

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

Minutes

May 12, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Stella Sepulveda, grade 3, 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, Ms. Nick Brower, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Fred Peterson, and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Mr. Mike Jacobs and Mr. Jeff Widdowson were absent.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – It is with our deepest appreciation that we congratulate the following 2024-25 Seneca Valley School District retirees for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our students and schools. Together, this distinguished group represents more than 800 years of combined service at Seneca Valley:
 1. Jodi Albert – CVE Technology Facilitator - 35 years
 2. Linda Andreassi - Communications Director - 30 years
 3. Susan Baker - Payroll Supervisor - 24 years 4 months
 4. Patricia Ball - CO Administrative Assistant - 21 years 9 months
 5. David Bopp – CO Custodian - 25 years
 6. Elizabeth Cavicchia – Rowan Grade 2 - 35 years 5 months
 7. Cindy Choura - Ehrman Crest Paraprofessional - 27 years
 8. Robin Clay – HES Grade 2 - 19 years
 9. Christine Cooper – RGMS Health & Physical Education - 28 years
 10. Anita Duffy – SVIHS Nurse - 23 years 2 months
 11. Margaret Fennell – SHS Cafeteria Manager - 27 years
 12. Jeffrey Fraser – SVSHS Spanish Teacher - 23 years
 13. DeeAnn Graham – CVE Principal - 30 years
 14. Susan Greco - SHS Paraprofessional - 18 years 3 months
 15. Richard Grupp – RGMS Maintenance – 20 years
 16. Lynn Henderson - Haine Paraprofessional - 19 years 3 months
 17. Gregory Johns – District Maintenance - 17 years 10 months

18. Joseph Koromaus – RGMS Social Studies - 31 years
19. Michelle Kostlich – SHS School Counselor – 33 years 6 months
20. Sharon Kramer – HMS Grade 6 - 28 years
21. Nellie Luna – ECE/ECMS Cafeteria – 17 years 10 months
22. Dr. Matthew McKinley – Asst. Superintendent for Secondary Education - 36 years
23. Cheri Mihalik – SVIHS English - 22 years
24. James Mileski – SVSHS Technology Education - 33 years 5 months
25. Barry Murray - SVIHS Health & Physical Education - 27 years
26. Patrick O'Shea – RGMS Social Studies - 31 years 9 months
27. Michelle Ramage – SVIHS Learning Support - 26 years
28. Stacey Richard – CVE Grade 1 - 33 years
29. Joseph Rubaker – ECMS Grade 5 - 30 years
30. Judi Spinelli – SVIHS Multiple Supports - 26 years 7 months
31. Connie Wetzel - CO Administrative Assistant - 13 years 4 months
32. Susan White – RGMS Cafeteria Manager - 27 years 9 months

Dr. Vitale recognized that, together, the 32 retirees worked for SV for 841 years. She shared her gratitude for all that they have done and congratulated them on their retirement.

Mr. Peterson reminded the retirees that their retirement is a commencement and not an end. He shared that each of them has been of tremendous value to the District and wished them well.

Mr. Brower, Ms. Bredl, Ms. Zimmer and Mr. DiTullio each thanked the retirees for their commitment and congratulated them on their retirement.

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

May	
May 5-16	Advanced Placement Testing
May 12-15	Keystone Exams
May 15	SV Job & Opportunities Fair, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – SHS
May 17	Armed Forces Day
May 22	Center for Biotechnology Open House, 6-7:30 p.m., SVIHS Library and Labs; RSVP by May 16 to svfoundation@svsd.net
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday – No School for students and staff
May 29	Graduation Day (May 30 is the Rain Date)
May 31	Seneca Valley 2 nd Annual Best Buddies Walk, 9 a.m. – Noon, North Boundary Park; Signup at Seneca Valley Best Buddies Walk (runsignup.com)
June 6	Last Day of School for Grades K-11
June 9	Staff In-Service Day

Mr. DiTullio thanked everyone who helped with prom, and shared that he heard everything went well.

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. **Action Meeting** – April 7, 2025

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$2,384,706.29

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$434,264.60

Mr. Brower motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve the minutes, treasurer’s report, general fund bills and construction fund bills. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Board Policy** – Approved board policy 626.2 – Conflict of Interest – revised, first reading.

B. **Research Studies** - Approved the following research studies:

1. Doctoral Candidate Hannah Hamilton to conduct a case study at Seneca Valley entitled “*Sustaining Change: Teacher Perspectives on PBIS Implementation in Year Two.*” This qualitative case study aims to explore the perspectives and experiences of elementary educators regarding the implementation and sustainability of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in the district.
2. Doctoral Candidate Geoff Childs to conduct a dissertation study at Seneca Valley that examines how Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) programs are perceived in terms of academic impact, career preparation, and risk mitigation.

Ms. Bredl motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the board policy and research studies. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. INSTRUCTION

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- A. **Grant Disbursements** – Granted permission for and to disburse, the following grants:
1. The SVAOC Functional Fitness Lab Grant in the amount of \$7,500 funded by Highmark Foundation and requested by SVAOC Physical Education Teachers. Funds will be used to purchase strength and conditioning equipment.
 2. The Robotics Before and After School Programs Grant in the amount of \$30,000 funded by Arconic and requested by Ms. Annie Mersing. Funds will be used for continuing the opportunity of having Robotics Clubs for middle and elementary school students.
 3. The Healthy Start Smoothie Cart Grant in the amount of \$2,000 funded by the National Dairy Council and requested by Dr. Erin Wilcher and Ms. Annie Mersing. Funds will be used to purchase a Healthy Start Smoothie Cart.
 4. The Ehrman Crest Middle School Movement Studio Grant in the amount of \$6,854 funded by Highmark School Grants and requested by Ms. Annie Mersing and Mr. Tim Eiler. Funds will be used to enhance Ehrman Crest Middle School’s existing Movement Studio.
- B. **Book Disposal** – Approved the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from the Intermediate High School and Haine Middle School.
- C. **Student Trips** – Approved the following student trips:
1. Mr. Jeremiah Friday and Ms. Linda Weismann to take six students to Phoenix, Arizona, for the KidWind World Challenge, May 18-21, 2025. Students will miss three days of instruction.
 2. The secondary chorus trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida, February 25-March 1, 2026, under the supervision of Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander, Ms. Claire Barker, and Ms. Chessa Crum. Students will miss three days of instruction. This trip is at no cost to the district.
 3. The Pennsylvania Junior Classical League Club trip to the state convention in State College, May 25-26, 2025, under the supervision of Sarah Deeds, Amy Seelbaugh and Zach Cene. The trip is at no cost to the District.
- D. **Conferences** – Approved conference requests.
- E. **Bradley Center** - Approved the agreement with The Bradley Center to provide special education programming for enrolled students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- F. **Resource Adoption** – Approved the adoption of the K-6 Amplify math resource.
- G. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Approved the memorandum of understanding with the Education Support Professionals Association to allow adjusted work schedules during the instructional recess of the summer of 2025.

Mr. Brower motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester to approve grant disbursements, book disposal, student trips, conferences, the Bradley Center agreement, resource adoption and the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers.
- B. **Bid Awards** – Awarded the following bids for the 2025-2026 school year:
1. General Supplies
 2. Print Supplies
- C. **Depository/Treasurer** – Appointed NexTier Bank as depository for the 2025-2026 school year.
- D. **Bond Issuance Resolution** – Authorized the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation (limited tax) bonds. Series 2025 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$39,500,000 covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power of the local government unit for the payment of, the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the bonds ; authorizing the filing of the required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.
- E. **Xerox Business Solutions Agreement (previously AmCom/ComDoc)** - Approved an addendum to the existing document management agreement with Xerox Business Solutions for a 60-month lease covering a total of twenty-five (25) devices. All existing devices will be replaced with new machines. The addendum further includes 587,000 black/white impressions and 73,000 color impressions per year.
- F. **Ryan Gloyer Middle School Quarry Tile Replacement Phase IV** - Awarded the General Construction Contract, per COSTARS, Commonwealth of PA cooperative purchasing program, to Allegheny Installations in the amount of \$454,000.

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve budget transfers, bid awards, depository/treasurer, bond issuance resolution, Xerox Business Solutions agreement and the Ryan Gloyer Middle School Quarry Tile Replacement Phase IV. The motion carried on a voice 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. **Resignation** – *Classified* – Amanda Randall
- B. **Appointments** – *Professional Substitutes* – Sara Hazen, Alexandra Reed, Joya Stebbins, *Classified Substitutes* – Susan Bordy, Patricia Hayden, *Internship* – Bryce Manley, *Supplementals* – Jay Roman, Brian Goche, Jeff Richards, Oliver Wiehe, Jim Houser, Scott Stewart, Jenna Plummer, Kasey Kraus, Matt Pournaras, Carlos Salgado, Rosa Salgado, Scott Postler, Megan Kelly, Lisa Ridenour, Lisa Tyson, Laura Wise, Elaine Duggan, Megan Wise, Katie Wise, Brynn Lefler, Alexa Gates, Jenna Montelaro, Wanda Reynolds, Adria Herlihy, Jennifer Roush, Erin Stewart, Steven Fortunato, Lauren Calderone, Tara Rocks, Ashley Graham, Kevin Holman, Hillary Mellott, Janet Tallerico, Maria Landolina, Katherine Peterson, Michaela Herrmann, Taylor Kockler,

Rosemary Piso, Lisa Kasper, Jennifer Shipe, Jonathan Hickman, Andrea Platt, Amanda Weir, Amy Brush, Susan Irwin, Jeanne Probst, Ryan Balog, Melissa Mitro, Carolyn Cox, Jason Groom, Leah Carlin, Susan Himic, Melinda Hickman, Ashley Nardone, Erin Andrekovich, Melissa Cipollone, Gioia Warecki, Colleen Krause, Joan Widdowson, Megan Davis, Abigail Russell, Stephanie Chiapusio, Tisha Konvolinka, Nicole Ehmann, Shay Houser, Halley Alexander, Brooke Wilson, April Christopher, Melody Snyder, Molly Brunner, Cortney Lambert, Kelsey Pappas, Eleanor Sgro, Robin Presco, Claire Staudacher, Katherine Webb, Stephen Wolfe, Eva Herman, Victoria Hinchee, Shelly Droz, Kristi Dietz, Katelyn Gall, Adelina DiTullio, Jordan Sadley, Carey Beachem, Allyson Calvert, Emily Murphy, Callie Bruno, Christina Dugan, Amanda Jamison, Pamela Volz, Tracy Semega, Whitney Corrigan, Suzanne Duer, Lynne Rodrigues, Rebecca Rockey

C. **Contract Renewal** – Dr. Sean McCarty

D. **Position Changes effective July 1, 2025** – Dr. Marie Palano, Mr. Ashley Porter, Dr. Anthony Babusci

E. **Non-Renewal**

F. **Leaves – Professional** – Chelsea Bennardo, Brittney Cianci, Amanda Horwat, Claire Barker, Rebecca Finch, Lindsay Bergstrom

G. **Sabbatical** – Rachel Johnson

H. **Retirements – Professional** – Michelle Kostlich, *Classified* – Richard Grupp, Nellie Luna

Ms. Zimmer motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve resignation, appointments, contract renewal, position changes effective July 1, 2025, non-renewal, leaves, sabbatical and retirements. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – – The following constituent communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the May 5, 2025, public agenda:

a. Dana Chappell

Dr. Vitale shared that the District received grant funding from Remake Learning, the Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run and additional grants found by Ms. Annie Mersing to cover the approximately \$10,000 needed to stock the streams and host Remake Learning. Teachers from neighboring districts, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and other non-profit organizations were invited to attend and learned to fly fish and tie their own fly, amongst other hands-on learning activities.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Brower motioned, seconded by Ms. Zimmer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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