

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Minutes

September 8, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence in memory of September 11, 2001.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Madison Carangio, second grader at 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: Ms. Leslie Bredl, 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.

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

September	
September 11	Patriot Day
September 12	SV Veteran Recognition Program, 5:30 p.m., NexTier Stadium
September 15	Regular School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., SVIHS Auditorium
September 16	National Information Technology (IT) Professionals Day
September 17	Intermediate High School Open House/Senior High School Open House
September 18	Ryan Gloyer Middle School Open House
September 22	Rosh Hashana Begins
September 22	Autumn Begins
September 25	SV Homecoming Carnival (5 p.m.) and Parade (7 p.m.), Secondary Campus
September 26	SV Homecoming Court Recognition, 6:30 p.m., NexTier Stadium
September 27	SV Homecoming Dances, 7-10 p.m., IHS & SHS
October 1	Yom Kippur Begins
October 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
October 2	In-Service Day – No School for Students
October 3	Professional Development (Act 80) Day and K-6 Parent-Teacher Conference Day – No School for Students

October 4	SAT Testing, 7:30 a.m., SHS
October 6	School Board Work Session Meeting, 7 p.m., SVSHS Auditorium

B. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Brower shared that Mr. Peterson was recognized and thanked for his years of service at the last meeting. Additionally, Mr. Hester was elected as Vice President of the Vo-Tech. Mr. Hester shared that SV has approximately 200 students attending Vo-Tech for the 25-26 school year.

Mr. Peterson thanked everyone for their support and shared that it has been a wonderful experience serving on the Vo-Tech board.

2. I.U. IV - Mr. DiTullio reported that there will be a meeting later this month. Additionally, he shared that Dr. Killmeyer will be retiring in February 2026.

- C. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the budget has not been passed at this time. They have had discussions on the Public School Retirement System (PSERS) bills that will be coming out in mid-September. During the upcoming PSERS meetings, they will be discussing what this will look like for school districts that are not making their payment.

Additionally, there were bills introduced to the House that would provide credible non-school service and eligibility benefits for classes of service, which will allow people to increase their credits for the PSERS program. House bill 1767 was introduced that would provide a prefunded cost of living increase between 15 1/2-24%. This bill would be funded through the state and will not affect the District's PSERS contribution.

D. **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** – Public comments were heard from Ms. Julie Jones on the topic of Vo-Tech and Mr. Stephen deVries on growth plans.

- B. **Personnel** – Approved the following personnel items that were discussed in executive session held prior to the meeting:

1. **Resignations** – *Professional* – Nicole Morrow, *Classified* – Jayme Gordon, Frederick Buchanan, Jennifer Medici, Linda Sherman, Julian Moreno, *Security* – Heather Schrecengost

2. **Appointments** – *Administration* - Dr. Joseph Ferraracci, *Professional* – Madeline Dulac, David Wingenbach, *Professional Substitutes* – Anthony Chiappetta, Myriam Clermont, William Crummy, Gerald DiPaola, Nicole Driscoll, Lindsey Dugan, Jacquelyn Edmisten, Ronald Evans, Jeffrey Fraser, Bethany Geary, Sara Hazen, Brittany Johnson, Hunter Karenbauer, Laura Kellar, Cindy Marzock, Benjamin Mattes, Susan Meyers, Douglas Moore, Karin Murra, Katy Nelson, Michael Pendred, Meghan Roach, Grace Rubican, Maria (Tanya) Schley, Lindsey Williams, Carol Wilson, Troy Jelinek, Nicholas Palermo, Tanner Yergin, *Classified* – Audra Sedar, Allison Newman, Amy Gloeckner, Elizabeth Kennaday, Nicholas Berger, Pamela Greenlief, James King, Margaret Riggle, *Classified Substitutes* – Beryl Augustine, Carolyn Parenti, Emily Rihely, Lisa Seibel, Naomi Yarzebinski, *Supplementals* - Don Holl, Don Holl, Elliott Pater, Elliott Pater, Ray Hooks, Ray Hooks, Kevin Holman, Kevin Holman, Jake Mineweaser, Adelina DiTullio, Markus Muenck, Markus Muenck, Walberto Lopez-Aviles, Sara Coon, Dean Walker, Michael Stebbins, Katherine Reed, Shannon Campoli, Leah Cairns, Halley Alexander, Bobi-Jean Alexander, Kyle Masson, Chessa Crum, Jessica Kavanaugh, Mark Beighey, Susana Garcia, Katie Gemperlein, Phoebe Winey, Bill Brewer, Jessica Kavanaugh, Chessa Crum, Amber Hugus, Amber Hugus, Jessica Kavanaugh, Allison Schuster, Steven Fortunato, Michael Marra, Bruce Smith, Jessica Kavanaugh, Amber Hugus, Bobi-Jean Alexander, Emily Cramer, Mark Beighey, Dyanna Boosel, Chessa Crum, Susana Garcia, Katie Gemperlein, Rebecca Hester, Katelynn Leavell, Tracy Meanor, Anne Stanton, Amy Seelbaugh, Caroline Combemale, Andrea Platt, Eric Armstrong, Cory Cavanaugh, Matthew Durst, Jason Farone, Kathleen Greppi, Jeffrey Johns, Christopher Lantzy, Kayla Robinson, Linda Runatz, *Practicum* – Jordyn Morosky, Eliza Simmons, *Internship* – Lindsey Johns
 3. **Contracted Service** – *Consultant* – Linda Andreassi
 4. **Separation and Release of All Claims Agreement**
 5. **Leaves** – *Director* – Susan Baker, *Professional* – Staci Hughes, Skylar Meier, Ashley Graham, *Classified* – James Volz
 6. **Retirements** – *Professional* – Tracey Clarke, Julie Smith
- C. **School Bus Drivers** - Approved the bus driver list for the 2025-26 school year as provided by transportation vendor of First Student Inc.

Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve resignations, appointments, contracted service, separation and release of all claims agreement, leaves, retirements and school bus drivers. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative and Mr. DiTullio and Mr. Hester abstaining.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – August 4, 2025
- B. **Action Meeting** – August 11, 2025

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
 2024-2025 Grand Total: \$392,204.40
 2025-2026 Grand Total: \$3,908,289.52

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**
 Grand Total: \$547,700.49

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **PSBA 2026 Officer Elections Slate of Candidates** - Elect the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) officers.

Mr. DiTullio shared that there was an opportunity to be on a task force to determine where the upcoming conference will be and he was not appointed.

- B. **Board Policy** – Approve board policy 611 – Purchases Budgeted, revised, first reading.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

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

- B. **Student Trips** – Approve the following student trips:

1. The Orchestra trip to Washington, D.C., March 19-21, 2026, under the supervision of Ms. Sarah Miller. Students will miss two days of instruction and the trip is at no cost to the district.
2. Seneca Valley Raider Baseball program (Varsity & JV) to Jackie Robinson Complex in Vero Beach, FL. from March 13-March 16, 2026, under the supervision of coaches Mr. Eric Semega, Mr. Tom Magill and Mr. Greg Hayward. Students will miss up to two days of school and the trip is at no cost to the district.

- C. **Children's Institute Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The Children's Institute, The Day School, to provide special education programming and services for students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- D. **Children's Institute Agreement** - Approve the tuition agreement with The Children's Institute, The Day School, for enrolled students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- E. **The Watson Institute** - Approve the tuition agreement with The Watson Institute, Education Center Sewickley, for enrolled students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- F. **The Watson Institute** - Approve the tuition agreement with The Watson Institute, Social Center for Academic Achievement (WISA-Sewickley), for enrolled students during the 2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- G. **PA Connecting Communities Memorandum of Understanding** - Approve the MOU with PA Connecting Communities to provide individual transition services to

students and address employment and independent living skills for the ^{5 8 0 5}2025-2026 school year. Pending solicitor review.

- H. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Title I Services Agreement** - Approve the AIU services agreement for Title I Non-Public services for the 2025-26 school year.
- I. **Non-Public Title I Services Agreement** - Approve the Third-Party Letter of Agreement for Nonpublic Title I Services with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2025-26 school year.
- J. **Research Studies** – Approve the following research studies:
 - 1. Doctoral Candidate, Daniel Guerra, Intermediate High School Assistant Principal, to conduct research enhancing classroom practices to address school connectedness. This is an Iterative Design Study that investigates how participating teachers experience, implement, and sustain pedagogical practices through a three-phase workshop series grounded in the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) improvement cycle.
 - 2. Doctoral Candidate, Malika Christopher, Intermediate High School Counselor, to conduct a study that explores the effectiveness of a pilot professional development session designed to help educators better understand the barriers that can limit students’ access to educational opportunities.

10. **PERSONNEL**

11. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the August 11, 2025, public agenda:

- a. Nancy Duerring
- b. Tina Fazio
- c. Julie Jones
- d. Matt Boffo
- e. Bonnie Miller

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. with a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

13. **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