

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 8 p.m.

### Minutes

**August 12, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:54 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, Mr. Fred Peterson, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Ms. Leslie Bredl was absent.

## 2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

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.

## B. **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. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

Mr. DiTullio recognized that this is Chief Seilhamer’s last School Board meeting due to his retirement. He thanked him for everything he has done on and wished him well in his retirement.

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: \$1,171,524.07  
 2024-2025 Grand Total: \$428,103.84

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower, to approve the 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. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approved board policy 332 - Working Periods – revised, second and final reading.
2. Approved board policy 340 – Employees – Responsibility for Student Welfare – revised, second and final reading.
3. Approved board policy 008 – Organization Chart – revised, first reading.
4. Approved board policy 331 – Employees – Job Related Expenses – revised, first reading.
5. Approved board policy 212.1 – Academic Integrity – new, second and final reading.
6. Approved board policy 218 – Student Discipline – new, second and final reading.
7. Approved board policy 815 – Responsible Use of Internet and AI – revised, second and final reading.
8. Approved board policy 815.1 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education – new, second and final reading.
9. Approved board policy 908 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement – first and final reading, no changes, Federal Program annual review.

Policies to be retired:

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

12. Policy 431 – Professional Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, first reading.
  13. Policy 531 – Classified Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, first reading.
- B. **School Bus Drivers** – Approved the list of new bus drivers for ABC Transit, Valley Lines and Seneca Valley School District.
  - C. **Therapy Dogs International** - Approved 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 2024-25 school year.
  - D. **Federal Program Allocation Spending Plan** - Acknowledged the federal program allocation spending plan for the 2024-25 school year.
  - E. **Settlement Agreement** - Approved the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Milcam, Inc., for the closeout of the East Fieldhouse project.
  - F. **Student Expulsion** – Approved student expulsion #2023-24-21.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison to approve board policies, school bus drivers, therapy dogs international, Federal Program Allocation Spending Plan, settlement agreement and the student expulsion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

## 9. INSTRUCTION

- A. **Conferences** – Approved conference requests.
- B. **Glade Run Day Student Education Agreement** - Approved 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** – Granted 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** - Approved the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from the Senior High School.
- E. **School Assist Consulting, LLC Proposal** - Approved the School Assist Consulting, LLC proposal to provide professional development leadership coaching during the 2024-25 school year.
- F. **Early Admission** – Approved the early admission to Kindergarten for one student for the 2024-25 school year.

- G. **Butler Area School District Program Placement Agreement** - Approved the program placement agreement with Butler Area School District to provide services during the 2024-25 school year.
- H. **AMN Healthcare Inc. Agreement** – Approved the education healthcare staffing agreement with AMN Healthcare, Inc. to provide specialty and related services for students during the 2024-25 school year.
- I. **Education Master Services Agreement** – Approved 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** – Approved the Educational Services Agreement with the School at McGuire Memorial for the 2024-25 school year. – Pending solicitor review.
- K. **The Bradley Center** – Approved the service agreement with the Bradley Center to provide alternative education placement services for the 2024-25 school year.
- L. **MHY Family Services Agreement** - Approved the service agreement with MHY Family Services/Longmore Academy for the 2024-25 school year.
- M. **Pressley Ridge Agreement** – Approved 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.
- N. **Schoolwide Plan for the High School** – Approved the 2024-25 Schoolwide Plan for the High School.
- O. **Pittsburgh Art Region Agreement** - Approved the affiliate partner agreement with the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. for administration of a Scholastic Art & Writing Awards regional program for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- P. **Research Study** – Approved the research study on the impacts of physical space at Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle Schools.
- Q. **Accelerate Education Master Services** – Approved the Accelerate Education Master Services and License Agreement for the term August 13, 2024 through August 12, 2025.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester to approve conferences, Glade Run Student Education Agreement, grant disbursement, book disposal, School Assist Consulting, LLC Proposal, early admission, Butler Area School District Program Placement Agreement, AMN Healthcare Inc., Education Master Services Agreement, Bradley Center, MHY Family Services Agreement, Pressley Ridge Agreement, schoolwide plan for Senior High School, Pittsburgh Art Region agreement, research study and Accelerate Education Master Services. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

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- A. **Procurement Card Program** - Approved 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** – Approved budget transfers.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to approve the procurement card program and budget transfers. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

11. **PERSONNEL** – Approved the following personnel items that were discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting:

- A. **Resignations** – *Professional* – Susan Moury, *Classified* – Amy Kvortek, Selene Stott
- B. **Appointments** – *Professional* – Tracey Williams, *Professional Substitutes* – Thomas Adams, Melissa Aland, Mary Anderson, Diane Becker, Anthony Chiappetta, April Claus, Gerald DiPaola, Bethany Geary, Jennifer Hinchman, GERALYNN Hood-Holt, Debra Karpak, Pamela Krause, Eric Krchmar, Thomas Krchmar, Elizabeth Krumm, Melissa Kvasager, Karin Murra, Ella Richards, Cindy Speck, Marybeth Strauch, Kaylyn Talton, Susan Weber, Elianna Hyland, *Classified* – Jennifer Bartley, Deborah Olayer, Valerie Mannas, *Classified Substitutes* – Ashwini Salunkhe, *Supplementals* – Brynn Lefler, Kevin Holman, Jake Stebbins, Jim Houser, Matt Pournaras, Taylor Reynolds, Allison Alexander, Halley Rooney, Claire Barker, Stacy Hughes, *Internship* – Alden May
- C. **Contracted Service** – Patricia Ball
- D. **Leaves** – *Professional* – Sydney Heeter, Hannah Sheldon, *Classified* – Troy Wilson
- E. **Agreements** – Approved School Health Services Agreement with North Catholic High School and an employee agreement with Seneca Valley Education Association.
- F. **Affiliation Agreement** – Approved an affiliation agreement with Thiel College.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – No communication has been received since the School Board Meeting on August 5, 2024.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Hester, motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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