

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Zoom Teleconference 7:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

June 25, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel, President called the meeting to order at 7:20 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** – Roll Call by Lisa Mislan, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Jr., Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeff Widdowson.
 

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. Randy Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Dr. Marie Palano, Supervisor of Analytics and Federal Programs; Mr. Jeff Roberts, Supervisor of Gifted Education and Student Services; Mr. James Pearson, Director of Transportation; Ms. Heather Lewis, Director of Athletics; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Ms. Annie Mersing, Recording Secretary and Director of Advancement.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
3. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION** – Approved the August through December 2020 School Board Meeting dates.
4. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** – Approved the Return to Sports and Activities Health and Safety Plan.

Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the Health & Safety Plan for the Return to Sports/Activities by noting that the plan is a requirement from the Pennsylvania and PIAA for School Boards to approve in order to re-introduce students to organized sports and activities. She thanked trainers, coaches, school board, and Ms. Andreassi for their help. The plan follows the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Center for Disease Control guidelines. Ms. Lewis added that the health and well-being of students are always at the forefront of all that we do.

Mr. DiTullio thanked Ms. Lewis and inquired if sports are going to happen this fall/winter. Ms. Lewis stated that this plan starts with training and preparation and is only a re-introduction phase for students to engage them in organized sports and activities, which they have been away from for about three months now. She also noted that the state has released us to start “limited activity” only

at this time. After Board approval, as required by the state, the plan will be posted to the Seneca Valley District website and released to the community this evening.

Ms. Whittle also thanked Ms. Lewis for her efforts in developing the plan that includes such tremendous detail. She inquired how the public will be notified if we do have a COVID-positive case to which Ms. Lewis noted that we will follow protocols of contact tracing and guidelines of group activity.

Mr. Peterson thanked Ms. Lewis for creating the plan and noted that another team will be necessary to implement the plan, which would be the parents. Parents will be looked upon to allow their children to stay at home when they are not feeling well.

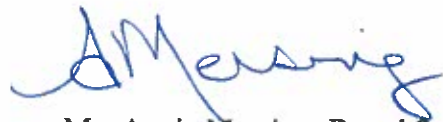
Mr. Nickel thanked the team for their passion and dedication to the students and the detailed plan.

Mr. DiTullio announced a PSERs update, which will be added to the July 20, 2020 meeting agenda.

In closing, Mr. Nickel announced a peaceful gathering of unity being held on Saturday, June 27 at the Cranberry Park Rotary Amphitheater at 10 a.m.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss legal items.

Mr. James Nickel, President



Ms. Annie Mersing, Board Secretary