

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

October 3, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. James Nickel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Viviana Scadden, a first grader at Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) continued the board initiative, “I Led the Pledge” by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. **Roll Call** – 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. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson. Mr. Mike Jacobs was not in attendance.

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

October	National Principals Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 1	SAT Testing - SHS
October 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
October 4	Yom Kippur begins
October 5	Act 80 Day (Professional Development Day), No School for Students
October 9	Sukkot begins
October 10	Columbus Day
October 10	Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 10	Regular School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
October 13	Homecoming Carnival (5 p.m.) and Parade (7 p.m.) - Secondary Campus
October 14	Homecoming Court Recognition - NexTier Stadium – 6:30 p.m.
October 15	Homecoming Dances, Grades 9-12, 7-10:00 p.m.
October 15	PSAT Testing - SHS
October 21	SVAOC Cyber - End of First Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
October 22	ACT Testing - SHS
October 24	Diwali
October 25	SV Grades 7-12 End of First Nine Weeks
October 28	In Service Day, No School for Students
October 31	Halloween

B. Student/Staff Recognition

1. Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently announced Seneca Valley seniors Eric Combs, Peter Ko and Haihan Xu, as semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. As semifinalists, all three will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring. About 95 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, which will be announced in February 2023, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.
2. Leila Wright, an eighth grader at Ryan Gloyer Middle School, has been named a Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholar. This is one of the most competitive and generous programs in the country and is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing students.

C. Agency Reports

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Peterson relayed that there was nothing new to report at this time.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that eight new hires from this year were introduced at the I.U. meeting on 9/28 where two of the hires are “boomerang” hires. The labor contract negotiations will resume this month. They voted to “table” the PSBA Officers vote due to not being happy with the way that PSBA advertises, solicits, recruits and informs on the process. They are hoping that other districts will join in sending a message to PSBA leadership that they must do better.
3. WPIAL Update - Mr. Hester relayed that there was nothing new to report at this time.

- D. Legislative** - Mr. DiTullio reported that the Senate and House of Representatives were last in session the week of September 19. The Senate will return to the Capitol on Monday, October 17 and the House will return on Monday, October 24.

The house passed a pension fund free transparency bill imposing new transparency and reporting requirements on Public School Employees’ Retirement System (PSERS) and State Employee Retirement System (SERS).

The Senate State Government Committee approved House Bill 2524.

The Senate Education Committee approved Senate Bill 139 Observance of September 11 in schools.

The PA Department of Education (PDE) has announced that the Act 1 base index for 2023-24 is 4.1%. The base index is used to determine the maximum tax increases for each tax the school district levies (without PDE exception or voter approval).

The State Board of Education's Council of Basic Education is recommending that the board open a review of academic standards: Career Education and Work, Economics, and Family and Consumer Sciences. The council recommends that concepts for instruction in financial literacy be included within the standards.

- E. **Financial Reports**
1. Operations
 2. Senior High Activities
 3. Intermediate High Activities
 4. Middle School Activities
 5. Athletics
 6. Food Services
 7. Tax Collections
 8. Capital Projects Funds

3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** – Public comment was heard by Katherine Peterson.
- B. **Student Expulsion** - Approved student expulsion #2022-23-02.
- C. **Student Adjudication Waivers** - Approved the following student adjudication waivers:
1. #2022-23-04
 2. #2022-23-05
 3. #2022-23-06
 4. #2022-23-07
 5. #2022-23-08
- D. **Personnel** – Approved the following personnel items that were discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting.
1. **Resignations** – *Professional* – Kayce Monteleone, *Classified* – Heid Menzl, *Internship* – Brooke Lyczek
 2. **Appointments** – *Director* – Evan Hunter, *Administrator* – Chet Henderson, *Professional Substitutes* – Julie Camp, Francis Garland, Lisa Karasack, Eric Krchmar, Angela Reaves, Meredith Warrington, *Classified* – Lisa Recce, Allisyn Pascarella, Kaylyn Talton, Melissa Gawne, *Supplements* – Jeff Garvin, Lisa Wilson, Nancy Laslavic, Michael Caccamo, Theodore “Jake” Calvin, Kevin Holman, Jessica Leighty, Mark Gartner, Drew Smith, Aaron Shaffer, Chris Miller, Natalie Green, Jeff Richards, Stan Zimmerman, Claire Barker, Rebecca Hester, William Brewer, Mark Beighey, Michael Manipole and Amanda Armor.
 3. **Leaves** – *Professional* – Katie Wolford, Jerod Karenbauer, Kristin Henry, Tammy Micco, Tabitha Waltman, Melody Snyder, Tresa Amoscato, Ashley Zaso, Amy Brown and Allyson Calvert.

- E. **School Board Secretary** – Appointed Julia Benson to serve as School Board Secretary commencing October 3, 2022 for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2024.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve student expulsion #2022-23-02, student adjudications, personnel, and the School Board Secretary. The motion carried on a roll call with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** - September 12, 2022
 B. **Regular Meeting** - September 19, 2022

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$2,316,235.16

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$1,326,094.32

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION** - Approve Board Policy 212, Reporting Student Progress, revised, second reading.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Book Disposal** - Approve the sale, donation or recycling of obsolete books from the Intermediate High School.

- B. **Club Status** - Approve club status for the following:

1. Songwriting Club at no cost to the District and under the volunteer supervision of Mr. Kurt McNaught, RGMS teacher.
2. Video Remake Club at no cost to the District and under the volunteer supervision of Ms. Courtney Strieby, RGMS teacher.

- C. **Student Trips** - Approve the following student trips:

1. Ryan Gloyer Middle School Student Council to the Pennsylvania State Conference at Boyerstown Area Senior High School on Nov. 3 – 5 under the supervision of Mr. LaVarr Stephens-Howling and Ms. Staci Hughes. Students will miss two days of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.
2. Academic Games League to the American National Tournament in Orlando, Florida on April 21 – 26 under the supervision of Ms. Julie Smith. Students will miss one day of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.

- D. **Conferences** - Approve conference requests.

10. **PERSONNEL ACTION (Executive Session)**

11. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the September 19, 2022 public agenda:

- a. Karli Szweda
- b. Virginia Schuetz
- c. Katie Gemperlein
- d. Heather Logue
- e. Ella Gemperlein
- f. Chrissy and Keith Summers
- g. Jessica DePasquale
- h. Halley Bannon
- i. Andrea Vogel
- j. Shannon Maschmeier
- k. Douglas and Christie Peel
- l. Michele Connellan
- m. Melissa Bonicky

On behalf of all of the School Board Member, Mr. Nickel welcomed and congratulated Chet Henderson, the Intermediate High School Principal, to the district.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

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

Mr. James Nickel, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary