

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Cafeteria - 5:15 p.m.

Minutes

December 5, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Ms. Kathy Whittle, President, called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Ms. Whittle led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. **Roll Call** – Ms. 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. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition** - Ms. Andreassi recognized and congratulated the SV Boys' Soccer Team on being the PIAA Boys' 4A State Champions.

Ms. Heather Lewis recognized the boys and coaches and shared how well Coach Williams leads the young men and the program. Ms. Lewis shared that the recognition that the team is receiving is more than the trophy; that it is because of the culture that they have created and who they are as individuals that they are also being recognized. Ms. Lewis went on to commend them for their hard work and shared how others look toward our team in a positive way. Ms. Lewis also thanked the parents for their support.

Coach Williams thanked the School Board Members for having them at the meeting and shared what a privilege it is to work with the boys on his team. He thanked the administration, principals, parents and Ms. Lewis for their support.

Mr. DiTullio welcomed the team back to the School Board Meeting and shared his congratulations to each of them for all they have done to get here.

Dr. Tracy Vitale recognized the love and commitment that the coaches have for the players on their team and that they are more like sons to each of the coaches. Dr. Vitale thanked the parents for all that they do. She recognized the players and shared that they have a big responsibility because the youth in the community are looking toward them as role models. Dr. Vitale thanked the players, congratulated them and told them they should be proud of themselves.

Ms. Whittle welcomed the team and shared how great it is to see them at yet another School Board meeting. Ms. Whittle congratulated the players and coaches for their continued success.

Coach Scott Stewart and Coach Jay Roman were introduced and recognized by Coach Williams. Coach Williams also recognized each player by introducing them by name and sharing which grade they are in and which position they play.

Those in attendance gave the team a standing ovation.

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

December 18	Hanukah Begins
December 20	Seneca Valley's 24 th Annual Senior Holiday Event, SVIHS Auditorium, 12:30 p.m.
December 23-January 2	Winter Break, No School for Students and Staff
January 9	School Board Work Session Meeting, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- B. **Personnel** – Approved the following personnel items that were shared in backup and that were discussed in the executive session prior to the School Board meeting.
1. **Appointments** – Communications Specialist - Morgan Wagg, *Professional Substitutes* – Jessica Gasior, Heather Husband, Karli Szweda, Michael Pendred, Erin Laprade, Makayla Himes, Elaine Acosta, Mark Miller, Taylor Marsinetti – *Classified* – Erica Sicilia, Loretta McCafferty, Linda Sherman, Melissa Lopez, Desirae Foster, *Supplementals* – Thomas McCauley.
 2. **Contracted Services** – Colleen Kamarchik
 3. **Leaves** – *Professional* – Janice Plutnicki, Megan Witherell, Megan Graham and Daniel Dickey, *Classified* – Ann Wise, Pamela Volz, Elizabeth Linkenheimer, Diane Dunlap, Melissa Gaguzis and Heather Darak.
 4. **Retirement** – Classified – Cristen Breski
 5. **Memorandum of Understanding** – Approved the MOU with Seneca Valley Education Association regarding Alex Krajniak.
- C. **SVAOC** - Approved the lease of office space at 260 Executive Drive, Suite 500, in Cranberry Township for the purpose of establishing a Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Cyber Drop-in Center for students and families pending final review of the school solicitor.

- D. **SHS Generator** - Approved the sale of a used Kohler KW Diesel Generator, in “as-is” condition, to Iron Flag Power Systems for \$2,000.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve appointments, contracted services, leaves, the retirement, the Memorandum of Understanding, the SVAOC lease and the SHS Generator sale. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the November 14, 2022.

- a. Alberta Haught
- b. Sandy Thompson
- c. Gwen Slater
- d. Nicole Ging

Dr. Vitale recognized and thanked Mr. Nickel for all his time, commitment and leadership as Board President. She recognized and thanked Mr. DiTullio for his many contributions, as well. She also extended her appreciation to Ms. Whittle and Mr. Widdowson for accepting the nominations and roles of being Board President and Board Vice President, respectively.

Ms. Whittle recognized and thanked Mr. Nickel and Mr. DiTullio for their leadership and shared that she is excited to move into this position and work together.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. DiTullio to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel items.

Ms. Kathy Whittle, President



Ms. Julia Benson, Board Secretary