

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 7 p.m.

### Minutes

August 5, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. DiTullio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
  - C. **Roll Call** – by Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Mr. Nick Brower, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Fred Peterson and Mr. Jeff Widdowson were absent.
  
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Leila Wright, a rising sophomore from Seneca Valley Intermediate High School, was recently named a first-place awardee of “America’s Field Trip,” a new, nationwide scholastic contest encouraging students to reflect on what America means to them. Thousands of students from across the country submitted inspiring entries, responding to the prompt “What does America mean to you?” for the first-ever “America’s Field Trip” contest. A panel of current and former educators selected 150 students as awardees, hailing from 44 states and territories. As a first-place awardee, Miss Wright and her family will have the opportunity to experience a field trip at an iconic American historical and cultural site of her choosing. You can learn more about America 250 and read Leila’s winning essay at [www.america250.org](http://www.america250.org).

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

August 3-6	PA Principals Association Conference – Marriott North (August 5 at Ehrman Crest)
August 12	Regular School Board Meeting – SVIHS Auditorium – 8 p.m.
August 12	First Day of WPIAL Fall Sports
August 13	SV Summer Academy: Professional Development Session on AI Tools for Teachers – Secondary Campus
August 13	Bus Driver Welcome Back Meeting – IHS Auditorium – 9 a.m.
August 14-15	New Teacher Induction
August 14-15	Administrative Professional Development – SHS LGI
August 16	All-Staff Welcome Back Meeting – SVIHS Auditorium
August 19-21	Teacher In-Service/Professional Development
August 22	First Day of School for 2024-25
August 24	SAT Testing - SHS – 7:30 a.m.
September 2	Labor Day – No School for Students and Staff
September 6	Veteran Recognition – NexTier Stadium – 5:30 p.m.

Mr. DiTullio announced that the Seneca Valley Foundation raised \$66,000 at the annual golf outing. He thanked everyone who participated, volunteered and donated sharing that the SV Foundation has spent \$1.4 million on students because of events like this one.

Dr. Vitale echoed Mr. DiTullio’s appreciation and shared that she is proud of what the SV Foundation does.

Dr. Vitale also recognized that Veteran Recognition is scheduled for September 6 and shared that our students have the honor of meeting the veterans prior to the game.

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester reported that the Vo-Tech is fully staffed and that they have received some new equipment for the upcoming school year.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the meeting will be held next week.

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the House is not in session at this time.

E. **Financial Reports**

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

## 3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- B. **Personnel** – Approved the following personnel items that were discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting:
1. **Resignations** – *Professional* – Todd Leight, Melissa Bonicky, *Classified* – Janice Hogan, Aldan May, Tracy Vidnovic, *Supplemental* – Victor Giannotta
  2. **Appointments** – *Professional* – Kylie Syska, Kayla Pittser, Nancy Bilger, Hillary Mellott, Julianne Anderson, Ryan Balog, Ashley Graham, Emily Drotar, Brooke Wilson, Jaden Miller, Holly Blizman, Julie Willoughby, Jessica Rupolo, Eleanor Sgro, Tayler Geist, Emmelia Jaffe, Claire Staudacher, Amanda Cypher, Matilda Shay, Margaret Kishbaugh, Spencer Murray, Tia Burns, *Professional Substitutes* – Josephine Angel, Leslie Bullis, Jennifer Bunofsky, Michelle Camilli, Kelly Casey, Jill Deutsch, Nicole Driscoll, Jazquelyn Edmisten, Sharon Gallas, Ann Hahn, Karen Helmecci, Elianna Hyland, Patricia Jandrokovic, Lisa Karasack, Alex Klukaszewski, Carol Kocur, Susan Leake, Kristy Long, Kristie Long, Deborah Malley, Stacy McClune, Brenda McVicker, Amy Parkinson, Laura Peck, Heather Perricone, Rachel Petelin, Jeanna Pournaras, Angela Rebovich, Jessica Repp, Jennifer Richart, Barbara Rosenbaum, Calynn Rosenbaum, Lauren Sowa-Doku, Nancy St. Clair, Elizabeth Steele, Terri Sterzinger, Karli Szweda, Heather Szymczak, Stephanie Vaughan, Toni von Rintelen, Douglas Williamson, Carol Wilson, Dale Zacherl, Amanda Ziegler, Tammy Cantella, Devyn Peskorski, Sophia Puricelli, Tanner Yergin, *Classified* – Elizabeth McCollough, Kara Patrick, Amy Taylor, Dakota Honneffer, James Rieg, Bryan Jones, Callie Bruno, Sarah Diefenderfer, *Classified Substitutes* – Lori Allen, Beryl Augustine, Susan Brinker, Denyse Bruni, Nicole Driscoll, Patricia Hayden, Emily King, Kristie Long, Susan Novak, Terasa O’Malley, Carolyn Parenti, Calynn Rosenbaum, Lindsay Sherrets, Kathy Sims, Amanda Slovak, Elizabeth Steele, Patricia Stuebgen-Way, Kristen Verlihay, Virginia Walzer, Naomi Yarzebinski, *Supplementals* – Taylor Timmons, Brady Moore, Benjamin Mattes, Kasey Kraus, Rosa Salgado, Megan Kelly, David Reichard, Mike Stebbins, Julie Smith, Jeremiah Friday, Jeremiah Friday, Julie Smith, George Williams, Laura Wise, Quin Coltman, Kylie Marcinko, Dana Hadley, Ed Senior, Victor Giannotta, Rebecca Beers, Shay Houser, Rachel McGourty, Emily Christ, Courtney Williams, Madelyn Cornman, Diane Koegler, Zeke Stroupe, Lara DiFrischia, Carrie Ehrenberger, Heather Sibeto, Chris Titus, Joe Logsdon, Veronica Mortier, Sarah Deeds, Heidi Thomas, Steve Fortunato, Sarah Deeds, Angie Kotula, Sara Snyder, Rebecca Finch, Amber Hugus, Jessica Kavanaugh, Chessa Crum, Megan Bonistalli, Michael Flood, Rebekah Grinnen, Jessica Kavanaugh, Chessa Crum, Jessica Kavanaugh, Amber Hugus, Amber Hugus, Megan Bonistalli, Steve Fortunato, Mary Boburcza, Jeremiah Friday, Jen Exler, Kelly Wston, Michael Flood, Dean Walker, Dean Leventopoulos, LaVarr Stephens-Howling, Staci Hughes, Brienna Nassan, Rebecca Muschler, Steve Fortunato, Zach Cene, Kara Andres, Amber Hugus, Bobi-Jean Alexander, Michael Manipole, Lisa Ridenour, Megan Anderson, Chelsea Bennardo, Tim Cammisa, Alyssa Ceraulo, Eric Cupp, Joe Ehmann, Jen Exler, Karen Fornadel, Hannah Gonzales, Eric Groove, Aimee Kaczmarek, Christina King, Maria Landolina, Tammy McKenry, Katherine

Peterson, Robin Presco, Wanda Reynolds, Ashley Salman, Amy Scott, Jennifer Shipe, Amy Taylor, Megan Witherell, Joan Widdowson, Rachael Zoelle, Christine Cooper, Laura Lugarich, Alison Doyle-Hoover, Kristen McClintock, Lisa Brown, Gabriel Miller, Karissa Lambert, Traci Kuntz, Jennifer McMurray, Bruce Clark, Stephen Wolfe, Kenneth Macek, Jazqueline Eriksen, Jason Shorr, Rebecca Bosco, Matthew Durst, Maria Brooks, Kelly Skwortz, Jennifer Durst, Crystal Cypher, Kelly Weston, Heather Melber, Matthew Pournaras, Elizabeth Porco, Catherine Smolter, Alex Krajniak, Mackenzie Gaydosh, Katie Wolford, Lauren McClain, Jennifer Whitling, Christine Roe, Amy Lehman, Meagan Loewy, Rebecca Mutschler, Michael Stebbins, James Ziegler, Katie Flanigan, Alicia Scopellite, Erin Schollaert, Kara Andres, Lara DiFrischia, Kayla Robinson, Sarah McKissick, Megan Meeder, Michael Pelloni, James Pyle, Kevin Wildrick, Lorie Chestnut, Katherine Langley, Rachelle Magnani, Lynn Miller, Megan Oldenski, Tracy Richards, Chad Robertson, John Roman, Larry Wendereusz, Camden Palmer, Dean Leventopoulos, Sinead Reeb, Leigh Vagias, Marlesse Hames, Lilia Pries, Larry Deal, Michael Henry, Brienna Nassan, Linda Plesniak, David Zelner, James Bull, Andrew Parker, John McFeeley, Kristin Henry, Nicole Joyce, Andrew Russell, Xiaojing Zhang, Heather Sibeto, Amy Seelbaugh, Dina McCaskey, Tara Schenck, Heather, Kusick, Nicole Morrow, Teresa Bona, Autumn Power-Boylan, Susan Berlin, Karen Christopher, Elaine Duggan, Bria Koch, Brandi Ruiz

3. **Contracted Services** – Sarah Frey, Latitia-Paros, Lockovich Life Care LLC
  4. **Leaves** – *Professional* – Kristin Schlemmer, Audrey Buban, Rebecca Mutschler, Melissa Bonicky, Margaret Mollura, Mackenzie Gaydosh, *Classified* – Gregory Johns, Stacy Johns, Julie Stanek, Erica Sicilia
  5. **Retirements** – *Professional* – Cheri Mihalik, *Classified* – Connie Wetzel, Gregory Johns, Patricia Ball
  6. **Memorandums of Understanding** – Approved the MOU with Seneca Valley Support Professionals Association and the MOU with Seneca Valley Education Association.
- C. **Student Adjudications** – Approved the following student adjudications:
1. #2024-25-01
  2. #2024-25-02

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester to approve resignations, appointments, contracted services, leaves, retirements, Memorandums of Understanding and Student Adjudications. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Work Session** – June 3, 2024
- B. **Action Meeting** – June 10, 2024

#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

2023-2024 Grand Total: \$4,228,627.67

2024-2025 Grand Total: \$3,720,579.15

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

2023-2024 Grand Total: \$1,051,524.07

2024-2025 Grand Total: \$49,740.00

8. **ADMINISTRATION**A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 332 - Working Periods – revised, second and final reading.
2. Approve board policy 340 – Employees – Responsibility for Student Welfare – revised, second and final reading.
3. Approve board policy 008 – Organization Chart – revised, first reading.
4. Approve board policy 331 – Employees – Job Related Expenses – revised, first reading.
5. Approve board policy 212.1 – Academic Integrity – new, second and final reading. Pending solicitor review.
6. Approve board policy 218 – Student Discipline – new, second and final reading. Pending solicitor review.
7. Approve board policy 815 – Responsible Use of Internet and AI – revised, second and final reading. Pending solicitor review.
8. Approve board policy 815.1 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education – new, second and final reading. Pending solicitor review.

Policies to be retired:

9. Policy 440 – Professional Employees – Responsibility for Student Welfare – retire, second and final reading.
10. Policy 331 – Administrative Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, first reading.
11. Policy 431 – Professional Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, first reading.
12. Policy 531 – Classified Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, first reading.

B. **School Bus Drivers** – Approve the list of new bus drivers for ABC Transit, Valley Lines and Seneca Valley School District.C. **Therapy Dogs International** - Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Therapy Dogs International for credentialed volunteer therapy dog and handler teams to work in district schools under district policy #713– Therapy Dogs in Schools for the school year 2024-25. Pending solicitor review.9. **INSTRUCTION**A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.B. **Glade Run Day Student Education Agreement** - Approve the agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the provision of educational services for Seneca

Valley students at their St. Stephens Academy, Special Education Transitions Program, and Partial Hospitalization programs during the 2024-25 school year.

- C. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the PPG Innovative Classroom Grant in the amount of \$1,000 requested by Mr. Tim Cammisa. Funds will be used to help support the Fly-Fishing Activity and Enrichment Club at Haine Middle School.
- D. **Book Disposal** - Approve the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from the Senior High School.
- E. **School Assist Consulting, LLC Proposal** - Approve the School Assist Consulting, LLC proposal to provide professional development leadership coaching during the 2024-25 school year.
- F. **Early Admission** – Approve the early admission to Kindergarten for one student for the 2024-25 school year.
- G. **Butler Area School District Program Placement Agreement** - Approve the program placement agreement with Butler Area School District to provide services during the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- H. **AMN Healthcare Inc. Agreement** – Approve the education healthcare staffing agreement with AMN Healthcare, Inc. to provide specialty and related services for students during the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- I. **Education Master Services Agreement** – Approve the education master service agreement with Amergis Educational Staffing to provide specialty and related services for students for the 2024-25 school year.
- J. **Educational Services Agreement** – Approve the Educational Services Agreement with the School at McGuire Memorial for the 2024-25 school year. – Pending solicitor review.
- K. **The Bradley Center** – Approve the service agreement with the Bradley Center to provide alternative education placement services for the 2024-25 school year.
- L. **MHY Family Services Agreement** - Approve the service agreement with MHY Family Services/Longmore Academy for the 2024-25 school year.
- M. **Pressley Ridge Agreement** – Approve the addendum to #7 to the contractual agreement with Pressley Ridge Autism allowing for continued educational services to be provided for students for the 2024-25 school year.

## 10. BUSINESS/FINANCE

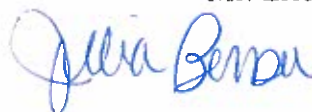
- A. **Procurement Card Program** - Approve a Corporate MasterCard Program Member Account Agreement between Seneca Valley School District and BMO Harris Bank N.A. for the implementation of a procurement card system.
- B. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.

11. **PERSONNEL**
12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the June 10, 2024, public agenda:
  - a. Dan Rojtas
  - b. Eric Goucher
  - c. Anna Atkinson
  - d. Craig Cushing
  - e. Amy Smith
  - f. Jillian Forstadt

Mr. Hester shared that as you travel through Evans City, you will notice that there are three new signs. These signs were designed by tenth-grade students through Vo-Tech class. He also mentioned that three 2024 graduates who attended BCAVTS are already working full-time jobs in their field.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – With nothing to come before the board, Ms. Harrison, motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 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. Eric DiTullio, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary