



Seneca Valley School District

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Minutes

November 3, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Aleks Egemen, grade 4, Haine 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, Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. Fred Peterson, Mr. Jeff Widdowson and Ms. Kari Zimmer.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. On October 3rd, Senior Seneca Valley Football player Tommy Wuycheck was chosen to receive the Jerome Bettis Leadership Award. The award was co-founded in 1995 by Dan Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Mentoring Sponsorship. Tommy was chosen due to his work in the community and how he supports his teammates on and off the field. Tommy is the second Seneca Valley student to receive this award after Carmen Pietro won the award in 2024.
 2. For the third year in a row, several students from Ryan Gloyer Middle School took part in a tree planting blitz around Cranberry Township on Wednesday, Oct. 22 as a way to create a greener future for their community. Students dispersed from the Cranberry Township Municipal Center and into various neighborhoods to plant over 300 trees.
 - B. **Dates to Remember** – Mr. Ian Hunter announced the following dates to remember:

November	
November 3-7	National School Psychology Week
November 4	Election Day
November 5	Butler County Vocational-Technical School Open House/Program Showcase from 6 – 8 p.m. at BCAVTS
November 7	Release of Report Cards, Grades 7-12

November 10	Regular School Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – SHS Auditorium
November 11	Veterans Day – In-Service Day – No School for Students
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 14	First Day of PIAA Winter Sports
November 17	End of First Trimester for Students, Grades K-6
November 20	Children’s Grief Awareness Day
November 25	Release of Reports of Student Progress, Grades K-6
November 26- December 1	Thanksgiving Break: District Holiday, No school for students and staff
December 4	School Board Reorganization Meeting, SHS Auditorium, 5 p.m.

Mr. Peterson reflected that during his time as a School Board Member, he has become more aware about mental health issues and how they affect students. He appreciates all that School Psychologists do for students and he has learned how important their work and these services are.

Mr. DiTullio shared that the Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run/Walk (RGMR) was on November 2 and there were close to 670 participants. He reminded those in attendance that Ryan Gloyer is a fallen soldier and SV Alumni who the Board named Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) in his honor. In addition to renaming the school, the Administration and staff of RGMS ensure that students know who he was, what his sacrifice was and what he did. Proceeds from the RGMR go towards funding opportunities for students. Mr. DiTullio recognized, Mr. Gabe Miller, for leading the RGMR team, and shared how successful the event was.

C. **School Board Member Recognition by Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)** – Mr. DiTullio recognized Ms. Susan Harrison for serving as a volunteer on the Seneca Valley School Board for 10 years. He thanked her for her time and expertise.

D. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester reported that the meeting will be held on November 6 and he will provide an update on November 10.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that Board Secretary, Donna Volpe, announced her retirement. Additionally, they are looking into loans due to the budget not being passed.
3. PSERS – Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the withdraw liability has been revised for the partial withdraw. The PSERS budget request was approved to be submitted for next year’s budget. The PSERS total cost is \$112/member, 22% less than the average. The fund ended June 2025, up \$6.4 billion to a total of \$83.792 billion. The Gatsby 67 fare funded ratio is 68.04%, up from 50.14% in 2016. The net pension liability fell \$10.7 billion over the last 10 years and for the period ending June 2025, the total fund performance was 9.67% for the fiscal year and 9.36% for the five (5) years. The fund had an annual return rate of 7.48%.

E. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the budget has not been reached. Additionally, House Bill 1900, Teacher Supply Tax Credit, if passed, will provide teachers with a \$100 refundable tax credit when they spend their own money on

classroom supplies. Senate Bill 431, Combating Cyber Security Risks and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Right to Know (RTK) Requests, if passed, would amend the RTK law to allow local government entities to deny a request when there is reasonable potential cyber security risk or when the request was created using AI. Lastly, the Senate Education Committee held a hearing on cellphone bans in the school and discussed Senate bill 1014, which would mandate that all Pennsylvania schools are phone free.

F. **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. Peter Kennaday on the topic of the Performing Arts Center portion of the building proposal.
2. Kate King on the topic of the Performing Arts Center.
3. Andrea Vogel on the topic of Performing Arts.
4. Sasha Dillinger on the topic of Performing Arts.
5. Margy Riggle on the topic of the new building project.
6. Julie Jones on the topic of debt responsibility.
7. Amira Jeter on the topic of students.
8. Bonnie Carter on the topic of virtual meetings and kindergarten.

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

1. **Appointments** – *Administration* – Dr. Samantha Flanhofer, *Professional Substitutes* – Marissa Garraux, Victoria Baldwin Veit, *Classified* – Daniel Vicheck, Tammi Dahl, Molly Maloney, Rebecca Schultz, Mary Rasmussen, *Internship* – Karen Hezlep
2. **Leaves** – *Professionals* – Hannah Gonzales, Kiera Kegges, Maria Carlson, Emily Thelen, Morgan Wagner, *Classified* – Rhonda Schwartz, Karen Christopher-Hilf, Sarah Schneider
3. **Retirements** – *Professionals* – Gregory Hayward, Dr. Rebecca Rockey, Michelle Huffman, *Classified* – April Householder
4. **Affiliation Agreement** – Approved an affiliation agreement with Seneca Valley School District and Western Governors University.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve personnel. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – October 6, 2025
- B. **Action Meeting** – October 13, 2025

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Total: \$3,597,223.47

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Total: \$682,899.76

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Transportation Contracts** - Approve the following transportation contracts:

- 1. For one family to transport their child to and from The Watson Institute – 301 Camp Meeting Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143 retroactive to August 21, 2025.
- 2. For one family to transport their child to and from The Watson Institute – 301 Camp Meeting Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143 retroactive to October 8, 2025.

- B. **School Bus Drivers** - Approve additional bus driver list for the 2025-26 school year as provided by transportation vendor of First Student Inc.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Givology Club** - Approve the establishment of the Givology Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsors, Ms. Madeline Cornman and Mr. Christopher Titus, effective for the 2025-26 school year.

- B. **Club 119:10** - Approve the establishment of the Ryan Gloyer Middle School student religious club, called 119:10 at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor, Mr. Blake Walter, effective for 2025-26 school year.

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

- D. **Master’s Level Speech Language Pathologist Stipend** - Approve the master’s level Speech Language Pathologist stipend for school-based extern placements grant, funded by Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) in the amount of \$5,000 for the fall 2025 semester and \$5,000 for the spring 2026 semester.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.

- B. **December Bills** - Authorize administration to pay December bills.

- C. **Equipment Bids** - Authorize administration to seek bids for equipment (if needed) for the 2026-2027 school year.
- D. **Joint Purchasing Agreement AIU** - Approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement Resolution for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2026-2027 school year.

11. **PERSONNEL**

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the October 13, 2025, public agenda:

Amanda Shaheen, Timothy Sparks, Jenny Monahan, Sean Monahan, Alex Larson, Jonathan Dornetto, Maggie Monahan, Madilynn Tauber, Jennifer Bunofsky, Judy Gerwig, Marilynn McElhinny, Linda Katzenmeyer, Julie Jones, Rebecca Wells, Bobbie J. Brocious, Karen Moon, Katie Zagenczyk, Brandie Sberna, Allison McIntyre, Natalie Sferra, Eugene Evans, Dana, Phil Lope, James Mike, Brian Kennedy, Maureen Clarke, Brian Kennedy, Jack McMillin, Bonnie Carter, Mark Bidoli, Jacob, Lou Ann Soltesz, Gabe Miller, Bonnie Weber, Beverly Gehm, Ruby Detwiller, Barbara Enslin, Ruth Roberts, Patricia Enslin, Sandra Colizza, Carol Larkin, Marlene Dambach, Robert Mark, Kenneth Lane, Paul McDonough, Linda Sraef, Sarah Reif, Helen Peffer, Alison West, Juliana Irvin, Denise Piveronas, Melissa Pindroh

Mr. DiTullio stated that on November 3, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. the public bid opening occurred for the IHS project. It was delayed from the week prior due to a major prospective bidder requesting additional time to prepare. That time was granted to ensure full understanding of the scope of the project and to also ensure competitive bids. This was done with consultation from the school solicitor and done legally. All prospective bidders were notified of the changed date. The board is not prepared to make a full decision or to deliberate yet. The construction manager will be preparing documents and possible recommendations for the Board to review at a future meeting.

- 13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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