

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION Seneca Valley Senior High School Auditorium - 7 p.m.

Minutes

October 6, 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** – Raegan Kertz, first grader, Ehrman Crest Elementary, 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, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Fred Peterson, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Ms. Susan Harrison was absent.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Seneca Valley has been accepted into the League of Innovative Schools, a prestigious national network of forward-thinking school districts organized by Digital Promise. This membership connects Seneca Valley with leading districts across the country, providing access to cutting-edge resources, collaborative learning opportunities, and innovative programs. The district looks forward to sharing its strengths in career readiness, innovative cyber and arts programs, and future-ready learning spaces while benefiting from collective expertise to advance educational excellence.
 2. Seneca Valley is proud to announce seniors Elizabeth Browne, Adrian Wrubel, and Autumn Zacherl as National Merit Semifinalists, advancing in the competition for prestigious scholarships. Additionally, seniors Giulia Pologruto, Maddox Grupp, and Julian Varlotta were named Commended Students for their outstanding academic performance. These honors highlight the exceptional talent and dedication of our students as they continue to pursue excellence.
 3. Seventh grader Vivian Heverly represented Seneca Valley at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Nominated for her academic achievements and leadership potential, Vivian engaged in hands-on learning about American leadership, toured historic sites, and won the Presidential race

simulation. She also served as one of fifteen student speakers, showcasing her communication and leadership skills during this transformative experience.

Ms. Zimmer thanked Miss Heverly for attending the meeting and shared with her that she is confident that whatever her future holds, she will be successful because of the leadership skills she has at her age.

Mr. Jacobs congratulated Miss Heverly and thanked her for attending the Board meeting.

Dr. Vitale shared how proud the administration and District is of her, congratulating her for her accomplishments.

Mr. DiTullio asked Miss Heverly what it takes to be a leader and how she embraces being a leader. Miss Heverly answered with when something happens, you take action, you help others, and you figure out how to solve the problem the best that it can be without trying to create other problems. Mr. DiTullio thanked her and shared that he looks forward to hearing more about her leadership at SV.

B. **Dates to Remember** – Mr. Ian Hunter announced the following dates to remember:

October	National Principals Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 6	Sukkot Begins
October 10	World Mental Health Day
October 11	PSAT Testing – SHS
October 13	Columbus Day
October 13	Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 13	Regular School Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – SHS Auditorium
October 18	ACT Testing – SHS
October 20	Diwali
October 20	SVAOC End of First Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
October 22	Winter Sport Drug Testing and Concussion Testing – SHS Athletic Offices – 2:45 p.m.
October 24	SV End of First Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
October 31	Halloween
November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 2	Seneca Valley Foundation's Third Annual Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run/Walk presented by Westinghouse – Secondary Campus – 9 a.m. More information at SFC Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run (svsd.net)
November 3	School Board Work Session – 7 p.m. – SHS Auditorium

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester reported that the meeting started out with students of the month as it typically does. He was reminded of how well the students are prepared to move on and how well they have learned their traits at the Vo-Tech. Additionally, they have taken an initiative to increase the attendance rate. For the first month, they are excited to share that the attendance rate has increased to 97% from last September's rate of 87%.

2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the interim Executive Director will be Brenda Marino after the retirement of Dr. Wayde Killmeyer. Additionally, they will begin the search for a new Executive Director.

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that there still is not a budget.

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** – Public comments were heard from:

1. Jennifer Bunofsky on the topic of SVSD making positions that are contracted for building substitutes.
2. Chet Jack on the topic of performing arts/IHS construction project.
3. John Czolba on the topic of Intermediate School and Performing Arts Center project.
4. Jack McMillin on the topic of Intermediate project.
5. Cindy Kniess on the topic of the \$165 million project.
6. Julie Jones on the topic of budgeting.

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

1. **Appointments** – *Professional Substitutes* – Anna Madden, Kaylie Mignanelli, Francisca Navarrete Corral, Rachel Smith, *Classified* – Debra Ulintz, Sheri McGee, Neil Herbe, *Classified Substitutes* – Patricia Steubgen-Way, *Internship* – Ari Zahavi, *Supplementals* – Kevin Holman, Kevin Holman, Tucker Dunn, Eric Semega, Katie Smolter, Ray Peaco, Brett Poirier, Scott Dibble, Justin McCauley, Rob Naylor, Eric Semega, Tom Magill, Matt Pournaras, George Williams, Gary Brooks, Makinley Magill, Karen “Julie” Fornadel, Krystal Epps, Amanda Kalin, Ray Peaco, Megan Meeder, Katie Smolter, Katie Wolford, Andrea Platt, Lisa Wilson, Maria Montuoro, Nancy Laslavic, Michael Caccamo, Theodore (Jake) Calvin, Kevin Holman, Mike Conlon, Don Howard, Aaron Shafer, Drew Smith, Louis Newell, Hunter Swedish, Autumn Power-Boylan, Jason Groom, Lara Meyer, LaVarr Stephens-Howling, Christopher Titus, James Sutkowski, Lisa Kasper, Cortney Lambert, Karissa Lambert, Ezekial Stroupe, Eleanor Sgro, Claire Staudacher, Caroline Combemale, Thomas Donati, Victor Giannotta, Andrew Musacchio, Nichole Schauer, Nicole Parson, Thomas Magill, David Reichard, Shelly Keffalas, Megan Oldenski, Dyanna Boosel, Alison Doyle-Hoover, Brian Carson, Kelly Weston, Edward Senior, Andrew

Musachio, Renae Brown, Michael Manipole, Ashley Nardone, Ashley Salman, Renae Brown, Michael Manipole

2. **Leaves – Professional** – Daniel Dickey, Brittany Iellimo, Megan Orloff, Kayla Pittser, Katelynn Zaremski, Chrystal Zinkham, *Classified* – Barbara Buchanan, Sarah Schneider
 3. **Sabbatical** – Shelly Keffalas
 4. **Contracted Service** – Julia Lotz
 5. **Retirements – Professional** – Joni Klotz, Dana Nicklas, *Classified* – Terri Keasey, Jody Householder, Catherine Lusty
 6. **Affiliation Agreement** - Approved an affiliation agreement with Seneca Valley School District and Pennsylvania Western University.
- C. **School Bus Drivers** - Approved additional bus driver list for the 2025-26 school year as provided by transportation vendor of First Student Inc.
- D. **Student Adjudications** – Approved the following student adjudications:
1. #2025-26-02
 2. #2025-26-03
 3. #2025-26-04

Mr. Brower motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve personnel, school bus drivers and student adjudications. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – September 8, 2025
- B. **Action Meeting** – September 15, 2025

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Total: \$4,662,196.05

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Total: \$1,050,677.42

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Board Policy** – Approve board policy 611 – Purchases Budgeted, second, final reading.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Psychology Club** - Approve the establishment of the Psychology Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Ms. Erin Ceh, effective for 2025-2026 school year.
- B. **Watson Institute** - Approve the tuition agreement with The Watson Institute, The Education Center, for enrolled students during the 2025-2026 school year.

10. **PERSONNEL**

11. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the September 15, 2025, public agenda:

- a. Frank Thomas
- b. Richard Jones
- c. Kae Kirkwood
- d. Jack McMillin
- e. Bedonna Erdlen
- f. Susan Oliver-Stough
- g. Nancy Duerring
- h. Jennifer Bunofsky
- i. Clarence and Susan Knox
- j. Rob Schweitzer
- k. Louise Pepper
- l. David Spess
- m. Bill Bullis
- n. Julie Jones
- o. Franklin Bame
- p. Christina Coles
- q. Herb Rieger
- r. Colleen Peirce
- s. Daniel Jenkins

12. **ADJOURNMENT** With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Zimmer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried on 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