



# Seneca Valley School District

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

I H S Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

May 10, 2021

I. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost due to COVID-19, and in reflection of those who are mourning loved ones, recovering from the illness or have been negatively impacted during this time.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Maya Batavia, third grader at Rowan Elementary School, continued the board meeting 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: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson Jr., and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson. Ms. Susan Harrison and Ms. Kathy Whittle were absent.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

- A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Andreassi announced the following student and staff recognitions:
1. National School Nurse Day is May 12. We would like to recognize the outstanding work of our nursing staff, especially during this time of COVID-19:
    - Acting Nurse Administrator - Liz Williams, RN, BSN, CSN
    - Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School - Whitney Corrigan, RN, BSN, CSN
    - Rowan Elementary School - Corrin DoVidio, RN, BSN, CSN
    - Rowan Elementary School – Melanee Killian, RN, BSN (*Day-to-Day Substitute Nurse during Ms. Dovidio's leave this year*)
    - Evans City Elementary & Evans City Middle School - Linda Starosta, RN, BSN, CSN, MSN, CRNP
    - Haine Elementary & Haine Middle School - Lynne Rodrigues, RN, BSN, CSN
    - Haine Elementary & Haine Middle School - Debbie Stocklas, RN, BSN, MS
    - Ryan Gloyer Middle School (7-8) - Suzy Duer, RN, BSN, CSN

- Seneca Valley Intermediate HS (9-10) - Anita Duffy, RN, BSN, CSN, MSN
- Seneca Valley High School (11-12) -Jill Schulz, RN, BSN, CSN, MSN
- Itinerant School Nurses and Parochial School Liaison - Maggie Boulanger, RN, BSN, CSN
- Itinerant School Nurses and Parochial School Liaison - Victoria Sledge, RN, BSN, CSN

Ms. Williams, Nurse Administrator, thanked the district for their support. She also acknowledged the nursing staff stating that they always step in whenever and wherever they are needed. She mentioned that this year, they kept on top of everything related to the COVID-19 pandemic to best serve our students and staff.

Dr. Jeff Roberts noted that our school nurses must be knowledgeable about all medications to support our students. He added that they are champions for physical and mental wellness and that healthy students are the best learners. Our nurses do all that they can to promote good health.

Dr. McKinley acknowledged Ms. Williams for her role as Nurse Administrator this year noting that she has gone above and beyond. Her calming presence has been much appreciated.

The board and administration expressed their thanks to our nursing team noting that they have provided much community guidance throughout this past year especially. Ms. Bredl acknowledged their compassion and patience.

2. Twenty Seneca Valley musicians recently advanced to the state level competition of the Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA). In the performing arts world, this is the equivalent of making it to the state championships. This year's festival was held virtually with online master classes, sectionals and rehearsals. Students also provided individual recordings of themselves that will be incorporated into a culminating virtual ensemble performance that will be released this summer. These students now have the opportunity to audition for the national competition in fall 2021.
3. Out of 26 states across the nation that competed virtually in the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition on April 30, the Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon Team placed 4th overall in the Large School Division. The curricular theme this year was the Cold War. Using that theme, students were judged in their knowledge of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, social science and essay. Three members of the Seneca Valley Decathlon Team also earned individual national awards:
  - Senior Allison Flatt won a Gold in Literature, a Gold in Art, a Silver in Social Science, and a Bronze in Music
  - Junior Nicholas Nedzesky – Gold in Essay
  - Junior Shanker Pillai – Gold in Essay and a Bronze in Mathematics

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

May 12	National School Nurse Day
May 15	Grand March and Prom. Livestream and Broadcasted on SVTV
May 21	Last Day of Instruction for Seniors
May 28	Graduation Day
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
June 4	Last Day of School for K-11
June 7	Staff In-Service Day

Ms. Andreassi confirmed that livestream of the Grand March will begin at 6 p.m. Anyone can view the Grand March on SVTV at <https://svtv3.webnode.com/watch-svtv/>

- C. **Financial Reports**

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

- D. **COVID-19 Update** – Dr. McCarty stated that Butler County is now in the second week of moderate transmission rate with a PCR of 6.9% and an Incidence Rate of 87.8%. This means we have been removed from the restrictions of the attestation form.

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approved the following minutes:

- A. **Work Session** – April 12, 2021
- B. **Action Meeting** – April 19, 2021

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

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Approved the general fund bills.  
Grand Total: \$3,979,242.45

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Approved the construction fund bills.  
Grand Total: \$1,723,711.51

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, general fund bills and construction fund bills. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Whittle were absent.

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Board Policies** – Approved the following board policies:
1. Policy 904 – Public Attendance at School Events, revised, second and final reading. - Ms. Andreassi
  2. Policy 911 – Broadcasting of School Events, revised, second and final reading. – Ms. Andreassi
  3. Policy 203 – Communicable Diseases and Immunization, revised, second and final reading. – Dr. Roberts
  4. Policy 822 – Automated External Defibrillator, revised, second and final reading. – Dr. Roberts
- B. **Transportation Contract** – Approved the transportation contract for one family to transport their child to Provident Charter School during the 2021-22 school year.  
Mr. Jerry Miller
- C. **Student Adjudication #2020-21-01** – Approved student adjudication #2020-21-01.
- D. **Board Meeting Dates** - Approved the July through December 2021 School Board Meeting dates.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to approve the board policies, transportation contract, student adjudication #2020-21-01 and board meeting dates. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Whittle were absent.

9. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** – Mr. Mike Jacobs

- A. **Change Orders** – Approved the construction change orders for Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School at Ehrman Road.
- B. **Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) Reroofing Contract Award** – Approved Duro-Last, Inc. through the government cooperative purchasing program, TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) vendor agreement for the CVE re-roofing project to be completed in the summer of 2021 in the amount of \$70,254.80, pending solicitor review of final agreement.
- C. **Field Lighting Project** – Approved the proposal from Tower Engineering to prepare electrical design/engineering services for the field lighting project on the secondary campus, pending solicitor review. 2015 bonds to be utilized.
- D. **Restroom and Locker Room Facility** - Approved the proposal from Eckles Architecture to design a restroom and locker room facility adjacent to the softball field, pending solicitor review. 2015 bonds to be utilized.

- E. **Bid Authorizations** – Authorized the administration to seek bids for the following summer 2021 projects:
1. Field lighting at softball and baseball fields
  2. Curb and sidewalk repairs, district wide
  3. Intellisite added to Ryan Gloyer Middle School, upgrade door access system
  4. Secondary campus signage upgrades, directional, informational and location
  5. Bleacher bracing, deck support brackets to the Senior High School bleachers
  6. CVE door hardware replacement
  7. Boiler and boiler room for SHS. Currently the Intermediate High School (IHS) boilers serve both the IHS and SHS
  8. Re-roof Rowan Elementary School through TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) vendor agreement
- F. **Professional Photography Contract Awards** – Awarded the following professional photography contracts for the 2021-22 school year.
1. K-12 portraits contract to Jostens
  2. Yearbook events and activities contract to Bill Sauers Photography
- G. **Depository/Treasurer** – Appointed NexTier Bank as depository and treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year.
- H. **Proposed 2021-22 Budget** – Approved the proposed 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$145,712,582 and authorize the budget to be made available for public inspection.
- I. **Board Secretary** – Appointed Lisa Mislán as Board Secretary effective July 1, 2021 for a term of four years.

Ms. Burtner summarized the proposed 2021-22 budget noting that routine cost escalators are included that you would see in any normal year. Most notable for this year is one-time COVID recovery grant funding available to schools which will extend into next year and possibly the subsequent year. This one-time funding should not be imbedded into operations for routine spending; therefore, we have segregated this funding in federal funding for the revenue side of the budget and on the contingency line for expenditures. Because of this, it appears our contingency line has increase significantly, but this is the direct relationship of receiving an additional \$1.5 million budgeted on the revenue side. The spending plan to go with these funds is still being prioritized to ensure the money is being spent on what it is intended for. We will use these funds the best way possible to address our needs as we head into the next school year.

Mr. DiTullio added that we do have a deficit budget which has been done intentionally to plan for many things including pension increases.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl to approve the change orders, CVE reroofing contract award, field lighting project, restroom and locker room facility, bid authorizations, professional photography contract awards, depository/treasurer, proposed 2021-22 budget and board secretary.

Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Whittle were absent.

10. **PERSONNEL** – Approved resignations, appointments, contracted services, leaves, Act 93 unused vacation days, Director/Supervisor/Confidential Secretaries unused vacation days, stipend and retirements.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the resignations, appointments, contracted services, leaves, Act 93 unused vacation days, director/supervisor/confidential secretaries unused vacation days, stipend and retirements. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Mr. Widdowson abstained. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Whittle were absent.

11. **COMMUNICATION** – Communications were received from the following:

**Mask Wearing**

- Ms. Sarah Cardosi
- Ms. Erin McClymonds

**Vaccinations and Vaccine Clinic**

- Mr. Jeremy Bloom
- Ms. Stephanie Lane

**Substitute Letter**

- Ms. Rachel Petelin

**Quarantine**

- Ms. Sarah Cardosi

**Raider Mascot**

- Ms. Diane Setzenfand

**Note of Thanks**

- Ms. Susan Dinger

**Fall 2021 Student Start Date**

Mr. James Stack

12. **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. Motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Whittle were absent.
13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to – and after - this meeting to discuss personnel and other items.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President



Ms. Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary