

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Minutes

August 1, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Ms. Kathy Whittle, President, called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence. Please keep in your thoughts the family and friends of Maggie Tkatch, who passed away on July 9. Ms. Tkatch was a beloved and dedicated teacher, most recently as a cyber teacher for the Seneca Valley Academy of Choice. According to her obituary, she was always proud to say she worked at Seneca Valley and made countless friends with her colleagues. She was deeply respected and will be greatly missed.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Ms. Whittle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - C. **Roll Call** – by Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Jim Nickel, Ms. Kathy Whittle and Mr. Jeff Widdowson. Mr. Fred Peterson was absent.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

August 3	SV Foundation's Gift of Hope Golf Classic
August 10	Last Day to Submit Alternative Stop Requests
August 15-16	New Teacher Induction
August 17-18	Teacher In Service/Professional Development
August 21	All Staff Welcome Back Meeting – SVIHS Auditorium
August 22	First Day of School for 2023-24
August 26	SAT Testing – SHS – 7:30 a.m.
September 4	Labor Day – No School for Students or Staff
September 11	Patriot Day
September 15	Veteran Recognition – NexTier Stadium – 6 p.m.
September 15	Rosh Hashana begins

Dr. Vitale highlighted the SV Foundation Gift of Hope Golf Classic is on Aug. 3. At this time, we have sold out and we have a wait list for golfers. All the proceeds from the event go back to the students and teachers at Seneca Valley.

B. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech – Mr. Jacobs reported that there is a meeting this Thursday. They are anticipating that 201 Seneca Valley students will be attending the Vo-Tech this coming school year.

- D. **Legislative** - Mr. DiTullio reported that after the budget was passed in June by both the House and the Senate, that the only step left to be done was reconciliation. After the House and Senate passed the budget, Governor Shapiro announced he would veto a private school voucher proposal due to a deal he had previously negotiated with the state Senate. The House is not set to return until after Sept. 26. The Senate is also not scheduled to return until September and, currently, there are no plans for either chamber to return early.

Additionally, the state house is facing a tie with the resignation of State Representative, Sara Innamorato. With her resignation, the house is tied 101-101. There is a special election that is scheduled for September 19.

Ms. Whittle took a moment to apologize to the public for the delay in the start of the meeting this evening.

E. **Financial Reports**

1. Operations
2. Food Service
3. Tax Collections
4. Capital Projects Funds

3. **ACTION AGENDA**

- A. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment made.

- B. **Student Adjudication** – Approved student adjudication #2022-23-41.

- C. **Personnel** – Approved the following personnel items that were discussed in the executive session held prior to the meeting:

1. **Resignations** – *Classified* – Kaylyn Talton, Danielle Kuba, Ku Kartini Tuan-Yusoff
2. **Appointments** – *Psychologist* – Jayna Johnston, Rebecca Bosley, *Professional* – Marissa Bitonti, Carly Magnotta, Jennifer Guidice, Ari Zahavi, Ashley Simpson, Sarah Barone, Camryn Camp, Maria Miller, Susan Werner, Angela Reaves, Carolyn Cox, Bria Giovannelli, Kevin Holman, Leah Carlin, Dalashay Whitehead, Katherine Peterson, Taylor Marsinetti, Abigail Trihart, Kimberly Padovani, Megan Davis, Lora Grasso, Taylor Barum, Anyah Booker, Ashley Salman, Jennifer Curry, *Professional Substitutes* – Jessica Adam, Christine Alexander, William Allen, Dana Barclay, Holly Blizman, Denyse Bruni, Julie Camp, Tammy Cantella, Ann Cheman, Amy Crawford, Michael Cristallino, William Crummy, Timothy Dibovi, Jacquelyn Edmisten,

Alexandra Goldbach, Kristine Hartman, Carmen Householder, Denise Howell-Longello, Heather Husband, Nick Ierino, Lisa Karasack, Jennifer Keefer, Cynthia Knoechel, Carol Kocur, Carol Korn, August Landolina, Kristy Long, Kathy Mahony, Samantha Mauk, Lori McCann, Christine Michael, Tabatha Mill, Sheryl Moses, Alisha Nist, Mary Paterson, Sherree Pawlowski, Heather Perricone, Joanne Ranayhossaini, Mandy Rusnock, Sherri Schubert, Lisa Seibel, Michele Semrau, Thomas Snyder, Amanda Snyder, Heather Szymczak, Kathy (Sue) Williamson, Carol Wilson, Connor Watkins, *Classified* – Michael Williams, Kelly Lockwood, *Classified Substitutes* – Jordan Anthony, Beryl Augustine, Sheli Baker, Susan Brinker, Patricia DiVito, Kay Hoch, Kristie Long, Gabrielle Nedzel, Susan Novak, Teresa O'Malley, Ashwini Salunkhe, Kathy Sims, Amanda Slovak, Patricia Stuebgen-Way, Kristen Verlihay, Naomi Yarzebinski

3. **Supplementals** – Wess Brahler, Ann Cheman, Frank Antuono, Frank Antuono, Dennis Creehan, Brady Moore, Laura Sauers, Jason Logue, Lisa Tyson, Marlina Hasara, Amanda Lesney, Sarah Miller, Laura Lugarich, Gioia Warecki, Jessica Scerbo, Laura Lugarich, Nicole Laborie, April Stadtmiller, Katherine Peterson, Sherri Schubert, Bethany Bowen, Linda Weisman, Sarah Hackenberg
4. **Leaves** – *Administrator* – Nannette Farmar, *Professional* – Brittany Iellimo, Audrey Buban, Stephanie Mattarock, Kaitlin Jarvie, *Classified* – Alicia Shao, Ashley Cleaver
5. **Sabbaticals** – Carol-Lynn Dubovi, Michelle Kostlich
6. **Stipends** - DeeAnn Graham, Dr. Tina Wentz
7. **Memorandums of Understanding** - Approved three MOUs with Seneca Valley Education Association regarding Taisia Papariella, Johnathan Hickman, and Alex Kranjiak.

D. **Book Disposal** –

1. Approved the sale, donation or recycling of obsolete books from the Senior High School.
2. Approved the sale, donation or recycling of obsolete books from Ryan Gloyer Middle School.

E. **DT Interpreting Agreement** - Approved the agreement with DT Interpreting for over-the-phone translation services to facilitate effective communication with non-English speaking parents or guardians.

F. **Act 26 MOU** – Approve the Act 26 Memorandum of Understanding between Seneca Valley School District and local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. DiTullio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve the student adjudication, resignations, appointments, leaves, sabbaticals, stipends, Memorandums of Understanding, book disposal, DT Interpreting Agreement, and the Act 26 MOU. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Vitale recognized that the School Board just approved to hire two school psychologists and 25 new teachers, along with additional support staff. She wanted to thank the board and the union for all they do to help create a district that new teachers desire to work. Unlike other districts in the area, we are not seeing a teacher shortage. Dr. Vitale thanked the principals and interviewing teams for all the work they did. She welcomed the new hires to Seneca Valley.

Ms. Whittle thanked Ms. Bobak and her team, the interview teams and all they did to hire quality staff members.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – June 5, 2023
- B. **Action Meeting** – June 12, 2023

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

2022-2023 Grand Total: \$3,867,717.43
2023-2024 Grand Total: \$1,956,988.08

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

2022-2023 Grand Total: \$1,129,983.12
2023-2024 Grand Total: \$959,857.35

8. **ADMINISTRATION** - Approve board policy 713, Therapy Dog Policy, new, first reading.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Butler Area School District Program Placement Agreement** – Approve the program placement agreement with Butler Area School District to provide services during the 2023-24 school year.
- B. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Services Agreement** - Approve the AIU services agreement for special education services for the 2023-24 school year.
- C. **MHY Family Services Agreement** - Approve the agreement with MHY Family Services/Longmore Academy for the 2023-24 school year.
- D. **Watson Institute Service Agreement** – Approve the service agreement with the Watson Institute for the 2023-24 school year.
- E. **Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Agreement** - Approve the agreement for special education programs and services with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the 2023-24 school year.
- F. **Sign Language Interpreting Professionals LLC Client Agreement** - Approve the agreement with Sign Language Interpreting Professionals LLC to provide interpreting services for deaf and/or hard of hearing students.

- G. **School Assist Consulting, LLC Proposal** - Approve the School Assist Consulting, LLC proposal to provide professional development leadership coaching during the 2023-24 school year.
- H. **Student Trips** – Approve the following student trips:
1. Approve the varsity and junior varsity boys’ basketball trip to Orlando, Florida, December 26-30, 2023, under the supervision of head coach Mr. Kevin Trost, and staff. The students will not miss any days of instruction. The trip will be at no cost to the district.
 2. Approve the varsity and junior varsity softball spring training trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 13-17, 2024, under the supervision of head coach Ms. Marlesse Hames, and staff. The team would depart campus after school on March 13, 2024, and return the evening of March 17, 2024. The students will miss one day of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the district.
- I. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission for and disburse, if approved the Supplemental Nutrition for Extended Day Kindergarten Students in the amount of \$10,000. Funds will be used for providing nutritious dietary supplements to Extended Day Kindergarten students.
- J. **Educational Services Agreement** - Approve the Educational Services Agreement with the School at McGuire Memorial for the 2023-24 school year.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Bid Awards** – Award the Paper Products Bid for the 2023-24 school year to Fagan Sanitary Supply.
- B. **E. B. Peffer Company** – Approve the renewal of the cleaning contract with E.B. Peffer Company.
- C. **Central Maintenance & Service** – Approve the renewal of the cleaning agreement with Central Maintenance & Service.
- D. **Local Auditor Appointment** – Approve the reappointment of Mark C. Turnley, CPA as local auditor for fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025.

11. **PERSONNEL**

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the June 12, 2023, public agenda:
- a. Tracy Troth
 - b. Erin McClymonds
 - c. Kevin Strayhorn
 - d. Stacey Brown
 - e. Kirk Tush

Mr. DiTullio shared that he is on the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) board and he is up for nomination.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel items.

Ms. Kathy Whittle, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary