

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 6 p.m.

### Minutes

August 17, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** – The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. DiTullio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
  - C. **Roll Call** - by Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Mr. Nick Brower, 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.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
3. **ACTION AGENDA**
  - A. **Agreement Between PSEA/SVEA and Seneca Valley School District** - Approved the agreement between Pennsylvania State Education Association/Seneca Valley Education Association (PSEA/SVEA) and Seneca Valley School District effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2032.

Ms. Zimmer thanked everyone who was involved in the contract negotiations, specifically thanking Dr. Vitale, Ms. Kirk and Ms. Bobak for their guidance and expertise, and the SVEA negotiation team. She believes that the contract reflects fair compensation and that the Board stands behind the teachers. She shared that when you look at neighboring districts, this contract is fair and competitive. With the state and national trend of less people entering the education system, it is important that the District remain competitive to continue to attract and retain top talent. She believes this compensation package will help in achieving that. Regarding health insurance, the Board has discussed the strain that this puts on the District year after year, and she believes that it is important to start to make strides towards shifting the costs onto the users. She is in favor of the agreement and will be voting “yes”.

Mr. Jacobs agreed with the comments that Ms. Zimmer shared. He believes that SV teachers are some of the very best and has learned that no one has a bigger impact on the achievement and well-being of our students than teachers. He is very proud of this contract, also sharing that the Board does have to balance the budget along with having a responsibility to taxpayers. Mr. Jacobs commented that he believes that during the negotiation process, the administrators were talking with teachers, and they are the ones that are closest to what is best for the students. He also thanked the administration and teachers who played a part in this contract and will be voting “yes”.

Mr. Gartner shared that this is an easy “yes” for him, sharing that he would love to have a negotiations team like SV representing him. He is proud of the work that our teachers have done and thanked them.

Mr. DiTullio recognized the work that went into this contract and thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve the Agreement between PSEA/SVEA and Seneca Valley School District. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Brower wished everyone a great start to the school year.

Mr. DiTullio shared his appreciation with everyone who helped with the Welcome Back Event. The keynote speaker was Lt. Col. Cook – the first female pilot for the Blue Angels and her message was very inspiring.

Dr. Vitale thanked everyone that had a hand in putting together the Welcome Back Event and she is excited to kick off the school year.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Gartner motioned, seconded by Mr. Brower, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 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 legal matters.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, President



Ms. Julia Benson, School Board Secretary