

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Minutes

February 3, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

- A. **Moment of Silence** - We are deeply saddened to inform you of the unexpected passing of Ms. Beth Born, a dedicated Valley Lines driver for Seneca Valley Bus S88. Ms. Born was a beloved member of our community, and her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her. On behalf of the entire Seneca Valley School District, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Born's family, friends and colleagues.

We are also deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of Mr. Richard (Rick) Eagle, former home and school visitor for Seneca Valley. Mr. Eagle worked for several decades in education and his presence will be missed by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues during this time.

Additionally, we are heartbroken by the tragic plane and helicopter collision that took place on Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C., as well as the plane crash that occurred in Philadelphia on Jan. 31 - both resulting in devastating losses. Our hearts go out to the victims, their loved ones and all who are mourning during this difficult time. We extend our deepest gratitude to the emergency personnel who responded swiftly and courageously. We ask you to join us in honoring and remembering those affected by these tragic events.

- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Piper Micon, Grade 4, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC), 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: 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. **Student/Staff Recognition** - Ms. Linda Andreassi shared that Ms. Lena Hannah, Pennsylvania School Board Association Member Outreach Manager, was in attendance to present the Pennsylvania Great Schools Ribbon award in recognition of Seneca Valley's commitment to academic rigor, community, resilience and

financial health. Joining Ms. Andreassi in recognition of this achievement was Ms. Tiffany Hernandez, Content Marketing Specialist, and Ms. Morgan Waag, Communications Specialist, because of their contributions to this recognition through the SV Communications Department.

Ms. Lena Hannah, Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Member Outreach Manager, was in attendance to celebrate Seneca Valley School District as a Great Pennsylvania School. She shared that this honor recognizes schools that demonstrate commitment to academic rigor, community, resilience, and financial health. On behalf of PSBA, she applauds the District for dedication in all areas. She shared that this achievement is an opportunity for the District to promote public education excellence in the community and congratulated the District on this achievement.

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

February	National Black History Month
February 3-7	National School Counseling Week
February 10	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., SHS Auditorium
February 14	Inclement Weather Makeup Day for January 3 closure – students and staff will be in session
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	President's Day – Staff In-Service Day – No School for Students
February 27-March 2	SV All-School Musical, "The Spongebob Musical" will be held in the SVIHS; tickets available at Tickets for The SpongeBob Musical in Harmony from ShowClix (https://www.showclix.com/event/svspongebobmusical)
February 28	Ramadan Begins
February 28	SVAOC End of Second Trimester, Grades K-6

Mr. DiTullio congratulated the SV Girls' Basketball team on earning the title of WPIAL Section Champions – a feat that hasn't occurred in nearly 50 years!

- C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester reported that their next meeting will be on February 6.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. DiTullio shared that he will provide an update next month.

- D. **Legislative** - Mr. DiTullio shared that Governor Shapiro will present the 2025-26 budget proposal to the General Assembly on Feb. 4.

- 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

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3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** – Public comment was made by Ms. Serenity Vincent regarding student safety.
- B. **Student Adjudications** – Approved the following student adjudications:
 1. #2024-25-09
 2. #2024-25-10
- C. **Personnel** – the following personnel items that were discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting:
 1. **Resignation** – *Administrator* – Jessica Parker
 2. **Appointments** – *Administration* – Jeremy Womer, *Professional Substitutes* – Sarah Fiorina, Noah Hemmerlin, Tanner Kantz, Dana Mathews, *Classified* – Amy Gloeckner, Riley Peters, *Supplementals* – Tom Magill, Bill Parenti, Cam Palmer, Mickey Flood, Spencer Murray, Greg Hayward, Mackenzie Gaydosh, Brianne McDonough, Joe DeCristoforo, Nicole Lollo, Bill Mislan, Lisa Tyson, Lauren Calderone, Brooke Wilson, Ashley Watkins, Lisa Ridenour, Markus Muenck, Walberto Lopez-Aviles, Ben Mattes, Mackenzie Clark, Wess Brahler, Steve Strelick, Paul (PJ) Blinn, Wess Brahler, Steve Strelick, Anastasia Williams, Daniel Dickey, Jen Durst, Catherine Lochner-Trejchel, Morgan Peaco, Craig Gehm, Anastasia Williams, Daniel Dickey, Morgan Peaco, Craig Gehm, Marissa Bitonti, Bria Giovannelli, Catherine Lochner-Trejchel, Jen Durst, Andrew Musacchio, Taylor Timmons, Ashley Turici, Jen Durst, Megan Kelly, Jeff Beavers, Jackie Hoover, Mike Stebbins, Erica Drennan, Kaitlin Jarvie, Tammy McKenry, Michell Rogozinski, Julie Stanek, Macrina Valletto, Mackenzie Kacsur, B.J. Pepper, Stacey Richard, Scott Rupik, Don Barclay
 3. **Leaves** – *Director* – Celeste Foley, *Professional* – Sandra Bilbao, Rebecca Watkins, Christina Maher, Hillary Mellott, Jennifer Cenna, *Classified* – Terri Keasey, Janet Antoszyk, Zackary Magill
 4. **Retirements** – *Director* – Linda Andreassi, *Professional* – Christine Cooper, *Classified* – Margaret Fennell

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve student adjudications, resignation, appointments, leaves and retirements. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. DiTullio announced that Mr. Barclay was hired as the Varsity Football Head Coach.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Action Meeting** – January 13, 2025

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$4,642,535.23

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7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$817,766.45

8. **ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Jeff Widdowson**

A. **Board Policies** –

1. Approve board policy 616 – Payment of Bills – second, final reading.
2. Approve board policy 227.1 – Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers – second, final reading.
3. Approve board policy 249 – Anti-Bullying – revised, first reading.

B. **2025-2026 School Calendar** – Approve the 2025-2026 school calendar.

C. **Local District Holidays** – Approve the resolution regarding local district holidays for the 2025-2026 school year.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.

B. **Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc Agreement** – Approve the Services Agreement with Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. regarding the Tri-County Business-Education Partnership Career Awareness mini-grant in the amount of \$2,000 that was recently awarded to the Raider Robotics program for costs associated with student competitions.

C. **Student Trips**

1. Approve Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander to take one student to Bushnell Performing Arts Center in Hartford, CT. for the All-Eastern Choir. Student will miss two days of instruction. Costs will be covered from budgeted monies.
2. Approve Col. Keebler, JROTC instructor at SHS, to take students to Gary Anderson CMP Marksmanship Center in Camp Perry, Ohio, Feb. 12-15, 2025. Students will miss three days of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.
3. Acknowledge Ms. Amy Seelbaugh to take students to Greece and Italy from March 27-April 4, 2026. Students will miss one day of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.
4. Approve Ms. Sarah Miller and Ms. Millie Shay, RGMS/IHS Orchestra teachers, to take students to Richland High School in Johnstown, PA. for Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Regions, Feb. 20-22, 2025. Students will miss two days of instruction.

D. **Book Disposal** – Approve the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from Ryan Gloyer Middle School.

- E. **Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement** - Approve the Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement to provide alternative education for student and provision for delivery of special education services for the 2024-2025 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- F. **Unified Champion Schools Memorandum of Understanding** - Approve the MOU between the Special Olympics Pennsylvania and Ryan Gloyer Middle School for Unified Champion Schools (Indoor Bocce) for the 2024-2025 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- G. **Magic School, Inc. Agreement** – Approve the agreement with Magic School, Inc. for educational technology software in the amount of \$27,500 for the remainder of the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

Mr. DiTullio shared that the Unified Bocce team held their senior night recently and many winter athletes were in attendance to cheer them on. There are currently over 200 school districts that participate in the Unified Bocce program, and Mr. DiTullio thanked everyone who makes it possible for our District.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- B. **Tax Collector Compensation Resolution** – Approve the resolution establishing tax collector compensation for the years 2026-2027 through 2029-2030.
- C. **Audit Acknowledgement** - Acknowledge the local audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
- D. **Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard** - Approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard to allow Seneca valley School District to become a member of this National Purchasing Cooperative.
- E. **Photography Services Agreement** - Approve the K-12 portraits agreement with Jostens, Inc. through the 2027-28 school year.

Mr. Jacobs thanked Ms. Kirk and all of administration for working with the auditors to receive the audit back so early this year.

11. **PERSONNEL**

- 12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the Jan. 13, 2025, public agenda:
 - a. Gregory Hayward
 - b. Helen Testa
 - c. John Blough
 - d. Michael Pokrzywinski

Mr. DiTullio shared his appreciation to everyone who has reached out to him and his family after the passing of his mother.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – With nothing to come before the board, Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 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