

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

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

Minutes

October 10, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. James Nickel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 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** 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. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

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 10	Columbus Day
October 10	Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 10	World Mental Health Day
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. **All-Star Award Winner** - David Bopp, District Maintenance Team Member was recognized and presented with the All-Star Award by Mr. Randy Miller, Seneca Valley Buildings and Grounds Director. Mr. Miller shared that Mr. Bopp has worked for SVSD for 22 years and that he is someone who continually goes above and beyond. Mr. Nickel, Mr. Peterson and Dr. Vitale recognized and thanked Mr. Bopp for all that he does for SVSD.

C. **Student/Staff Recognition** - Ms. Linda Andreassi announced the following student/staff recognitions:

1. Senior Gretchen Keller has been named a Rachel Carson Healthy Planet Award Winner from Chatham University. Miss Keller was chosen for this award based on her passion and commitment to improving the environment through sustainability. She will receive a \$5,000 renewable scholarship to Chatham University.

2. Last week, you may recall we learned of the three Seneca Valley semi-finalists in the 68th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. This week, we received word that Seneca Valley Senior, Ava Stewart, has been named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC). Miss Stewart was recognized by the NMSC for her outstanding performance on the qualifying Preliminary SAT test used for program entry.

3. Congratulations to Ehrman Crest Middle School (ECMS) on meeting the criteria as a Tier 1 School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) program on behalf of the Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support (PAPBS) Network. SWPBIS is a framework to make schools more effective places. By implementing evidence-based practices within a PBIS framework, schools support their students' academic, social, emotional and behavioral success, engage with families and use data to make informed decisions that improve the way things work. During the 2021-2022 school year, ECMS successfully implemented a school-wide program that established and articulated clear and consistent expectations while recognizing students for their positive efforts. The teachers and staff have worked diligently to build a culture that focuses on the positive behaviors that student exhibit daily. Ehrman Crest Middle School looks forward to pursuing their Tier 2 recognition next!

D. **Student Enrollment** - Dr. Vitale reported on the student enrollment for years 2017/2018 - 2022/2023. The SVSD currently has 7,381 students enrolled for the 2022/2023 school year.

E. **Agency Reports** - Vo-Tech - Mr. Frederick Peterson, Jr. reported that he confirmed that there are three Vo-Tech sessions each day. It has been approved to hire a new dean of students. Currently there are 1,046 students enrolled in Vo-Tech with 167 of those students being from SVSD.

F. **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. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There was no public comment.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approved the following minutes:
 - A. **Work Session** - September 12, 2022
 - B. **Regular Meeting** - September 19, 2022
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Approved the treasurer’s report.
6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - Approved the general fund bills as follows:
Grand Total: \$2,316,235.16
7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approved the construction fund bills as follows:
Grand Total: \$1,333,822.82

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, to approve minutes, treasurer’s report, general fund bills and construction fund bills. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

8. **SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION** - Approved the Seneca Valley School Board of Directors Resolution supporting additional safeguards for internet and technology applications to protect our children.

The Seneca Valley School Board recognizes the need and reasons to put safeguards in place to protect our children to help improve mental health around the use of technology. The board members were all in favor of this resolution and recognize that they will need assistance from the community and staff of SVSD to make a difference.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve the Seneca Valley School Board Resolution. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Board Policy** – Approved board policy 212, Reporting Student Progress, revised, second reading. Dr. McKinley
- B. **Student Adjudications** - Approved the following student adjudications.
 1. #2022-23-09
 2. #2022-23-10
 3. #2022-23-11
 4. #2022-23-12
 5. #2022-23-13
- C. **Substitute Rate Increases** – Approved to increase substitute rates across the following job classifications effective October 11, 2022 until January 9, 2023.
 1. Any day-to-day teacher substitute that subs in a paraprofessional role in a multiple support classroom will receive \$175 per day.
 2. Any day-to-day teacher substitute that subs as the teacher in a multiple support classroom will receive \$200 per day.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the board policy, student adjudications and the substitute rate increases. The motion carried on a roll call with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Book Disposal** - Approved the sale, donation or recycling of obsolete books from the Intermediate High School.
- B. **Club Status** - Approved 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.
 3. Tabletop Gaming Club (formerly known as Dungeons & Dragons Club) at no cost to the District and under the volunteer supervision of Mr. Zach Cene, RGMS teacher.
- C. **Student Trips** - Approved 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.
 3. Approve to have Seneca Valley host the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge from June 12-16, 2023, at no cost to the District.
- D. **Conferences** - Approved conference requests.
- E. **Grants** - Granted permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the Dramatic and Sensory Play in Kindergarten grant funded by The Delta Kappa Alpha Xi Chapter Teacher Enrichment Grant Program in the amount of \$250.00 to purchase materials for dramatic and sensory play centers. Requested by Audrey Buban, CVE.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, to approve book disposal, clubs, student trips, conferences and grants. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Approved resignations, appointments, leaves and stipend.

- A. **Resignations** - *Professional* - Margaret Tkatch, *Supplemental* - Bobi-Jean Alexander
- B. **Appointments** – *Classified* - Kayla White, Heather Michel, Suzanne Smith, Jill Deutsch, Amy Kvortek, Heather Byrom, Mary Ray, *Classified Substitutes* – Kayla Warren, *Supplementals* – Robert Babick, Courtney Strieby, Kalene Ireland, Nina Grinnell and Jennifer Mayes
- C. **Leaves** – *Administrator* - Kristen White, *Professional* – Emily Thornton, *Classified* - Emerald Willis, Amanda Anke, Amanda Jamison
- D. **Stipend** – Jeremy Womer

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve resignations, appointments, leaves and the stipend. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- 12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the October 3, 2022 public agenda:
 - a. Ava Craig
 - b. Paul Payerchin
 - c. Frank Vandemia, VendRick Construction

On behalf of all the School Board Members, Mr. Peterson recognized the principals and assistant principals, thanking them and congratulating them on all that they do.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Ms. Whittle to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 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.

Mr. James Nickel, President

Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary