last, Inc. through the government cooperative purchasing program, The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), vendor agreement for the Ryan Gloyer Middle School re-roofing project to be completed in the summer of 2022 in the amount of \$405,905.22, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- F. **Waste Management Renewal Agreement** - Approved the renewal agreement with Waste Management of Pennsylvania for Waste removal services, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- G. **Callery Borough Tax Collector Agreement** - Approved the Callery Borough Tax Collector resolution.
- H. **Bid Awards** - Awarded bids for the following four prime contracts for the construction of the new Senior High School boiler plant addition, pending solicitor review of final agreement:

1. Awarded the **General Construction (GC)** Bid to GEM Building Contractors and Developers, Inc., in the amount of \$248,743.
2. Awarded the **HVAC Construction (HC)** Bid to East West Manufacturing & Supply Company in the amount of \$679,700.
3. Awarded the **Plumbing Construction (PC)** Bid to First American Industries in the amount of \$147,900.
4. Awarded the **Electrical Construction (EC)** Bid to Right Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$308,877.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl to approve the business/finance items as listed above. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Whittle Were absent.

11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** - Approved the appointments, contracted service, leaves, salary adjustment, stipends, retirements, and memorandums of understanding.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester to approve the personnel items as listed above. The motion carried with six affirmative votes and Mr. DiTullio abstaining. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Whittle were absent.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the March 7, 2022 agenda.

- A. Ms. Erin McClymonds
- B. Ms. Stephanie Lane
- C. Ms. Tanya Walden

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President



Ms. Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary