

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

MINUTES

August 12, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel, President called the meeting to order at 7:02 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** – Roll call by Annie Mersing, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance; Reverend Reid Moon, Ms. Kathy Whittle, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Fred Peterson, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. James Nickel, Ms. Leslie Bredl and Mr. Jeff Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary; Dr. Sean McCarty, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary; Ms. Kyra Bobak, Human Resources Director; Ms. Lynn Burtner, Business Manager; Ms. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Randy Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director; Mr. Jerry Miller, Director of Special Education; Ms. Heather Lewis, Athletic Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; and a press representative.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

August 13-16	Summer Academy, Teacher Professional Development in Ed. Technology
August 14	Bus Driver Meeting, SHS Auditorium, 8:00 a.m.
August 19, 20	New Teacher Induction
August 22	Pie Fest, IHS Cafeteria/NexTier Stadium
August 22, 26	Staff In-Service
August 23	Staff Opening Day, All Staff, Victory Family Church, All School Board Members are Invited to Attend
August 27	First Day of School for Students
August 30	Veteran Recognition Event to be held during the Raider Football Game, All Board Members are Invited to Attend
September 2	Labor Day: District Holiday, No School for Students and Staff

- B. **Finland and Estonia School Systems in Comparison to U.S. Schools**
– Dr. Tracy Vitale presented a summary and photos of her trip to Finland and Estonia (July 6-12) to study their respective school systems. This trip was awarded to Dr.

Vitale and 26 other educators in the United States. Dr. Vitale was the only public school educator in Pennsylvania to be awarded this scholarship from Educational First Educational Tours. Dr. Vitale shared information about the successes of the Finnish and Estonian school systems including their high benchmarks on the PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) and literacy rate. Dr. Vitale fielded multiple questions from the Board including how our District can benefit from her findings. Dr. Vitale relayed that she believes Seneca Valley is heading in the right direction and will continue to do so in regard to things like “late start”, encouraging respect of teachers and block scheduling, despite cultural norms in the United States.

- C. **“Talk, Connect, Prevent”** – Dr. Sean McCarty presented information regarding a Drug and Alcohol Awareness program for 5th and 6th graders called “Talk, Connect, Prevent” being offered in Partnership with Grace Church and the YMCA. This program hopes to educate and bring awareness about drug and alcohol abuse to volunteers in 5th and 6th grades.
- D. **CannonDesign Final Design Presentation of New Evans City Elementary Building** – Mr. Michael Corb provided an update on the final design and cost of the new Evans City Elementary School. The construction plan is on schedule and the costs are currently under budget. Mr. Corb answered several questions about safety concerns, collaboration spaces and access. Ms. Bredl questioned if Ehrman Road is the only access point and what will be done about the anticipated traffic on that road. Mr. Corb indicated discussions are currently underway with Cranberry Township and a traffic impact study has been conducted. He will have more information about this specific issue in approximately one month.
- E. **Financial Reports** – The following reports were provided in the backup materials.
1. Operations
 2. Intermediate High Activities
 3. Food Services
 4. Tax Collection Reports
 5. Capital Projects Funds
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approved the following meeting minutes.
- A. **Work Session** – June 3, 2019
 - B. **Regular Meeting** – June 10, 2019
 - C. **Special Meeting** – July 9, 2019
5. **TREASURER’S REPORTS** – Approved the treasurer’s reports.
6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Approved the general fund bills totaling \$1,438,578.50 for the 2018-19 school year and \$2,383,682.67 for the 2019-20 school year.
7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Approved the construction fund bills totaling \$1,110,492.83.

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve minutes, treasurer's reports, general fund bills and construction fund bills as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Ms. Harrison absent.

8. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Board Policies** – Approved the following board policies.
1. #102 – Academic Standards, revised, first reading
 2. #119 – Current Events, adoption, first and final reading
 3. #125 – Adult Education, adoption, first and final reading
 4. #211 – Student Accident Insurance, adoption, first and final reading
 5. #205 – Postgraduate Students, retire, first and final reading
 6. #210 Use of Medications, revised, first reading
- B. **Conferences** – Approved conferences.
- C. **Police Services Agreements** – Approved the following police services agreements:
1. Evans City Seven Fields Regional Police Department for a three-year term commencing with the 2019-20 school year.
 2. Township of Cranberry for the 2019-20 school year.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve board policies, conferences and police services agreements as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Ms. Harrison absent.

9. INSTRUCTION ACTION

- A. **Book Disposal** – Approved the disposal of outdated and obsolete textbooks from the German Department, Intermediate High School Library and English Department.
- B. **Adelphoi Education Agreement** – Approved the agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide alternative education services for the 2019-20 school year.
- C. **Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania Agreement** – Approved the agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania for the purchase of UPMC Project SEARCH transition services.
- D. **Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Contract** – Approved the contract for special education programs and services with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit.
- E. **Grant Disbursement** – Granted permission to disburse the following Highmark Foundation grants:
1. Olweus Anti-Bully Program to Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$7,500.
 2. Student Vaping Prevention and Education to the Intermediate High School in the amount of \$3,500.
- F. **Student Placement Agreement** – Approved the student placement agreement with Daniels Academy for Student CD.

- G. **SchoolAssist Consulting, LLC** – Renewed the agreement with SchoolAssist Consulting, LLC to provide professional development in the form of leadership coaching for the 2019-20 school year.
- H. **Student Adjudication** – Approved student adjudication #2018-19-13. (Executive Session)
- I. **Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) Resolution** - Permitted the administration to complete and remit the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by September 1, 2019. If approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, grant permission for the administration to execute the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) Program as submitted for the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school years in accordance with Act 64 of 2019.
- J. **Testing and Assessment Schedule** – Approved the testing/assessment schedule for the 2019-20 school year.
- K. **SRU Transition Achievement Program Agreement** – Approved the agreement for the SRU Transition Achievement Program with Slippery Rock University to provide transition services for the 2019-20 school year.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve book disposal, Adelphoi Education agreement, Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania agreement, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit contract, grant disbursements, student placement agreement, SchoolAssist Consulting, LLC agreement, student adjudication, flexible instructional days (FIDs) resolution, testing and assessment schedule and SRU Transition Achievement Program agreement as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Ms. Harrison absent.

10. BUSINESS/FINANCES ACTION

- A. **Wetland Delineation and Joint Permitting** – Approved the joint permitting and wetland delineation tasks to be performed by CannonDesign/HRG for the new elementary school at Ehrman Road.
- B. **Allegheny Health Network Naming Rights Agreement** – Approved the agreement with Allegheny Health Network for naming rights of the baseball/softball field for Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), payable in five annual installments of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) each, effective September 1, 2019 through August 30, 2024.

Ms. Bredl motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve wetland delineation and joint permitting and the Allegheny Health Network naming rights agreement as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Ms. Harrison absent.

11. PERSONNEL ACTION Approved the personnel items as follows:

Resignations – *Classified* - Alivia Webber, Rhonda Brody

Appointments – Psychologist – Latitia Lattanzio-Paros, PhD; Professionals – Brittany Hartle, Janet Tallerico, Chessa Crum, Jason Groom; Professional Substitute – Colleen Priester, Mackenzie McGuire; Day-to-Day Substitutes – Linda Ackley, Jessica Adam, Thomas Adams, Christine Alexander, William Allen, Lucy Balzer, Diane Becker, Emily Blakesley, Kelly Bowman, Denyse Bruni, Leslie Bullis, Jennifer Bunofsky, William Calder, Helen Cameron, Michele Camilli, Kelly Casey, Lisa Chalmers, Ann Cheman, Anthony Chiappetta, Lisa Collinger, Kenneth Cranmer, Amy Crawford, William Crummy, Rebecca Crum-Reinsel, Yvonne Cuccaro, Jennifer Curry, Marta Dash, Bonnie DeHart, Monica Dorsch, Carol-Lynn Dubovi, Suzanne Duer, Nanet Edge, Herbert Edwards, Maggie Federowicz, Michelle Follett, Christine FitzGerald, Judith Gaggini, Sharon Gallas, Tita Gibson, Richard Goehring, Karen Grassell, Alice Green, Ann Hahn, Kathy Hamilton, Kristine Hattman, Ann Hergenrother, Jennifer Hinchman, GERALYNN Hood-Holt, Denise Howell-Longello, Brittany Jackson, Patricia Jandrovkovic, Ruth Johns, Julia Johnson, Cameron Kandra, Jennifer Keefer, Deborah Kennedy, Cynthia Knoechel, Anne Koch, Carol Kocur, Carol Korn, Frances Kreider, Tara Krepp, Melissa Kvasager, Adrienne Larkin, Katie Laslavic, Mildred Leo, Shannon Lesack, Kristie Long, Melissa Longwell, Robert Magerko, Janet Maharg, Jessica Maire, Deborah Malley, Sally Marburger, Carleen Markivich, Adele Marks, Beth Ann Marraccini, Karen Martini, Joyce Mastalski, Brenda Mattas, Tamara Mauck, Katie McAfee, Brenda McVicker, Christine Michael, Tabatha Mill, Meg Miller, Bonnie Mitchell, Jenna Montelero, Melissa Moody-White, Kim Nagel, Brenda Omer, Lisa Palaski, Joyce Pascuzzi, Mary Patterson, Sherree Pawlowski, Heather Perricone, Melissa Pindroh, Lynette Plank, Andrea Platt, Deborah Powell, Robert Razzano, Angela Reaves, Angela Rebovich, Souad Richani, Jennifer Richart, Amy Robertson, William Roccia, Barbara Rosenbaum, Rochelle Rushe, Alison Russo, Amanda Sanguigni, Lorraine Scarpino, Cheryl Schreiber-Ring, Sherri Schubert, Jill Schulties, Adehl Schwaderer, Erin Scott, Michael Seech, Michele Semrau, Khristan Shafer, Susan Smith, Marcia Sopher, Cindy Speck, Linda Sporrer, Nancy St. Clair, Carla Stark, Mary Beth Strauch, Karin Summers, Christine Szwaczkowski, Michelle Thomas, Kayla Treu, Susan VanArsdale, Stephanie Vaughan, Susan Weber, Judith Williams, Douglas Williamson, Carol Wilson, Theresa Wolf, Frederick Wood, Carmen Wurdack, Karen Zaphyr, Christie Ziatek, Deborah Zimmerman; Classified – Allisyn Pascarella, Alicia Bennett, Kristen Verlihay, Caitlin Galbraith; Supplementals - SV Academy of Choice OPT Instructors: Amanda Shaheen, Mary Boburczak, Katie Flanigan, Courtney Williams, Sarah Hackenberg, Tisha Konvolinka, Meagan Loewy, Kelly Skwortz, Lorie Chesnut, Cheryl Zorich, Katie Wolford, Jeanne Probst, Tiffany Smietana, Andrew Parker, Ashton Early, Christine Roe, Dean Leventopoulos, Briana Nassan, Jennifer Whitling, Adria Herlihy

Leave – Professional – Leah Kalan

Contract Renewals – Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; for a five-year term effective August 13, 2019, and ending August 13, 2024; James Pearson, Director of Transportation; for a four-year term effective August 13, 2019, and ending August 13, 2023

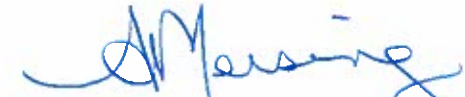
Memorandum of Understanding – Seneca Valley Education Association

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the resignations, appointments, leave, contract renewals and memorandum of understanding as listed above. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Mr. DiTullio abstaining and Ms. Harrison absent.

12. **COMMUNICATION** – No communication was received.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative with Ms. Harrison absent.

Mr. James Nickel, President



Mrs. Annie Mersing, Board Secretary