

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Minutes

August 4, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 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: Mr. Nick Brower, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Fred Peterson and Mr. Jeff Widdowson were absent.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Shortly before her retirement from the District, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary (CVE) Principal DeeAnn Graham was honored by the Zelienople Rotary with the Tullio A. “Doc” Viola Service Above Self Award. This prestigious award is presented to a non-Rotarian who exemplifies exceptional dedication to community service. Mrs. Graham was recognized for her outstanding career spanning more than 30 years with Seneca Valley, including 17 years of dedicated leadership as principal of CVE. In celebration of this honor, she was also featured in the Rotary’s Annual July 4th Parade.
- B. **Dates to Remember** - Ms. Linda Andreassi announced the following dates to remember:

August	
August 4	First Day of PIAA Fall Sports for Golf & Football
August 7	Seneca Valley Foundation Gift of Hope Golf Outing, presented by Xerox – Cranberry Highlands Golf Course
August 8	Summer Academy for SV Professional Staff – SHS Library
August 11	First Day of remaining PIAA Fall Sports
August 11	Summer Academy for SV Professional Staff – SHS Library
August 11	School Board Regular Meeting – SVIHS Auditorium – 7 p.m.
August 13	New Teacher Induction – Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School
August 14	New Teacher Induction for Technology – SHS Library
August 14	SV Pie Fest – Secondary Campus – Pie serving begins at 5:30 p.m. in SVIHS

August 15	Teacher In-Service/Professional Development (Floating Day can be served any day from August 11-15)
August 18	All-Staff Welcome Back Meeting – SVIHS Auditorium
August 18-20	Teacher In-Service/Professional Development
August 21	First Day of School for the 2025-26 School Year
August 23	SAT Testing – SHS – 7:30 a.m.
September 1	Labor Day – No School for Students and Staff
September 12	Veteran Recognition – NextTier Stadium – 5:30 p.m.

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester will provide an update at the September meeting.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio will provide an update at the September meeting.

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that they are continuing the budget conversations.

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** – *Administration* – Antoinette Mersing, *Professional* – Emmelia Jaffe, Evan DeAngelis, Annelise Doran, Kimberly Brown, Amanda Longello, *Classified* – Ashley Cleaver, Brandon Taylor, Cody Grupp, Riley Peters, *Supplemental* – Kenneth Macek, Kasey Kraus
2. **Appointments** – *Director* – Dr. Joel Roth, Ian Hunter, *Professional* – Elianna Hyland, Lauren Bowser, Paris Brown, Julia Camp, Zora Mosley, Kathryn Wisniewski, Annamarie Tomko, Sydni Kumanchik, Brenna Flynn, Chelsea Hunt, St. Claire Oliver, Madison Winter, James Muraco, *Professional Substitutes* – Steffany Adai, Julia Arlia, Elizabeth Babcock, Lindsay Bowlin, Denyse Bruni, Leslie Bullis, Tammy Cantella, Madison Cossin, Jill Deutsch, Sharon Gallas, Ann Hahn, Karen Helmecci, Rebecca Hester, Geralynn Hood-Holt, Jennifer Keefer, Carol Kocur, Pamela Krause, Elizabeth Krumm, Susan Leake, Charles Lisella, Kristie Long, Kristy Long, Brittaney Lucas, Jamie Madder, Deborah Malley, Jessica May, Susan McDowell, Brenda McVicker,

Tabatha Mill, Katelyn Mustovich, Kathryn Olson, Amy Parkinson, Jeanna Pournaras, Joanne Ranayhossaini, Carly Renwick, Jennifer Richart, Calynn Rosenbaum, Barbara Rosenbaum, Jaclyn Shibata, Cindy Speck, Nancy St. Clair, Elizabeth Steele, Marybeth Strauch, Karli Szweda, Kaylyn Talton, Maura Taylor, Susan Weber, Douglas Williamson, Dale Zacherl, Laneya Turner, Alaina Kalin, Lauren Walsh, Brenda McVicker, *Classified* – Madison Drinkhall, Kelly Cummings, Julian Moreno, Jennifer Spencer, *Classified Substitutes* – Susan Bordy, Susan Brinker, Denyse Bruni, Callie Bruno, Derek Bush, Julia Castio, Gina Cillo, Karen Greenawalt, Emily King, Kristie Long, Maria Madeja, Julian Moreno, Teresa O'Malley, Kara Patrick, Nicole Ratliff, Calynn Rosenbaum, Ashwini Salunkhe, Tracy Semega, Lindsay Sherrets, Kathy Sims, Kristen Verlihay, Carol Youkers, Christine Zacherl, *Supplementals* – Donald Holl III, Raymond Hooks, Nathan Flood, Nathan Flood, Joshua McLean, Madison Winter, Jeff Beavers, Andrea Morrisard, Andrea Morrisard, Maggie Kelly, Staci Hughes, Marianne Aboutanos, Suzanne Aboutanos-Fellerman, Kara Andres, Megan Bonistalli, Maria Brooks, James Bull, Lorie Chestnut, Allsion Clarke, James Comunale, Jennifer Curry, Crystal Cypher, Larry Deal, Anthony DeRosa, Lara DiFrischia, Jennifer Durst, Matthew Durst, Katie Flanigan, Lance Frederick, Mackenzie Gaydosh, Marlesse Hames, Michael Henry, Kalene Ireland, Bria Koch, Alex Krajniak, Traci Kuntz, Heather Kusick, Katherine Langley, Amy Lehman, Dean Leventopoulos, Megan Loewy, James Lucot, Laura Lugarich, Ezekial Lux, Kenneth Macek, Rachelle Magnani, Lauren McClain, John McFeeley, Sarah McKissick, Megan Meeder, Skyar Meier, Heather Melber, Rebecca Mutschler, Briana Nassan, Megan Oldenski, Jessica Ott, Camden Palmer, Julie Parenti, Andrew Parker, Michael Pelloni, Valerie Perelman, Linda Plesniak, Matthew Pournaras, Lilia Pries, James Pyle, Jeffrey Richards, Tracy Richards, Jeffrey Roberts, Chad Roberston, Erin Schollaert, Alicia Scopellite, Amy Seelbaugh, Heather Sibeto, Kelly Skwortz, Catherine Smolter, Michael Stebbins, Courtney Strieby, Kristin Vogan, Gioia Warecki, Kelly Weston, Sarah White, Kevin Wildrick, Joy Winters, Bethany Witt, Stephen Wolfe, Katie Wolford, David Zelner, Xiaojing Zhang, James Ziegler, Elaine Duggan, Karen Christopher, Brandi Ruiz, Kara Patrick, Bria Koch, Adelina DiTullio, Ashley Graham, Melissa Mitro, Tammie Wylie, Grace Rupik, Ashley Salman, Ashley Nardone

3. **Contracted Services – Consultant** – Dr. Matthew McKinley, *Pittsburgh Ballet House* – Lindsay Peters, Sae-Young Kang, Emily McGoey, Robyn Naugle, *Artists in Residence* – William Brewer, Perry Gatch, Ashley Babick, Mark Jackovic, Emily Tarantino, Mila Shadel, Brian Stahurski
4. **Statement of Charges** – Approved statement of charges for professional employee.
5. **Leaves – Director** – Susan Baker, Christine Thayer-Miller, *Professional* – Skylar Meier, Katelynn Zaremski, Alyssa Ceraulo, Jessica Bear, Staci Hughes, Carrissa Miller, *Classified* – Karen King

- C. **Vo-Tech JOC Representative** – Appointed Mr. Nick Brower as Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating (BCAVTS JOC) representative.

- D. **Vo-Tech JOC Alternate Representative** – Appointed Ms. Susan Harrison as Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee (BCAVTS JOC) alternate representative.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve personnel, Vo-Tech JOC Representative and Vo-Tech JOC Alternate Representative. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- E. **Maximum Project Cost and Maximum Building Construction Cost** – Approved the maximum building construction cost and maximum project cost for the proposed construction of the Intermediate High School & Performing Arts Center Addition located at 126 Seneca School Road, Harmony, with the following maximum project cost estimates:

1. Maximum Building Construction Cost - \$114,651,741
(Structure Costs, Fees, Movable Fixtures/Equipment)
2. Maximum Project Cost - \$165,896,311

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the Maximum Project Cost and Maximum Building Construction Cost. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – June 2, 2025
- B. **Action Meeting** – June 9, 2025

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

2024 - 2025 Grand Total: \$5,531,288.45
2025 - 2026 Grand Total: \$7,346,292.28

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

2024 - 2025 Grand Total: \$1,912,374.35
2025 - 2026 Grand Total: \$32,828.00

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies:

1. Board policy 342 – Jury Duty – Employees – revised, second, final reading.
Policies to be retired:
2. Board policy 442 – Jury Duty – Professional Employees – retire, second, final reading.

- B. **Act 26 MOU** – Approve the Act 26 Memorandum of Understanding between Seneca Valley School District and local law enforcement agencies.

9. INSTRUCTION

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- A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.
- B. **Peer Empowerment Club** - Approve the establishment of the Peer Empowerment Club at no cost to the District, and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Ms. Jennifer Exler, effective for 2025-26 school year.
- C. **Athletic Equipment Elimination** – Approve the resale of football flip sled athletic equipment.
- D. **Book Disposal** – Approve the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from Haine Elementary School.
- E. **Consultant Agreement** - Approve the consultant agreement with Latitia Lattanzio-Paros to provide psychological evaluation services for special education evaluations, gifted evaluations, and requested consultation as needed for the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- F. **Consultant Agreement** - Approve the consultant agreement with Hannah Brimkov to provide psychological evaluation services for special education evaluations, gifted evaluations, and requested consultation as needed for the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- G. **McGuire Memorial, Educational Services Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The Schools at McGuire Memorial to provide special educational programming for students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- H. **Watson Institute, Service Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The Watson Institute to provide training and consultation as needed for the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- I. **University School, Enrollment Contract** - Approve the agreement with The University School to provide special education programming for students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- J. **Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, Contract** - Approve the agreement with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide special education programming at New Horizon School for students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- K. **Sign Language Interpreting Professionals, Client Agreement** - Approve the agreement with Sign Language Interpreting Professionals to provide interpreting services for students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- L. **Hope Learning Center, Agreement** - Approve the agreement with Hope Learning Center to provide occupational therapy and physical therapy for students and to provide consultant services for school-based access program during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- M. **Early Admission** - Approve the early admission to first grade for one student for the 2025-2026 school year.

- N. **School Health Services Agreement** - Approve the agreement for provision of nursing services to North Catholic students for the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- O. **School Assist Consulting, LLC Proposal** - Approve the School Assist Consulting, LLC proposal to provide professional development leadership coaching during the 2025-2026 school year.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **First Student Agreement Addendum** – Approve the First Student Agreement Addendum.
- B. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- C. **Delinquent Real Estate Taxes** - Approve the resolution regarding the sale of delinquent real estate taxes for fiscal year 2026.

11. **PERSONNEL**

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the June 9, 2025, public agenda:

- a. Tracy Ekstam
- b. Gina Cottage
- c. Kelly Mediate
- d. Trisha Butschle

Mr. DiTullio recognized and introduced two new hires that were present for the School Board Meeting: Dr. Joel Roth, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation, and Mr. Ian Hunter, Director of Communications. Dr. Vitale congratulated and welcomed both gentlemen to the District.

- 13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Ms. Zimmer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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