

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

### Minutes

**October 2, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Ms. Kathy Whittle, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

A. **Moments of Silence** – The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Eliana Kang, fourth grader at Rowan Elementary School, continued the board initiative, “I Led the Pledge” by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Mr. Fred Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeff Widdowson.

## 2. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Congratulations to Ehrman Crest Middle School on implementing School - Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) with Fidelity during the 2022-2023 school year as presented by the Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support (PAPBS) Network. School representatives, including Principal Mr. Tim Eiler and Assistant Principal Dr. Bridget Miller, will receive recognition for their success at the 2023 Integrated Pa. Positive Behavior Support Network and Multi-Tiered System of Support Implementers’ Forum held in November at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey.

B. **Dates to Remember** - Ms. Tiffany Hernandez announced the following dates to remember:

October	National Principals Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
October 5	Homecoming Carnival (5 p.m.) and Parade (7 p.m.) – Secondary Campus
October 6	Homecoming Court Recognition – NextTier Stadium – 6:30 p.m.
October 7	SAT Testing – SV Senior High School
October 7	Homecoming Dances, Grades 9-12, 7-10:00 p.m.
October 9	Columbus Day
October 9	Indigenous Peoples’ Day
October 9	Regular School Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
October 10	World Mental Health Day

October 14	PSAT Testing – SV Senior High School
October 24	SV Grades 7-12 End of First Nine Weeks
October 25	The Power of Prevention: Insights into youth substance abuse & addiction by Dr. C. Thomas Brophy – 6:30 p.m. – SV Senior High School Auditorium
October 27	Professional Development (Act 80) Day, No School for Students
October 27	Pink Night – SV Raiders vs. North Allegheny Tigers – 6:30 p.m. – NexTier Stadium
October 28	ACT Testing – SHS
October 31	Halloween
November 4	SAT Testing – SV Senior High School
November 5	Daylight Savings Time
November 5	Seneca Valley Foundation’s Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run/Walk presented by Westinghouse – Secondary Campus – 9 a.m.
November 6	School Board Work Session – 7 p.m. – SVIHS Auditorium
November 6	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12

Dr. Vitale highlighted the “Power of Prevention” event that will be held on October 25. She is encouraging all parents, educators and School Board members to attend this event.

Additionally, Dr. Vitale acknowledged the first Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run/Walk that will be held on November 5 on the Secondary Campus. At this time, sponsorships have been sold out but there is still time to register to volunteer and participate.

Mr. Nickel shared that Mr. Gloyer was an outstanding young man that was an exploratory student and educator, along with serviceman, and his hope is that he is honored and remembered during the memorial run/walk.

Mr. Peterson acknowledged and recognized that October 2 is National Custodial Workers Recognition Day, sharing his appreciation behalf of the entire board for the hard work done by our custodial staff.

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Fred Peterson reported that there is nothing to report at this time.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported he has been invited to speak at the IU Superintendent Advisory Committee meeting on October 11, 2023.

- D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that both the House and the Senate returned to session on October 2, 2023. The House of Representatives approved bill 1507, which will provide flexibility to school districts in changing the current instructional time requirements. Under the bill, a school entity shall provide a minimum of 180 days of instruction or 900 hours of instruction for elementary or 990 hours for secondary. House Bill 1507 would remove the approval process and automatically set the standard of 180 days or 990 secondary and 900 elementary hours. Doing so gives flexibility in the way in which school districts, intermediate units and career and technical centers schedule instructional time.

E. **Financial Reports**

1. Operations
2. Senior High Activities
3. Intermediate High Activities
4. Middle School Activities
5. Athletics
6. Food Service
7. Tax Collections
8. Capital Projects Funds

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – September 11, 2023
- B. **Action Meeting** – September 18, 2023

4. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

5. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$1,689,067.02

6. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$918,846.97

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 251, Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability, second, final reading.
2. Approve board policy 216.1, Supplemental Discipline Records, revised, first reading.

B. **School Resource Officer Agreements** -

1. Approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Cranberry Township for service at Haine Middle/Elementary School, Ehrman Crest Middle/Elementary School, and Rowan Elementary School starting September 1, 2023, through the 2027-28 school year.
2. Approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Zelienople Borough for service at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School starting September 1, 2023, through the 2027-28 school year.

C. **Student Adjudications** – Approve the following student adjudications:

1. #2023-24-04
2. #2023-24-05

8. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.

- B. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission for and disburse, if approved, Building a Community of Learners through Professional Development grant in the amount of \$6,000 requested by Ms. Rose Piso. Funds will be used to support teachers in their professional development at Ehrman Crest.

9. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.

10. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignations, appointments, contracted service, leaves, stipend, Memorandum of Understanding and Retirement.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment made.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the September 18, 2023, public agenda:

- a. Curtis Lang
- b. Stephanie Lane

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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.

Ms. Kathy Whittle, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary