



# Seneca Valley School District

## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

### Minutes

September 16, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Mike Jacobs, Board Member, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Yasmeen Fahs, sixth grader at Haine Middle 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. Nick Brower, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Fred Peterson and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. Tim Hester and Mr. Jeff Widdowson were absent.

### 2. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

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 - <a href="#">Adam Blank Presentation</a> 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

- B. **All-Star Award, Winner, September 2024** – Karen Christy, Security Officer, was recognized and presented the All-Star Award by Officer Jason Young, Director of Safety and Security. Officer Young shared that Ms. Christy was recently hired as one of the District's night guards. Officer Young shared he quickly learned that the qualities

noted by Ms. Christy's references were all true. On the second night on the job, Ms. Christy noticed suspicious activity on the campus and because of her quick thinking, Ms. Christy was able to assist local law enforcement in the investigation of the suspicious activity. Ms. Christy proved that she was dependable, reliable, detail orientated and that she was the perfect fit for the role. Officer Young thanked Ms. Christy, sharing that she is very deserving of the award.

Dr. Vitale thanked Ms. Christy for her quick thinking and assistance in keeping our District safe.

Mr. Jacobs echoed Dr. Vitale's comments and shared that the Board is proud of the facilities the District has and for people like Ms. Christy who are looking after them.

C. **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. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

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: \$850,541.62

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve the minute's, treasurer's report, general fund bills and construction fund bills. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approved board policy 008 – Organization Chart – revised, second and final reading.
2. Approved board policy 331 – Employees – Job Related Expenses – revised, second and final reading.

3. Approved board policy 612 – Purchases not Budgeted – new, first reading.
  4. Approved board policy 619 – District Audit – new, first reading.
  5. Approved 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.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower, to approve board policies. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

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

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve the PSBA 2025 Officer Elections Slate of Candidates. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

## 9. INSTRUCTION

- A. **Conferences** – Approved conference requests.
- B. **Student Trip** – Approved 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** – Approved the MOU for the Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) with the Seneca Valley Education Association (SVEA).
- D. **Grant Disbursement** – Granted permission for and to disburse 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** - Approved 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.
- F. **The Watson Institute (WISCA) Service Agreement** - Approved 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.

- G. **Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV Special Education Service Agreement** - Approved the agreement with the MIU IV to provide hearing impaired support services for students for the 2024-25 school year.
- H. **LaRoche University Concurrent Enrollment Agreement** - Approved the concurrent enrollment agreement with La Roche University for the 2024-25 school year.
- I. **Point Park University College in High School Enrollment Agreement** – Approved 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** - Approved the concurrent enrollment agreement with Robert Morris University for the 2024-25 school year.
- K. **Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Contract for Special Education Programs and Services** -Approved the contract with BVIU to provide special education programs and services for enrolled students for the 2024-25 school year.
- L. **The University School Enrollment Contract** - Approved the contract with The University School for the provision of educational services for enrolled student for the 2024-25 school year.
- M. **Caring Foundation Agreement** - Approved 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** - Approved the agreement with University of Pittsburgh to participate in the School Partnered Collaborative Care (SPACE) Study for the 2024-25 school year.
- O. **The School at McGuire Memorial Educational Services Agreement** - Approved 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** - Approved the agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial for extended school year programming for July 2025.
- Q. **Book Disposal** – Approved the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from Ryan Gloyer Middle School.

Ms. Bredl commented on the number of institutions that we partner with to offer services for our students.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Zimmer, to approve conferences, student trip, Memorandum of Understanding OPT, grant disbursement, The Watson Institute (Education Center) Service Agreement, The Watson Institute (WISCA) Service Agreement, Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV Special Education Service Agreement, LaRoche University Concurrent Enrollment Agreement, Point Park University College in High School Enrollment

Agreement, Robert Morris University in the High School Enrollment Agreement, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Contract for Special Education Programs and Services, University School Enrollment Contract, Caring Foundation Agreement, University of Pittsburgh Services Agreement, The School at McGuire Memorial Educational Services Agreement, The School at McGuire Memorial Extended School Year Agreement and book disposal. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers.
- B. **Bid Awards** – Awarded the professional snow removal services contract to Funyak Landscapes, L.P., for District wide snow removal services. Pending solicitor review of final agreement.

Mr. Brower motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve budget transfers and bid awards. 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. **Appointments** – *Professional Substitutes* – Elizabeth Babcock, Barbara Cook, George Panzak, *Classified* – Jennifer Burke, Ku Kartini Tuan Yusoff, Emerald Willis, Jamie Scheetz, Jennifer McGee, Lucas Schmitz, *Classified Substitutes* – Karen Greenawalt, *Supplementals* – Jess Leighty, Elizabeth Lahm, Jaden Miller, Eric Armstrong, Nicole Babik, Lynda Barrett, Cory Cavanaugh, Allison Clarke, James Comunale, Jason Farone, Lance Frederick, Jeffrey Johns, Jamie Lampus, Christopher Lantzy, Ronald Lasko, Exekial Lux, Skylar Meier, Jessica Ott, Valerie Perelman, Linda Runatz, Matthew Wagner, Joy Winters
- B. **Leave** – *Professional* – Amber Hugus
- C. **Affiliation Agreement** – Approved an Affiliation Agreement with Seneca Valley School District and Robert Morris University.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower to approve appointments, leave and an affiliation agreement. The motion passed on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – No communication has been received since the School Board Meeting on September 9, 2024.

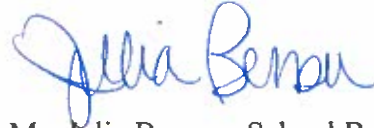
Dr. Vitale thanked law enforcement and the Executive team for tirelessly working over the weekend to investigate the threats made via social media and for getting the letter out to the public.

Mr. Jacobs echoed Dr. Vitale's appreciation.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Brower motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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