

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Intermediate High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

June 9, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. James Nickel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – Mr. Nickel opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence and stated:

“Tonight, as we hold our moment of silence, I ask you to keep in your thoughts Mr. George Floyd, whose funeral was held today – and for his loved ones during this time of mourning. We also ask that you keep in your thoughts the lives of others who were killed through police brutality or racist attacks, including Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Jordan Davis, Oscar Grant, Philandro Castille, Freddie Gray, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin and so many others who came before them. All lives matter. Black lives matter.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Nickel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - C. **Roll Call** – Roll call by Lisa Mislán, recording secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Harrison, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Whittle, Mr. Widdowson; Mr. Hester and Mr. Jacobs attended via phone conference.

Others present included Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary; Dr. Sean McCarty, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary; Ms. Kyra Bobak, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lynn Burtner, Business Manager; Ms. Linda Andreassi, Director of Communications; Mr. Gerald Miller, Director of Special Education and Gifted; Mr. Randy Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Heather Lewis, Director of Athletics; Mr. Jeffrey Roberts, Supervisor of Gifted Education and Student Services; Dr. Marie Palano, Director of Analytics and Federal Programs; Mr. James Pearson, Director of Transportation; Mr. David Mongillo from Tucker Arensberg (on behalf of Mr. Matt Hoffman, Solicitor), and a press representative.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

June 9	Seneca Valley School Board Action Meeting
June 25	Tentative Seneca Valley School Board Meeting to Discuss Construction
July 20	Tentative Seneca Valley School Board Meeting to Discuss Hiring
July 27	Tentative Date for the Seneca Valley Kennywood School Picnic
July 31	Tentative Date for the Class of 2020 Summer Celebration/Traditional Commencement Ceremony

Dr. Vitale reminded the public that, under current guidelines, no more than 250 people are permitted to gather; therefore, the tentative July 31 traditional graduation date cannot be held. We will still hold the date and monitor newest guidelines before making a final decision.

B. 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 MAY 4, 2020 MINUTES** – Approved the May 4, 2020 Minutes.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Approved the treasurer’s report.
6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Approved the general fund bills.
Grand Total \$903,343.60
7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Approved the construction fund bills.
Grand Total \$664,814.54

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, general fund bills, and construction fund bills. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

8. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Board Policy** – Approved Board Policy #209: Student Health Examinations, revised, first reading
– Mr. Jeffrey Roberts
- B. **Head Start Agreement** – Approved the renewal lease agreement with Butler County Children’s Center, Inc. for the operation of a Head Start program at Rowan Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year.
- C. **PreK Counts Agreement** – Approved the lease agreement with Butler County Children’s Center, Inc. for the operation of a PreK Counts program at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary for the 2020-21 school year.
- D. **Early Intervention Agreement** – Approved the lease agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the operation of an Early Intervention program as established by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and under the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning at the District’s Rowan Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year.
- E. **AVEANNA Healthcare Agreement** – Approved the agreement with Pediatric Services of America, Inc., d/b/a AVEANNA Healthcare to provide student healthcare services for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

- F. **Board Secretary** – Appointed Ms. Lisa Mislan as Board Secretary effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.
- G. **PSBA Voting Delegate** – Appointed Mr. Eric DiTullio as voting delegate for PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 7, 2020.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve board policy #209, Head Start Agreement, PreK Counts Agreement, Early Intervention Agreement, AVEANNA Healthcare Agreement, board secretary, and PSBA voting delegate. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** – Ms. Sue Harrison

- A. **2020 Graduates** – Approved the list of Seneca Valley graduates for 2020.
- B. **Club Status** – Approved club status for the Seneca Valley Senior High Environmental Club (SHS) at no cost to the District and under the supervision of Intermediate High School teacher, Ms. Cheri Mihalik.
- C. **Center for Community Resources Agreement** – Approved the Student Assistance Program agreement for the 2020-21 fiscal year with Butler County Human Services Center for Community Resources (CCR).
- D. **Glade Run Lutheran Services** – Approved the agreement between Seneca Valley School District and Glade Run Lutheran Services to provide therapy services for the 2020-21 school year.
- E. **Haine Middle School Music Book Disposal** – Approved disposal of music books at Haine Middle School.
- F. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit Agreement** – Approved Special Educational Services agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2020-21 school year.
- G. **Home School Agreement** – Approved Home School Agreement with student for home education Services.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve the 2020 graduates list, club status, Center for Community Resources agreement, Glade Run Lutheran Services agreement, Haine Middle School music book disposal, Allegheny Intermediate Unite agreement and home school agreement. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers.
- B. **Postage Lease Renewal with Quadient (formerly NeoPost)** – Approved lease renewal.
- C. **Act 1 Resolution** – Approved the 2020-21 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution per Act 1, Taxpayer Relief Act.
- D. **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%
- E. **Summer Actions** – Authorized the administration to approve.
1. Year-end budget transfers
 2. Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) agreements
 3. June and July bills
- F. **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 2020-21 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.
- G. **Booster Group Resolution** – Approved the Booster Group Recognition resolution for the 2020-21 school year.
- H. **Facilities Use Fees** – Approved the use of facilities fees (no increase) for the 2020-21 fiscal year.
- I. **Insurance Premiums** – Approved insurance premiums for 2020-21 year provided by First National Insurance Agency.
- J. **ABC Transit** – Approved addendum and extension to ABC Transit, Inc public school contract. Current contract was slated to end June 30, 2023, extended to June 30, 2025.
- K. **ABC Transit – Special Needs** – Approved a new special needs contract awarded to ABC Transit through June 30, 2025.
- L. **E. B. Peffer Company** – Approved revised cleaning contract with E.B. Peffer Company.
- M. **Central Maintenance & Service** – Approved revised cleaning contract with Central Maintenance & Service.

Mr. DiTullio commended and thanked Mr. Miller for the swift and efficient contract negotiations with the cleaning companies that will save the District money.

- N. **2020-21 Budget** – Adopted the annual budget for 2020-21 in the amount of \$140,122,325 with no millage increase.

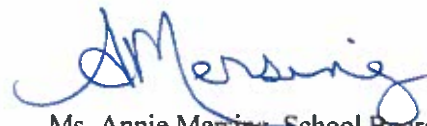
Dr. Vitale thanked Ms. Burtner for her knowledge and flexibility during the ever-changing challenge of finalizing the 2020-21 budget on time.

11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson – Approved resignations, appointments, tenure, leaves, classified adjustments, and memorandum of understanding.
12. **COMMUNICATION** – Communication was received from the following:
 - A. Rishin Sharma – Student Video/District Response
 - B. Victoria Beck – Student Video/District Response
 - C. Stephen Santa – Student Video/District Response
 - D. Jael Cosby – Student Video/District Response
 - E. Colleen Tanner and Nouhoum Cisse – Student Video/District Response
 - F. Tiffany Parks – Student Video/District Response

- G. Claye Greene – Student Video/District Response
- H. Lizewski Family – Student Video/District Response
- I. KaTina Harvin – Student Video/District Response
- J. Rebecca Cook – Student Video/District Response
- K. Samantha and Christopher Hammond – Student Video/District Response
- L. Erin Donaldson – Graduation Thank You
- M. Dana Chappell – Return to School Steering Committee
- N. Erin McClymonds – Right to Know Request/Return-to-School Plans

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call with those present voting in the affirmative.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and budget items.

Mr. James Nickel, School Board President



Ms. Annie Mersing, School Board Secretary