

Seneca Valley School District



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

Minutes

October 13, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Daisi Segulla, second grader, Connoquenessing Valley 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, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Fred Peterson and Mr. Jeff Widdowson. Ms. Kari Zimmer was absent.

2. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – On Friday, October 10, Seneca Valley Senior High School students and staff were deeply moved by a powerful presentation from 96-year-old Holocaust survivor Howard Chandler. Mr. Chandler shared his firsthand experiences of surviving Auschwitz and other concentration camps. The event was organized and MCed by AP Government and Honors U.S. History teacher Mr. Jim Lucot and provided students with a rare and profound educational opportunity to hear directly from a survivor. Mr. Chandler’s story of endurance and hope left a lasting impact on all who attended, reinforcing the importance of remembrance and empathy.

Dr. Vitale shared that she attended the presentation with Mr. Chandler and how the students were impacted by his story. The students made her proud with their attentiveness, their maturity and thought-out questions.

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

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. **All-Star Award, Winner, October 2025** – Mr. Dave McCabe, Haine Elementary and Middle School Custodian, was recognized and presented the All-Star Award by Dr. Kristen White, Haine Elementary School Principal. Dr. White shared that Mr. McCabe exemplifies excellence, works collaboratively, has a positive attitude and an enthusiastic personality. She also shared that she is grateful for Mr. McCabe's dedication, kindness and enthusiastic personality. Dr. White thanked Mr. McCabe for all that he does and congratulated him on this achievement.

Ms. Harrison thanked Mr. McCabe for taking such great care of the children at Haine.

Mr. Peterson recognized the mission that Mr. McCabe shared of providing a clean and safe environment for the children and that it is evident that he exemplifies the culture of Haine School in all that he does.

Mr. DiTullio read comments from Ms. DiTullio. They included that Mr. McCabe is great, always willing to help and that the teachers are all appreciative of all he does.

Dr. Vitale thanked Mr. McCabe for all that he does and shared that every job is important.

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. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Public comments were heard from:

- A. Kristine Hart on the topic of new building plans and the benefits of the performing arts.
- B. Amdanda Schwendemann on the topic of the IHS building project including the Performance Arts and Auditorium.
- C. Mark Harmanos on the topic of supporting the proposed improvements.
- D. Julie Jones on the topic of budget.
- E. Jack McMillin on the topic of proposed IHS project.
- F. Shannon Maschmeier on the topic of the IHS construction project.
- G. Bonnie Carter on the topic of full day kindergarten.
- H. Nancy Duerring on the topic of \$165 million proposed IHS project.
- I. Bill Adams on the topic of the expansion project.

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: \$1,214,152.96

Ms. Harrison 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 611 – Purchases Budgeted, second, final reading.
- B. **School Bus Drivers** – Approved additional bus driver list for the 2025-26 school year as provided by transportation vendor of First Student Inc.

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower, to approve the board policy and school bus drivers. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Psychology Club** - Approved 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** - Approved the tuition agreement with The Watson Institute, The Education Center, for enrolled students during the 2025-2026 school year.
- C. **Conferences** – Approved conference requests.

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the Psychology Club, Watson Institute 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.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve budget transfers. 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. **Appointments** – *Professional Substitutes* – Holly Badger, Benjamin Kane, Aslyn Pry, Meghan Rodgers, Joya Stebbins, Michelle Varlotta, Amy Wamboldt, Katy Nelson, *Classified* – Gregory Rearick, Neil Herbe, Alexandra Larson, *Supplementals* – Jen Durst, Kalene Ireland, Courtney Strieby

B. **Leaves** – *Professional* – Jessica Bear, Katelynn Zaremski

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve the appointments and leaves. 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 October 6, 2025, public agenda:

a. Marla Billinger, Pami Dick, David Weber, Sally Boring, Ken Galvin, Michael and Linda Stoffel, Douglas Pallack, Barb Gallagher, Patrick Murray, Gregory and Lorry Jordan, Linda Davis, Frank Staudt, Jacob Ifft, Lynnae Hughes, Melissa Sheptak, Curtis Graf, Pauline Kort, Tyler Sammons, Julie Jones, Barbara Waugaman, Shirley & Tom Jones, Dawn Shipley, Marcy Bollman, Paige Miller, Brian Kennedy, Derek Hathazy, Carla Cozzucoli, Meghan Smoot, Brandon Nulph, Thomas & Kathryn Bardol, Candace Kantz, Tracie Rudek, Tucker VanDyke, Christine Gasparin, Jason Racke, Myles Bizub, Steven Haus, Hilary Walczak, Eric Schaar, Heather Efaw, Gwen Schlick, Marcia Schoeffel, Gabrielle Lee, Annie Gohn, Ben & Vi Jezovnik, Tom Stump, Melissa Turner, Steve Jones, Mary Carole Hamm, Dawn Hansen, Harry Christner, Tina Bizub, Lisa Bizon, Natalie MacKay, Brandi Neal, Timothy Straight, Becky MacKay, Rebecca Wells, Omar Ifft, Mary Maatta, Mike Morgan, Christine Statzer, Vickie Brown, Katie Tomo, Mark Calhoun, Gene Brown, Heather Smith, Arden Ifft, Tim Donato, Jill Donato, Bernadette Dollin, Jay Sommariva, Lonnie McDanel, Lynn Knepp, Casey Knepp, Ryan C, Eric Smith, Robert Budny, Kellee Gnipp, Doris Mason, Denise Hathazy Davis, Talea Limonciello, Angela Deutsch-Ferrari, Jeff Gradwell, Lisa & Barry Krause, Chad Miller, Brandie Sberna, Douglas Morrison, Luke Clawson, Amy Majors, Helen Henry, Connie Simpson, John Campbell, Daniel & Toni Lutz, Hillary Wingard, Sally Painter, Jeff Gaguzis, Angie Denham, Joyce Hagosky, Vince Sacco, John Hill, Colleen Tanner, Jane Henderson, Megan Foster, Shannon Mihalacki, Aaron Loccisano, Ben Cole, Susan Weber, Shana Reinhart, Sean Riley, April Householder, Mitch & Melissa Dykstra, Dr. Parag Batavia, Kristie Long, Carol & Jerry Buban, Tanisha Faber, Katie Gemperlein, Bruno Cappella, Katie & Jeff Zagenczyk, Cindy Maypole, Jessica Wright, Lynsey Johnson, Andrea Vogel, Cindy Smeltzer, Brandie Grassa, Madeline Nowak, Brandy Carothers, Ben & Dawn Morelli, Heather Keefe Coleman, Brianna Buccini, Lisa & Ted Zierden, Jennifer Shank, Jared MacKay, Darla Hancher, Kim Haberman, Maura Hensler, Brian Kephart, Mark Bidoli, Kelly Weber, Shannon Sporer, John Mitro, Benjamin White, Bob Vaughn, Lynn & Ray Ballantine, Anne Stanton, Atul Pai, Lisa Robinson, Joyce Rabovsky, Joyce Yasko, Rebecca Prible, Kristi Moore, Jane Sheidy, Jennifer Harmanos, Amy Gift, Joanne McKenna, Joe Whitney, Robert Traugh, Bethany Traugh, Sarah Cardosi, Corrine Sassaman, Emily Tilden, Dwight Boehm, Jason Logue, Kate Knecht, Nancy Cable, Cynthia Harmon (Wehman), Sue Kushnereit, Barbara Hake, Devin Shelgren, Maura Hensler, Brandie Grassa, John Brooker, Judy Frederick, Tom & Diana Beaudoin, Martin Busser, Brittany

Bell, John Skelly, Cathy Rape, Carla Barnhart, Donna Brooker, Dana Chappell, Matt North, John Rodger Lees, Nicki Barron, Jeff Knecht, Lorraine & Charlie Maxwell, Steve Mihalcki, Sharon Kreuer, Andrea Vogel, Mike Tweedy, Geoff Zimmerman, Cara McGrady, The Galligan-Stierle Family, Megan Shane, Tara Himes, Kelsey Niebauer, Tracy Dabravalskas, Tad Thompson, Adam & Dara Locke, Nathan Tharnish, Sandy Vandergrift, Erin Berger, Peter Kennaday, Sarah Wilson, Christian Shane, Thomas Murray, Donna Statzer, Devon Drake, Shannon Maschmeier, Amanda Slovak, Cheryl & Robert Hahn, Robin Rausch, Heidi Menzel, Jack McMillin, Erin Berger, Marie Dufalla, Amy Thompson, Robert Budny, Cathy Capizzi, Erin Weiss & Margaret Fitzgerald, Kristen Clarke, Bill Adams, Phil & Robin Kriley, John Czolba, Shannon Robertson, Jolie Zelesnak, Catey Hunter, Erin Donahue, Patricia Abraham, John Lyman, Aaron Sullivan, Kory, Eric & Emelina Swaney, Joanne Ramsden, Laura Donaldson, Gene & Jennifer Peck, Emily Mazzant, John Sekuta, Raymond Butler, Bridget Williams, Stan Willis, Joe Madeja, Chet Jack, Sue Ann Jones, Patrick Mike, Nicole King Yohe, Rosetta Dufalla, Dona Ulakovic, Larry & Jodi Ehret, Margaret Macher, Dr. Sonia Jaiswal, Bob & Debbie Richards, Robin James, Tiffany Monz, Jessica Straight, Margie Riggle, James & Barbara Mike, Linda Etherson, Dale & Kathy Reisinger, Kaitlyn Halter, Kathy Kaper, Dale Gould, Jr. Kristine Hart, Lisa Bowers, Beth Lauer, Nancy Bowers, Tennille Simonson, Brian & Lori Stroia, Mark Alters, James Hart, Timothy Sparks, Alex Etherson, Robert Gregor, Judy O'Bri, Julie Sullivan, Amanda Cole, Ryan Markham, Kevin Lenz, Marcia Yesenosky

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 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