

Seneca Valley School District



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

Minutes

February 2, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Omalicha Ufelle, grade 6, Haine Middle School, 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: Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. Mark Gartner, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Tim Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Ms. Allyson Mazzoni, Mr. Travis Savitt-Kraft and Ms. Kari Zimmer. Mr. Nick Brower was absent.

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** –
 1. On Jan. 19, Seneca Valley teachers and staff participated in a districtwide Day of Service, volunteering their time with community organizations and service projects. Activities included supporting local nonprofits, assembling care packages and blankets, assisting with facility clean-up efforts and environmental stewardship projects. In addition, one building organized a fundraiser benefiting Zip With Us, resulting in the donation of 293 t-shirts and \$100 to support children and young adults with serious medical needs. The Day of Service reflects Seneca Valley’s ongoing commitment to community engagement and service.
 2. Seneca Valley’s Mock Trial team earned a fifth-place finish at the University of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral Classic Tournament, competing against 50 teams from across Pennsylvania. Senior Calleigh Foulkrod was also recognized with a Best Witness award for her performance. The team, comprised of students in grades 9–12 and advised by Ms. Briana Nassan and attorney advisor Mr. Philip Sbrolla, is now preparing for the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s District Mock Trial Competition at the Butler County Courthouse in February.
 3. On Friday, Jan. 16, Ryan Gloyer Middle School Student Council hosted the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) Middle Level Conference, “Blast Off to Leadership,” welcoming student leaders from Union

School District, Haine Middle School, Ehrman Crest Middle School and RGMS. The conference focused on building leadership skills in middle level students and included participation from groups such as Best Buddies and Hope Squad. The day began with a keynote address from Brittany Neish, founder of *What You Do Matters*, and concluded with a schoolwide service project in which students spread messages of encouragement throughout RGMS and created sets of positive notes for Union School District students to take back and display at their school, reinforcing the event's focus on leadership, service and community.

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

February	National Black History Month
February 2-6	National School Counseling Week
February 9	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., SHS Auditorium
February 13	Inclement Weather Makeup Day for December 2 closure – students and staff will be in session
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	President's Day – Staff In-Service Day – No School for Students
February 17	Ramadan Begins
February 18	Lent Begins
February 26	SVAOC End of Second Trimester, Grades K-6

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Hester shared that the next meeting will be held later this week and he will provide an update at the next meeting.
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio shared that they have finalized the secretary/paraprofessional collective bargaining agreement. In addition, Ms. Brenda Marino is the Interim Executive Director. Additionally, they have decided not to continue holding the annual convention due to the lack of attendance. Once Mr. DiTullio receives information on how the election of the new Board Members will be moving forward, he will share with the Board.

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio reported that the House Local Government Committee announced a meeting for February 3. The agenda will include House Bill 1291, which would require that public notices continue to be published in print newspapers. House Bill 2146, which would override the recent decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the case of *Coleman v Parkland School District*. If passed, the bill would prevent any agenda item from being added less than 24 hours before a meeting.

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. **Student Adjudication** – Approved student adjudication #2025-26-09.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Action Meeting** – January 12, 2026

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

6. GENERAL FUND BILLS

Grand Total: \$1,580,181.70

7. CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS

Grand Total: \$136,768.38

8. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **2026-2027 School Calendar** – Approve the 2026-27 school calendar.
- B. **Local District Holidays** – Approve the resolution regarding local district holidays for the 2026-27 school year.

Dr. Vitale shared that there are still adjustments being made to the 2026-27 school calendar and that the Board will vote on the calendar next week.

9. INSTRUCTION

- A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.
- B. **Student Trips** -
 1. Approve Colonel Keebler, JROTC instructor at SHS, to take students to Gary Anderson CMP Masksmanship Center in Camp Perry, Ohio, February 11-14, 2026. Students will miss three days of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.
 2. Approve Mr. Varden Armstrong and Mr. Robert Babick, IHS/SHS Band Directors, to take students to Sharon High School for Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District Band, February 4-6, 2026. Students will miss two days of instruction.

3. Approve the Academic Games League trip to Charlotte, NC, April 24-28, 2026, under the supervision of Ms. Julie Smith, Mr. Jeremiah Friday, Mr. Mike Stebbins and Ms. Jen Exler. Students will miss three days of instruction, and the trip is at no cost to the District.

C. **Athletic Equipment Disposal** – Approve the sale or disposal of obsolete track timing equipment.

D. **Book Disposal** - Approve the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete books from Rowan Elementary School.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

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

B. **Audit Acknowledgement** - Acknowledge the local audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

C. **Insurance Broker of Record** – Approve to appoint Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as the school district’s Broker of Record to coordinate the annual insurance renewals to begin with the 2026-27 policy period.

D. **Naming Rights Agreement** – Approve the NexTier Bank Naming Rights agreement for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), payable in ten annual installments of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) each year, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2036. Pending solicitor review.

Dr. Vitale acknowledged the relationship with NexTier Bank and all the work that Ms. Kirk has done for the District to receive a large increase in the Naming Rights Agreement.

11. **PERSONNEL** – Approve the resignation, appointments, leaves and retirements.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** - The following constituents communicated through the SVSD school board email account after posting the January 12, 2026 public agenda:

- a. Julie Jones
- b. Jamie McKenzie
- c. Danielle Wike
- d. BethAnn Scarlatelli

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Mr. Savitt-Kraft, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 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