

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

Minutes

June 9, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Ms. Nick Brower, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Fred Peterson, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Seneca Valley High School students have elevated their craft to an art form. Recently, the Butler Art Center held a high school art exhibition open to regional school districts, where 16 Seneca Valley students showcased their work—and six of them earned awards for their outstanding pieces. Students were guided by Jason Woolslare and Megan Bonistalli, Seneca Valley Senior High School Art Teachers.
 2. Seneca Valley School District has once again been honored by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation with the prestigious Best Communities for Music Education designation, recognizing the district's outstanding commitment to music education. This marks the third time Seneca Valley has earned this distinguished recognition, which is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement and for providing music access and education to all students.

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

June	
June 13	Release of K-6 Student Reports of Progress and 7-12 Report Cards
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day

June 16-August 7	SVAOC Cyber Sessions and Summer Camps
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	Summer Begins
June 20	Seneca Valley's Kennywood Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 8	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 9	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 29	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 30	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 31	Due date for all Fall Sport Athletic Paperwork
August 4	PIAA Start of Fall Sports (Football, Golf)
August 4	School Board Work Session
August 7	Seneca Valley Foundation Gift of Hope Golf Classic
August 8	Summer Academy for SV Professional Staff
August 11	PIAA Start of Fall Sports (All Other Sports)
August 11	School Board Regular Session
August 11	Summer Academy for SV Professional Staff
August 13	New Teacher Induction
August 14	New Teacher Induction
August 18	All-Staff Welcome Back Event
August 21	First Day of School for the 2025-26 School Year

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** - Public comments were heard from Mr. Dean Berkebile, Mr. Jim Nickel and Mr. John Mitro regarding the retirement of Dr. Matt McKinley and Ms. Linda Andreassi. Additionally, public comments were heard from Mr. John Czolba and Ms. Donna Statzer regarding the 2025-26 budget and proposed tax increase.

Mr. DiTullio shared with everyone in attendance that Dr. McKinley and Ms. Andreassi will be retiring after many years of service. Six past School Board Members, including four past Board Presidents, were in attendance to show their support and wish them well. He shared with each of them his appreciation and wished them well on their retirements.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Work Session – May 5, 2025
- B. Action Meeting – May 12, 2025

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$4,036,146.87

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$852,624.29

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, 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 Policies** – Approved the following board policies:

1. Board policy 626.2 – Conflict of Interest – revised, second and final reading.
 2. Board policy 705.1 – Control of Hazardous Materials – new, first and final reading.
 3. Board policy 237 – Responsible Use of Technology Resources – revised, first and final reading.
 4. Board policy 342 – Jury Duty – Employees – revised, first reading.
- Policies to be retired:
5. Board policy 442 – Jury Duty – Professional Employees – retire, first reading.

B. **Food Service Department Incentive** - Approved the incentive program for Food Service Department employees, effective August 21, 2025, which provides free reimbursable school meals for the children of eligible employees as a measure to attract new employees and retain current staff.C. **Research Studies** – Approved the following research studies:

1. Doctoral Candidate, Heather Morningstar, to conduct dissertation study on gender and educational leadership. This study aims to investigate the extent to which perceptions of gendered leadership contribute to the underrepresentation of women in K-12 superintendent positions in Pennsylvania.
2. Doctoral Candidate, Jeremiah Friday, to conduct a case study at Seneca Valley focusing on teacher understanding and implementation of Problem-Based Learning (PBL). This study aims to learn more about elementary teacher understanding of PBL and to create professional development training to support the implementation of PBL in elementary classrooms.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Zimmer, to approve board policies, Food Service Department Incentive and research studies. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. **INSTRUCTION**A. **Book Disposal** –

1. Approved the sale, donation or recycling of obsolete books from Haine Middle School.

2. Approved the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from Ryan Gloyer Middle School.
- B. **Imagine Learning Agreement** – Approved the renewal of the agreement between Imagine Learning K-12 and Seneca Valley School District to operate our cyber program to be paid in five equal installments over five years.
- C. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Agreement** - Approved the comprehensive services agreement with the AIU to receive services if requested during the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- D. **Student Trip** - Approved the secondary band trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from March 26-29, 2026, under the supervision of Mr. Varden Armstrong, Mr. Robert Babick and Ms. Sara Snyder. Students will miss two days of instruction. This will be at no cost to the district.
- E. **2025 Graduates** – Approved the list of Seneca Valley graduates for 2025.
- F. **Pittsburgh Ballet House** – Approved the SV Academy of Choice Instructional Services Agreement with Pittsburgh Ballet House for the 2025-26 school year.
- G. **Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Butler County Human Services Center for Community Resources to provide consultative, pre-assessments, and referrals through SAP Liaison services for the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- H. **Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) Agreement** - Approved the agreement to participate and comply with the PA Medical Assistance Program for the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- I. **Glade Run Lutheran Services Agreement** – Approved the agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services to provide mental health services for students during the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- J. **Glade Run Day Student Education Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services (dba St. Stephen’s Lutheran Academy) to provide special education programming for students during the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- K. **MHY Family Services Agreement** – Approved the agreement with MHY Family Services to provide educational programming at Longmore Academy for students during the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- L. **Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Cray Youth and Family Services to provide educational programming at Cray Education Center Private Academic School for students during the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- M. **Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Cray Youth and Family Services to provide alternative education programming at

Cray Challenges for students during the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- N. **Robert Morris University High School Enrollment Agreement** - Approved the concurrent enrollment agreement with Robert Morris University for the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- O. **BC3 College Within the High School (CWHS) Agreement** - Approved the concurrent enrollment agreement with Butler County Community College for the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- P. **BC3 College Now Agreement** - Approved the agreement with Butler County Community College for the College Now concurrent enrollment program for the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- Q. **Athletic Uniform Sale & Disposal** – Approved the sale of obsolete athletic uniforms & warm-ups and the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms & warm-ups.
- R. **La Roche University Concurrent Enrollment Agreement** - Approved the concurrent enrollment agreement with La Roche University for the 2025-26 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- S. **Conferences** – Approved conference requests.

Ms. Zimmer motioned, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve book disposal, Imagine Learning Agreement, Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Agreement, student trip, 2025 graduates, Pittsburgh Ballet House Agreement, Student assistance Program (SAP) Agreement, Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) Agreement, Glade Run Lutheran Services Agreement, Glade Run Student Education Agreement, MHY Family Services Agreement, Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement, Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement, Robert Morris University High School Enrollment Agreement, BC3 College Within High School (CWHS) Agreement, BC3 College Now Agreement, athletic uniform sale and disposal, La Roche University Concurrent Enrollment Agreement and conferences. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

10. BUSINESS/FINANCE

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers.
- B. **Consultant Agreement - jmA** - Approved the Consulting Services Agreement with jmA, LLC for the 2025-26 fiscal year for payroll training and payroll support services.
- C. **Homestead and Farmstead Resolution** - Approved the 2025-26 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution per Act 1 - Taxpayer Relief Act.
- D. **Summer Actions** - Authorized the administration to approve:
 1. Year-end budget transfers
 2. Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) agreements
 3. June and July bills

- E. **Act 511 Taxes** - Approved re-enactment of the following Act 511 Taxes: 9 7 8 6
1. Flat Rate Occupation Tax - \$10
2. Earned Income Tax - 1%
3. Real Estate Transfer Tax - 1%
- F. **Exterior Painting of Haine Elementary School, Haine Middle School and Rowan Elementary School** - Awarded the General Construction Contract to E&G Development, New Castle PA, in the amount of \$234,700.
- G. **Districtwide Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Repairs** - Awarded the General Construction Contract to E&G Development, New Castle PA, in the amount of \$194,347.
- H. **Exterior Improvements to West Fieldhouse** - Awarded the General Construction Contract to E&G Development, New Castle PA, in the amount of \$147,743.
- I. **Liability Insurance** – Approved the sanction of the following groups to work on behalf of the Seneca Valley School District and intention to provide that the District’s liability insurance cover these groups for the 2025-2026 school year: PTA, PTO, SV Boys’ Lacrosse, SV Indoor Track and Field, SV Ice Hockey, SV Inline Hockey, SV Slow Pitch Softball, SV Bowling, SV Competitive Cheer, SV Fencing, SV Ultimate Frisbee, SV Unified Bocce, JROTC, After Prom Committee, Booster groups, Seneca Valley Foundation and all Board approved student clubs.
- J. **Booster Group Resolution** – Approved the Booster Group Resolution for the 2025-26 school year.
- K. **Ticket Prices** -
1. Approved the athletic ticket prices for the 2025-26 school year with no changes as follows: football reserved seating \$8.00/entry; football pre-sale adult general admission \$6.00/entry; football pre-sale student general admission \$4.00/entry; all football tickets at the gate \$6.00/entry; all other sports adult general admission \$5.00/entry; all other sports student general admission \$3.00/entry.
2. Approved a student or adult annual athletic pass for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$50.00 for the year. The pass will allow entry into all Seneca Valley sponsored home athletic events. Pass does not allow for entry to any away or any WPIAL and/or PIAA playoff event.
- L. **Facilities Rental Fees** – Approved the facilities rental fees for the 2025-26 school year with no changes.
- M. **Naming Rights Agreement** – Approved the agreement with the Khara Family for naming rights of the baseball field for Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), payable in ten annual installments of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) each year, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2035.

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- N. **Stepping Stones Agreement** – Approved the one-year renewal agreement with Stepping Stones, Inc to provide extended-day services in each elementary school for the 2025-26 school year.
 - O. **Milk RFP Approval** – Approved the contract proposal from Marburger Farm Dairy, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of milk products for the 2025-26 school year.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve budget transfers, consultant agreement – jmA, homestead and farmstead resolution, summer actions, Act 511 taxes, exterior painting of Haine Elementary School, Haine Middle School and Rowan Elementary School, districtwide concrete curb and sidewalk repairs, exterior improvements to the West Fieldhouse, liability insurance, booster group resolution, ticket prices, facilities rental fees, naming rights agreement, Stepping Stones Agreement, milk RFP approval. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- P. **Final 2025-2026 General Fund Budget** - Approved the final general fund budget for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$179,867,685 with a proposed millage increase of 5.53 mills (4%).

Mr. Hester thanked those who attended the meeting and shared during public comment. He explained that he has looked very closely at the budget and has spent a lot of time reviewing it with the Business Manager, Ms. Kirk. He shared that the Board has cut as much as they can, but there are items that are out of their control and items that they are still unsure about in regard to if they will or will not be funded by the Federal Government. If programs like the National School Lunch Program or programs for students with special needs are cut from the Federal Budget, the Board wants to be prepared to be able to take care of the students in the District and his hope is that the budget is reflective of that.

Mr. DiTullio shared that there has been a 15–20-year plan in place to ensure that the Board is making the right decisions. Unfortunately, there has been a 20% increase in transportation costs and a 20% increase in medical costs that were not figured into the long-term plan. In addition, there are buildings that need to be renovated due to their age, and they must account for the projected District growth of 10% over the next 10 years. These items are now part of the long-term plan. He also shared that our goal as a District is to create members of society that are productive.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the Final 2025-2026 General Fund Budget. 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* – Claire Barker, *Supplemental* – Eva Herman
- B. **Appointments** – *Administration* – Jessica Scerbo, *Professional Substitutes* – Jessica Adam, Christine Alexander, William Allen, Mary Barb, Kelly Casey, Ann Cheman, Amy Crawford, Michael Cristallino, Michelle Follett, Jean Forti, Kristine Hattman, Taylor Healy, Noah Hemmerlin, Carmen Householder, Denise Howell-Longello, Heather Husband, Patricia Jandrovic, Lisa Karasack, Debra Karpak, Deborah Kennedy, Carol Korn, Kimberly Maravich, K. Adele Marks, Dana Mathews, Lori McCann, Christine Michael, Stephen Miller, John Nicotra, Sherree Pawlowski,

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Heather Perricone, Amy Perchke, Angela Rebovich, Eric Rogalsky, Amanda Rusnock, Deborah Santilo, Sherri Schubert, Jill Schulz, Erin Scott, Lisa Seibel, Michele Semrau, Thomas Snyder, Amanda Snyder, Marcia Sopher, Madison Speicher, Linda Starosta, Robert Taylor, Kathy Williamson, *Classified* – Irma Martinez, Carol Youkers, *Supplementals* – Kaitlynn Witt, Kelly Skelton, Kevin Wildrick, Megan Meeder, James Pyle

- C. **School Physician** – Dr. Jared Ramsey
- D. **School Dentist** – Dr. Brian Rosenzweig
- E. **Contracted Services** – Jim Pearson, Robert Raso
- F. **Leaves – Professional** – Beatrice Kappeler, *Classified* – Rose Walsh, Valerie Draper, Ashley Cleaver, Ryan Cleaver
- G. **Tenure** – Anne Bernacki, Amy Brown, Zach Cene, Alyssa Ceraulo, Melissa Cipollone, Madelyn Cornman, Caroline Dillon, Adeline DiTullio, Annelise Doran, Suzanne Duer, Christopher Eden, Hannah Forrester, Katelyn Gall, Hannah Gonzales, Kaitlyn Jarvie, Mackenzie Kacsur, Howard Keebler, Emily Knauss, Chelsea Koryak, Colleen Krause, Elizabeth Lahm, Cortney Lambert, Kyle Masson, Cameron Maurer, Carissa Miller, Amanda Milteer, Ava Mosbacher, Emily Murphy, Megan Orloff, Casey Ridgley, Rachel Sager, Emily Thelen, Julie Tomasovich, Katherine Webb, Nanet Wendereusz
- H. **Classified and Administrative Adjustments**
- I. **Retirement** – *Classified* – Terry Serman

Ms. Zimmer motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve resignations, appointments, school physician, school dentist, contracted services, leaves, tenure, classified and administrative adjustments and retirement. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- 12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the June 2, 2025, public agenda:
 - a. Nancy Cable
- 13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing to come before the board, Mr. Widdowson, motioned, seconded by Ms. Zimmer to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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