

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

Public Agenda

January 22, 2024

**** Subject to Change****

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" – Dominic Angel, fourth grade, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) Cyber.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Seneca Valley's FIRST LEGO Lords team from Haine Elementary recently earned the Elementary Excellence Award by scoring as the top elementary school team at the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Western Pennsylvania Grand Championship competition held at Aliquippa High School last month. Approximately 65 teams of students in grades 4-8 participated in the robotics competition. Each team competed in four rounds of the table robot challenge game, where the students designed, built and programmed a robot to solve various challenges on a competition board. In addition, each team gave a presentation to a panel of judges, describing their robot, programming design, game play strategy and research project. Students from Seneca Valley were led by Ms. Mary Boburczak, Ryan Gloyer Middle School Industrial technology teacher, Ms. Jen Exler, Haine Middle School mathematics teacher, and Mr. Jeremiah Friday, Haine Elementary School gifted support teacher.
 2. Student Services Director and Seneca Valley Foundation Trustee Dr. Jeff Roberts was recently named an Individual Community Champion by the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Roberts was chosen based on his continued dedication to ensuring the success of students, staff and our school community. As you may be aware, he has implemented innovative programs like the Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program, along with Care Solace, a mental health care coordination service. As stated in the nomination, his "above and beyond efforts create a supportive and nurturing environment for students and families."

3. The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) recently introduced the WPIAL Hall of Fame Class of 2024, which features 14 inductees across seven different categories, including Ms. Heather Lewis, Seneca Valley Athletics and Activities Director. Out of the 14 inductees, Ms. Lewis is listed in the Courage category for her unwavering and inspiring battle against breast cancer. The WPIAL Hall of Fame was organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports in Western Pennsylvania, and chose Ms. Lewis as an example for others to emulate. The annual WPIAL Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held on Friday, May 31, in Greentree.

B. Dates to Remember

January 1-31	School Board Director Recognition Month
January 23	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12
January 29	SV Preschool Registration, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Senior High School
February 5	School Board Work Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Senior High School

- C. **All-Star Award Winner, January 2024** – Patricia (Patti) Ristey
Paraprofessional, Ryan Gloyer Middle School.

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**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – November 6, 2023
- B. **Action Meeting** – November 13, 2023
- C. **Reorganization Meeting** – December 4, 2023

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$7,832,567.99

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$1,324,561.66

8. **ADMINISTRATION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson

A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 601, Fiscal Objectives, new, first reading.
2. Approve board policy 603, Budget Preparation, revised, first reading.
3. Approve board policy 604, Budget Adoption, new, first reading.
4. Approve board policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation, new, first reading.
5. Approve board policy 613, Cooperative Purchasing, revised, first reading.
6. Approve board policy 407, Student Teachers/Interns, revised, first reading.
7. Approve board policies, 351 (Administrative Employees), 451 (Professional Employees) and 551 (Classified Employees), Drug and Substance Abuse, revised, first reading.
8. Approve board policy 137, Home Education Programs, revised, first reading.
9. Approve board policy 137.1, Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students, new, first reading.
10. Approve board policy 137.2, Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students, new, first reading.
11. Approve board policy 137.3, Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students, new, first reading.

B. **Committee Assignments** – Approve School Board committee assignments for 2024.

C. **Vision to Learn** - Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Vision to Learn to provide vision examinations and glasses through a mobile clinic to referred students at no cost to the student’s family or the District.

D. **Transportation Contract** - Approve the transportation contract for one family to transport their child to and from Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania Linda Lanham Zeszutek School Program – North Site, 8057 Rowan Rd., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 retroactive to November 27, 2023, when a nurse is not available.

E. **Vo-Tech JOC Alternate Representatives** – Appoint Mr. Nick Brower and Mr. Eric DiTullio as Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee (BCAVTS JOC) alternate representatives.

F. **Student Disciplinary Agreement** – Approve student disciplinary agreement #2023-24-09.

G. **2024-2025 School Calendar** – Approve the 2024-2025 school calendar.

H. **Local District Holidays** – Approve the resolution regarding local district holidays for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

A. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission for and disburse, if approved:

1. Holocaust Curriculum Development and Holocaust/Genocide/Rights Violation Resource Center Creation grant in the amount of \$1,000 requested by Ms. Michele Russo. Funds will be used to purchase a set of a classroom books and to

purchase Holocaust and other Genocide/Human Rights Violations related materials for the department and for the LIGHT Resource Center.

2. Butterfly Project grant in the amount of \$210 requested by Ms. Victoria Hinchee and Ms. Maggie Mollura. Funds will be used for purchasing butterfly kits. Participants in the Butterfly Project learned about children who died in the Holocaust and received a card with the story of a specific child. The participants then paint ceramic butterflies, inspired by the story of that child. The international movement aims to paint 1.5 million butterflies to honor the 1.5 million children killed during the Holocaust.
3. Ukrainian Refugee School Impact grant in the amount of \$28,180 requested by Ms. Annie Mersing. Funds will be used to provide programming and services to English as a Second Language (ESL) learners, particularly from Ukraine, that support successful integration and academic success.
4. Modern Band Starter Kit grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested by Mr. Kyle Masson, teacher at Ehrman Crest Middle School. Schools that receive the Modern Band Starter Kit receive \$5,000 worth of musical equipment and resources that will be used to empower students to think more critically about the music that they listen to.
5. Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant in the amount of \$510,705 requested by Ms. Annie Mersing and Dr. Tony Babusci. Funds will be used to provide academic, artistic and cultural enhancement activities to students and their families when school is not in session. If approved, funding will be used for an afterschool and summer program at Ryan Gloyer Middle School that provides an opportunity for students to have access to homework help and tutoring; physical activity; family engagement opportunities; mentoring; remedial education activities; literacy education; English language learner activities; and STEAM initiatives.
6. Pittsburgh Steelers Youth Football Fund in the amount of \$3,000 requested by Ms. Heather Lewis. Funds will be used to purchase uniforms, coaching, and transportation for newly created sport of girl's flag football in the spring of 2024. The Steelers Youth Fund will also provide flag belts and footballs. Participants will be Seneca Valley female students in grades 9 – 12.

B. **Student Trips** – Approve the following student trips:

1. Academic Games League to the American National Tournament in Orlando, Florida on April 19-23, 2024, under the supervision of Ms. Julie Smith. Students will miss one day of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.
2. Mr. Lettiere, JROTC instructor at SHS, to take students to Gary Anderson CMP Masksmanship Center in Port Clinton, Ohio, February 14-17, 2024. Students will miss three days of instruction. The trip is at no cost to the District.
3. Ms. Sarah Miller, RGMS/IHS Orchestra teacher, to take students to Hickory High School for Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Districts, February 7-9, 2024. Students will miss two days of instruction.

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

D. **Student Clubs** – Approve the following student clubs:

1. **Holidays & Festivities Club** - Approve the establishment of a Holidays & Festivities Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Mr. Brian Pesavento effective for 2023-24 school year.
2. **Speech & Debate Club** - Approve the establishment of a Speech & Debate Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Mrs. Janice Plutnicki effective for 2023-24 school year.
3. **Global Connections Club** - Approve the establishment of the Global Connections Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Mrs. Julie Parenti effective for 2023-24 school year.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Food Service Equipment** - Approve the disposal or donation of an obsolete cooler.
- B. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- C. **Long-Range Budget Model** - Approve an agreement with PFM Financial Advisors LLC for use of the long-range budget model at an annual rate of \$8,500.
- D. **Finalsite Agreement** – Approve the agreement with Finalsite for a 60-month term effective July 1, 2024, for a Content Management System (CMS) platform for the school and district web sites including theme, design and CMS conversion.

11. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, retirements, affiliation agreements, and Memorandum of Understanding.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

- a. Missy Fuller

13. **ADJOURNMENT**