

Seneca Valley School District



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

Minutes

September 9, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence in memory of September 11, 2001.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Anaad and Anhad Saini, second graders at Rowan Elementary School, continued the board initiative, “I Led the Pledge” by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - 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. Fred Peterson, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Mr. Nick Brower was absent.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Viktoriya Semenenko, a 2024 graduate of Seneca Valley and Butler County Area Vocational Technical School (BCAVTS), placed first at the SkillsUSA National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24-28. Miss Semenenko competed in Advertising Design and received a gold medal at the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania State Competition, advancing her to the National Championship where more than 6,500 other state champions competed for national gold, silver and bronze medals in 115 skilled and leadership competitions. The Advertising Design competition lasted three days, assessing both technical skills and creative aptitude, simulating the experience of working in an advertising agency. Competitors took a written test and recreated an advertisement, and were evaluated on accuracy, software proficiency and the ability to meet deadlines. The SkillsUSA National Championship is the largest gathering of America’s future skilled workforce and the ultimate recognition of excellence in career and technical education. Read more at www.svsd.net.

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

September 9-13	Arts in Education Week
September 11	Patriot Day
September 11	Senior High School Open House
September 11	Intermediate High School Open House
September 12	Ryan Gloyer Middle School Open House
September 16	Regular School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. SVIHS Auditorium
September 17	National Information Technology (IT) Professionals Day
September 19	SV Homecoming Carnival (5 p.m.) and Parade (7 p.m.), Secondary Campus
September 20	SV Homecoming Court Recognition, NexTier Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
September 21	SV Homecoming Dances, SHS & IHS, 7-10 p.m.
September 22	Autumn Begins
October 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
October 2	Rosh Hashana Begins
October 3	Professional Development (Act 80) Day – No School for Students - Adam Blank Presentation to Staff, 8-10 a.m., Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium
October 4	In-Service Day and K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School for Students

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Fred Peterson, Jr reported that the student population has increased by 1% at the Vo-Tech.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that all positions have been filled and that the next meeting is on September 25.

- D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that there is nothing to report.

Dr. Vitale shared that the Vo-Tech is a great option for students who would like to obtain certifications in trades and reminded the public that there is not a cost for students to attend. Mr. DiTullio echoed her remarks, sharing that the Vo-Tech is a tremendous program.

E. **Financial Reports**

1. Operations
2. Senior High Activities
3. Intermediate High Activities
4. Middle School Activities
5. Athletics
6. 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* – Ashley Zaso, *Classified* – Bryan Jones, Tara Sproat, Theodore Lindgren, Kimberly Martin, Malissa Forbus, James Rieg, Reed Angelucci, *Contracted Service* – Sarah Frey, Mallory Marinack
 2. **Appointments** – *Professional* – Evan DeAngelis, Erin Burkhart, Dyanna Boosel, Kimberly Brown, *Professional Substitutes* – Elizabeth Babcock, Holly Badger, Donald Barclay, Ronald Butschle, Julia Camp, Mackenzie Clarke, Madison Cossin, Erika Costanzo, Ronald Evans, Alisa Gargasz, Kelsey Gianfrancesco, Brittany Johnson, Laura Kellar, Shannon Lesack, Theodore Lindgren, Benjamin Mattes, Susan McDowell, Carly Renwick, Amanda Snyder, Carla Stark, Maura Taylor, Anissa Tekelenburg, Connor Watkins, Lindsey Williams, Deborah Zimmerman, *Classified* – Shabana Ahmadi, Denise Schenck, Tabitha Wilson, Jayme Hood, David McCabe, Sarah McCafferty, Caitlin Bertucci, Irma Martinez, Brandon Taylor, Patricia Hayden, Linda Hussar, Fred Buchanan, *Classified Substitutes* – Emily Rihely, *Supplementals* – Alexa Gates, Abigail Lizewski, Tim O’Shea, Carlos Salgado, Carolee Corbett, Jason Shorr, Jason Woolslare, Bobi-Jean Alexander, Sarah Groth, Andrea Platt, Marissa Bitonti, Haley Landolina, Dean Leventopoulos, Bobi-Jean Alexander, Emily Christ, Michael Marra, Bruce Smith, Bobi-Jean Alexander, Mark Beighey, Brenna Miller, Michael Conlon, Claire Barker, Mark Beighey, Bill Brewer, Chessa Crum, Susana Garcia, Rebecca Hester, Kyle Masson, Veronica Mortier, Ellie Shroder, Mark Beighey, Susana Garcia, Kyle Masson, Rebecca Hester, Katie Gemperlein, Stephens Wolfe, Laura Lugarich, Ashley Porter, Jan Plutnicki, Kurt McKnaught, Oliver Wiehe, Dan McKosky, Zach Maisner, Seth Verba, James Sutkowski, James Sutkowski, Michael Manipole, Karissa Lambert, Thomas Magill, Megan Oldenski, Dyanna Boosel, Alison Doyle-Hoover, Sarah Groth, Brian Carson, Kelly Weston, Dean Leventopoulos, Edward Senior, *Internship* – Daniel Guerra
 3. **Contracted Service** – Jim Pearson
 4. **Leaves** – *Professional* – Melissa Cornibe, Jordan Sadley, Jamie Badaracco, Cameron Maurer, Kaitlyn Witt
 5. **Classified** – Robert Jacobs, Amy Gloeckner, Kristie Moran, Madeline Nowak
 6. **Stipend** – Timothy Eiler
- C. **Electric Front-Loading Kiln Purchase** – Awarded the bid for an electric front-loading kiln for the Seneca Valley Senior High School to Alpine Kilns & Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$23,078.
- D. **Student Trip** – Approved the secondary chorus trip to Dallas, Texas, March 28-31, 2025, under the supervision of Mrs. Bobi-Jean Alexander, Mrs. Claire Barker, and Mrs. Chessa Crum. Students will miss two days of instruction. This will be at no cost to the district.

Mr. DiTullio recognized the location of the chorus trip is to Dallas, TX, is a new one. He asked if the location is due to the Directors wanting to try new locations and Dr. McKinley confirmed that this is correct.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison to approve personnel, the Electric Front-Loading Kiln purchase and the student trip. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – August 5, 2024
- B. **Action Meeting** – August 12, 2024

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

2023-2024 Grand Total: \$466,899.10
2024-2025 Grand Total: \$4,718,416.33

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$687,931.07

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 008 – Organization Chart – revised, second and final reading.
 2. Approve board policy 331 – Employees – Job Related Expenses – revised, second and final reading.
 3. Approve board policy 612 – Purchases not Budgeted – new, first reading.
 4. Approve board policy 619 – District Audit – new, first reading.
 5. Approve board policy 812 – Property Insurance – new, first reading.
- Policies to be retired:
6. Policy 331 – Administrative Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, second and final reading.
 7. Policy 431 – Professional Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, second and final reading.
 8. Policy 531 – Classified Employees – Job Related Expenses – retire, second and final reading.
 9. Policy 432 – Professional Employees – Working Periods – retire, first and final reading.

B. **PSBA 2025 Officer Elections Slate of Candidates** - Elect the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) officers.

Mr. DiTullio shared with the Board that they will be taking recommendations for the PSBA officers at next week’s meeting.

C. **Vector Solutions** - Approve the contract with Vector Solutions to provide a virtual Title IX training to appropriate staff members, as outlined by federal regulations.

9. INSTRUCTION

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- A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.
- B. **Student Trip** – Approve the Orchestra trip to Orlando, Florida, March 20-24, 2025, under the supervision of Ms. Sarah Miller. Students will miss two days of instruction and the trip is at no cost to the district.
- C. **Memorandum of Understanding OPT** – Approve the MOU for the Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) with the Seneca Valley Education Association (SVEA).
- D. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the Waterway Monitoring, Health and Education Grant in the amount of \$2,600 requested by Mr. Tom Lavelle. Funds will be used to purchase two data logger remote sensors that will be used for the expansion of student projects.
- E. **The Watson Institute (Education Center) Service Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The Watson Institute for the provision of educational services for students enrolled at The Education Center Sewickley for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- F. **The Watson Institute (WISCA) Service Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The Watson Institute for the provision of educational services for students enrolled at The Watson Institute Social Center for Academic Achievement (WISCA) Sewickley for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- G. **Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV Special Education Service Agreement** - Approve the agreement with the MIU IV to provide hearing impaired support services for students for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- H. **LaRoche University Concurrent Enrollment Agreement** - Approve the concurrent enrollment agreement with La Roche University for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- I. **Point Park University College in High School Enrollment Agreement** - Approve the concurrent enrollment agreement with Point Park University for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- J. **Robert Morris University in the High School Enrollment Agreement** - Approve the concurrent enrollment agreement with Robert Morris University for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- K. **Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Contract for Special Education Programs and Services** -Approve the contract with BVIU to provide special education programs and services for enrolled students for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- L. **The University School Enrollment Contract** - Approve the contract with The University School for the provision of educational services for enrolled student for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- M. **Caring Foundation Agreement** - Approve the agreement with the Caring Foundation to provide school-based peer support group for grieving children and adolescents for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- N. **University of Pittsburgh Services Agreement** - Approve the agreement with University of Pittsburgh to participate in the School Partnered Collaborative Care (SPACE) Study for the 2024-25 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- O. **The School at McGuire Memorial Educational Services Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial for the provision of educational services for enrolled students for the 2024-25 school year.
- P. **The School at McGuire Memorial Extended School Year Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial for extended school year programming for July 2025.

Mr. Peterson asked for additional information regarding the Caring Foundation Agreement and, if the District would be hit with a tragedy, would the District be able to support the staff and students properly. Dr. Doggrell shared that this agreement with Highmark Caring Foundation will provide an opportunity for counseling during the school day to occur for students that have experienced significant grief or loss. Dr. Doggrell shared that parent consent is required for participating students and that district school counselor cofacilitates the sessions with the Caring Foundation staff. Additionally, Dr. Doggrell shared that she feels that the District is very well staffed and has a variety of resources and community partners available to support the District in the event of a tragedy.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- B. **Bid Awards** – Award the professional snow removal services contract to _____ for District wide snow removal services.

11. **PERSONNEL**

- 12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the August 12, 2024, public agenda:

- a. Alex Lau

- 13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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