

# **School District of Seneca**

## **Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**High School Band Room or via internet**

**All social distancing requirements will be observed.**

**May 17, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

---

### **I. Meeting called to order**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Roll call.
2. Report by the superintendent: Public notice of the Seneca Board meeting's agenda was given to radio station WQPC – Prairie du Chien and WVRQ – Viroqua to be read; and sent to the Crawford County Independent, and this agenda was posted on the west end of the high school at least twenty-four hours before this meeting.

**\*\*Annual Board Reorganizational meeting will take place prior to the regular meeting.**

### **II. Consent Agenda**

The following items may be acted upon by the Board utilizing a single vote. Individual items which any member wishes to address in greater detail or as a separate item on the regular agenda may be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of any Board member.

1. Minutes:
  - April 19, 2021
2. Financial Reports
  - a. Expense vouchers
  - b. Direct deposit (Payroll)
  - c. Wire transfers

### **III. Announcements**

1. Period for public comment: Comments are limited to 5 minutes and no action can be taken on non-agenda items. All individuals who comment during the public comment period are reminded that the information provided this evening is intended to provide information to the Board so that it can fulfill its role. In that vein, all parties are reminded that all information offered be truthful and honest. False statements or stigmatizing charges may subject the individual making such statements to legal repercussions, including, but not limited to, defamation claims. Comments that identify students shall be subject to the Wisconsin pupil records law and FERPA. As such, student information that is not directory data as designated by the board, for example individual student behavioral or progress records, shall not be discussed in this forum. Comments that identify personnel are subject to the applicable personnel records statutes in section 19.36(10), Wis. Stats. The Board may inform the speaker that his/her comments are not permitted if in the opinion of the Board it is not subject to release under the above applicable standards.
2. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021.

### **IV. Old Business**

**Posted May 12, 2021**

1. Resolution to start the 2021-22 school year prior to September 1.

## **V. New Business**

1. 2021-22 WIAA membership.
2. Student use of school facilities and equipment in the summer.
3. 66.030 agreement for Speech services.
4. Summer school reimbursement.
5. 2021-22 athletic trainer services.
6. Start College Now applications.

### **District Administrator's Report**

1. Financial:
  - a. 2020-21 School budget.
  - b. 2021-22 school budget.
2. Maintenance:
  - a. Projects updates.
3. School News
  - a. Upcoming events.
4. Informational:
  - a. Dates of importance.
  - b. Upcoming events.

### **Monthly Recognition Award**

## **VI. Closed Session**

The Board will convene to an executive session as authorized by Section 19.85 (1) (c) Wis. Stats. To consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which it has jurisdiction. The Board will reconvene to an open session and may act on the closed session discussion.

1. Employment considerations, including:
  - a. Elementary position.
  - b. Staff resignations.

## **VII. Adjourn**

# SENECA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



## OVER 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

202 Main Street, Highway 27 • Seneca, WI 54654-0034

Website: [www.seneca.k12.wi.us](http://www.seneca.k12.wi.us) • Phone: 608-734-3411 • Fax: 608-734-3430

District Administrator: David Boland

Mark Johnson, President  
Chad Sime, Vice President

Board of Education  
Larry Kelley, Treasurer  
Britney Joy, Member  
Charles Clark, Member

Rachael George, Clerk  
Tyler Aspenson, Member

Public notice of a Finance committee meeting of the Seneca Area  
School District Board of Education on Monday, May 17, 2021  
in the School District Office at 7:00 pm, as required by  
Wis. Stat. 91.84 (1).

Posted: May 12, 2021

**“U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT” BRONZE MEDAL WINNER 2007, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015; SILVER MEDAL  
WINNER 2013**

**WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF RECOGNITION**

High School: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2016 Middle School: 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 Elementary School: 2004, 2008,  
2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

# School District of Seneca

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Band Room – High School and via Zoom

April 19 , 2021– 6:45 pm

---

President Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Present were Board Members Mark Johnson, Britney Joy, Charles Clark, Tyler Aspenson, Larry Kelley, and Chad Sime. Also present was Administrator David Boland.

David Boland reported public notice of this regular board meeting was publicized in accordance with open meeting law.

The Board approved the March 15, 2021 minutes as presented.

Chad Sime made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

Expense Voucher # 48123 to #48200 for \$64,899.22  
Wire Transfers: 8000000496 - 8000000509 for \$126,478.72  
Total: \$191,377.94

Direct Deposit (Payroll) #9000004441 to # 9000004556  
\$138,661.80

Tyler Aspenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried, 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Period for Public Comments— .

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00pm.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Mark Johnson made a motion, seconded by Charles Clark to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Chad Sime made a motion, seconded by Tyler Aspenson to approve Johnson & Block to do the 2020-2021 district audit. Motion carried 6-0.

Rachael George arrived at 7:20pm.

- II. Charles Clark made a motion, seconded by Britney Joy to approve the 2021-2022 CESA contract. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. Chad Sime made a motion, seconded by Tyler Aspenson to approve the 2021-2022 SWEEP agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

### *Administrator's Report*

**A. Financial:** 2020-21 Budget: A summary of the 2021-22 budget was reviewed.

**FEMA Funds:** The District applied for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) aid, to provide reimbursement for the initial financial investment we had last spring and summer, dealing directly with Covid-19. We received notice we will receive \$4,805 in reimbursement.

**ESSER Funds:** Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) to our school will be as follows:

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Expiration</i>
ESSER I	\$64,030	9/30/2022
GEERS	\$39,296	9/30/2022

ESSER II     \$271,251            9/30/2023

ESSER III    \$609,155            9/30/2024

We are putting together a budget for how the funds will be used, to share with the Board.

**B. Maintenance:** *Smartboard:* We are installing a Smartboard in the LMC. It will be funded with ESSER funds.

**C. Informational:** *Teacher and Staff Appreciation:* Is the week of May 3-7.

*Graduation:* High school is scheduled for Fri May 28 at 8:00 p.m.

*Listening Sessions:* Will be scheduled by the School Board in May and early June to allow our staff and community members a chance to give feedback about the direction of our school district.

*Board Election:* On April 6, Charles Clark and Tyler Aspenson were elected to three-year terms on the school board. The Board reorganizational meeting will be prior to the May monthly meeting.

*All-Conference Academics:* The Ridge and Valley All-Conference Academic team was named recently. Kaleb Allen, Delaney Boland, and Anya Aspenson were each named First Team Academic All-Conference. Taylor Eick was named Second Team Academic All-Conference. Nicole Trautsch was named Honorable Mention Academic All-Conference. Each year the Ridge and Valley Conference schools recognize their thirty highest academic achievers, and these five students were among that group. Congratulations to them!

*Costa Rico Trip:* The Spanish Club is doing preliminary planning and fundraising for a trip to Costa Rico in June of 2022.

#### Board Monthly Recognition Award

Tyler Aspenson made a motion, seconded by Rachael George, to recognize

##### The Ridge and Valley All-Conference Academic team

- Kaleb Allen--First Team Academic All-Conference
- Delaney Boland--First Team Academic All-Conference
- Anya Aspenson--First Team Academic All-Conference
- Taylor Eick--Second Team Academic All-Conference
- Nicole Trautsch--Honorable Mention Academic All-Conference

Motion carried, 7-0.

Chad Sime made a motion, seconded by Mark Johnson to convene to closed session at 7:58 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board discussed employment considerations.

Chad Sime made a motion, seconded by Tyler Aspenson to return to open session at 8:39 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, 7-0.

Rachael George made a motion, seconded by Charles Clark to regretfully accept the resignation of Mari Payne at the end of the school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Tyler Aspenson made a motion, seconded by Charles Clark, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael George  
Clerk

ao

**School Board Meeting  
Monday, May 17, 2021**

\*Board re-organizational meeting will take place prior to the regular board meeting.

***Background for Agenda Items:***

**Old Business**

**Item 1:** *2021-22 School calendar:* The Board needs to pass a resolution to start the school year prior to Sept 1, prior to submitting to DPI for approval.

**New Business**

**Item 1:** The Board needs to approve membership in the WIAA for 2021-22. At the annual meeting in April 2017, WIAA membership dues were waived.

**Item 2:** We need to consider approval for student use of school equipment and facilities in the summer, consistent with WIAA regulations.

**Item 3:** The Board needs to consider approval of a 66.030 shared services agreement with Monroe School District for speech and language. They have informed us they would be willing to contract Becky Ruff's services for speech and language 2.5 days per week.

**Item 4:** *Summer school teacher reimbursement:* Considering the amount of extra work they have done this school year, the Board could consider reimbursing teachers who do summer school at their regular daily rate. This might encourage more teachers to do summer school, and would only have to be done this year. According to the handbook, they currently are reimbursed \$25 per hour.

**Item 5:** *2021-22 school year athletic trainer services:* The Board could consider approving Vernon Memorial Healthcare for our athletic training services for next year. They would provide services at the school 3 hours per week, for 44 weeks, at a cost of \$1320. Additional services would be billed separately, and will depend on trainer availability.

**Item 6:** *Start College Now applications:* We have a number of students who would like to take college courses while earning credits here at school, which the Board needs to improve. I will have the applications at the meeting.

***Administrator's Report***

**A. Financial:** *2020-21 budget:* A summary of this year's budget, as we have spent thru the date on the report, is in the packet.

*2021-22 Budget:* The WERC has released the anticipated maximum salary increase for 2021-22, which is 1.23% (based on the Consumer Price Index).

**B. Maintenance:** Update on projects.

**C. School News:** *Graduation:* 8<sup>th</sup> graduation will be Wed, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. (Of 27 parents responding to a survey, 16 were in favor, 1 was against, and 10 had no strong

feelings.) (Board representatives will be ?). High school graduation will be Friday, May 28 at 8:00 p.m. (Board representatives will be Mark J and Britney J).

*Teacher inservice:* Thursday, June 3, will include end of the year procedures.

- D. Informational: Transportation:** Due to a lack of sub drivers, and the increased need for additional buses for extra-curricular events due to Covid, we have had to consolidate after school bus routes on a number of days. Thanks to our drivers for making this all work.

*Staff Appreciation:* The District has organized an apparel sale in honor of School Staff Appreciation Week, which was May 3-7. The school is contributing \$10 per staff member towards a polo shirt, if staff members choose to purchase.

*Listening Sessions:* We have scheduled listening sessions for the following times:

-Tuesday, May 18: 2:00 for students, 3:00 for bus drivers, and 3:30 for staff.

-Thursday, May 20, at 3:30 for staff.

-Wednesday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m., public.

Past listening sessions were important in terms of gathering ideas and voicing concerns, and were instrumental in helping us plan the short and long term goals for our District.

### **Closed Session**

- Employment considerations.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade position: We had 11 applicants. Val Steiner accepted the position initially and then declined on May 7. Lacy Walters then accepted the position, and signed a contract.
  - MS/ HS Social Studies: Megan Burbach has resigned effective the end of the school year, she is moving to another part of the country.
  - Paraprofessional: Shannon Kriel has resigned effective the end of the school year, to take another position.
  - Cleaner: Diane Condon resigned as part time elementary cleaner April 29.

### **Important Dates:**

- Middle school graduation, **Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.**
- High school graduation, **Friday, May 28 at 8:00 p.m.**
- No school on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 31**
- Last day school, **Wednesday, June 2.**
- Next regular board meeting scheduled for **Monday, June 21.**

## **2020 – 2021 Seneca Area School District Board of Education Standing Committees**

Board of Education President: Mark Johnson

Vice President: Chad Sime

Treasurer: Larry Kelley

Clerk: Rachael George

### **Transportation**

Larry Kelley  
Charles Clark

### **Curriculum**

Rachael George  
Tyler Aspenson  
Chad Sime

### **SCAP Negotiations**

Larry Kelley, Chair  
Britney Joy  
Charles Clark

### **SEA Negotiations**

Mark Johnson, Chair  
Tyler Aspenson  
Chad Sime

### **Discipline**

Britney Joy  
Chad Sime

### **Buildings/Grounds**

Larry Kelley  
Charles Clark  
Tyler Aspenson

### **Finance**

Rachel George  
Mark Johnson  
Larry Kelley

### **Personnel**

Mark Johnson  
Rachael George  
Britney Joy

### **Policy**

Rachel George  
Mark Johnson  
Chad Sime