

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

Public Agenda

October 9, 2023

**** Subject to Change****

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Ms. Kathy Whittle, President
 - A. **Moments of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" – Damian Kennedy, second grader, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC).
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently announced Seneca Valley Seniors Lucas Boyle, Alexander Kim and Shivani Umesh as Semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. As semifinalists, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Kim and Miss Umesh will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 7,100 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. From over 16,000 semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the next level of the program where these students will have the opportunity to earn a National Merit Scholarship and, ultimately, the Merit Scholar® title. In addition, Seneca Valley seniors, Lydia Miller and Lihini Ranaweera, have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Miss Miller and Miss Ranaweera were recognized by the NMSC for their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry.
 - B. **Dates to Remember**

October	National Principals Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 10	World Mental Health Day
October 14	PSAT Testing – SV Senior High School
October 24	SV Grades 7-12 End of First Nine Weeks
October 25	The Power of Prevention: Insights into youth substance abuse & addiction by Dr. C. Thomas Brophy – 6:30 p.m. – SV Senior High School Auditorium
October 27	Professional Development (Act 80) Day, No School for Students
October 27	Pink Night – SV Raiders vs. North Allegheny Tigers – 7 p.m. – NexTier Stadium

October 28	ACT Testing – SHS
October 31	Halloween
November 4	SAT Testing – SV Senior High School
November 5	Daylight Savings Time
November 5	Seneca Valley Foundation’s Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run/Walk presented by Westinghouse – Secondary Campus – 9 a.m.
November 6	School Board Work Session – 7 p.m. – SVIHS Auditorium
November 6	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12

C. **All-Star Award Winner, October 2023** - Thomas Buchanan, Seneca Valley Senior High School Custodian.

D. **Student Enrollment**

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. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – September 11, 2023
- B. **Action Meeting** – September 18, 2023

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$1,689,067.02

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$1,211,500.14

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Board Policies** -

1. Approve board policy 251, Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability, second, final reading.
2. Approve board policy 216.1, Supplemental Discipline Records, revised, first reading.

- B. **School Resource Officer Agreements** -
 - 1. Approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Cranberry Township for service at Haine Middle/Elementary School, Ehrman Crest Middle/Elementary School, and Rowan Elementary School starting September 1, 2023, through the 2027-28 school year.
 - 2. Approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Zelenople Borough for service at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School starting September 1, 2023, through the 2027-28 school year.

- C. **Student Adjudications** – Approve the following student adjudications:
 - 1. #2023-24-04
 - 2. #2023-24-05

- D. **Transportation Contract** – Approve the transportation contract for one family to transport their child to and from D.T. Watson retroactive August 22, 2023.

- E. **Therapy Dogs International** - Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Therapy Dogs International for credentialed volunteer therapy dog and handler teams to work in district schools under district policy #713– Therapy Dogs in Schools.

- F. **Future Ready Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee Members** – Approve the list of staff, parent/guardian, and community stakeholders to participate in the comprehensive planning process contingent upon their agreement to contribute and their commitment to actively engage in the process.

- G. **Hollins-Sims Independent Contractor Agreement** - Approve the independent contract agreement to provide professional development for administrators designed to equip educational leaders with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to promote a sense of well-being and foster inclusive and equitable school environments. To be paid for with ESSER funds.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

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

- B. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission for and disburse, if approved:
 - 1. Building a Community of Learners through Professional Development grant in the amount of \$6,000 requested by Ms. Rose Piso. Funds will be used to support teachers in their professional development at Ehrman Crest.
 - 2. Heroes and Helpers Grant funded by Target in the amount of \$2,500. Funds will be utilized during Haine Middle School’s “Shop with a Cop” event where students are paired with a Cranberry Township Police Officer and provided with a gift card to purchase holiday presents.

- C. **Student Trip** – Approve the middle school ski trip to Samoëns, France on January 15, 2025, returning on January 22, 2025, at no cost to the district and under the supervision of Mr. Mickey Flood. Coinciding with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the students will miss four days of instruction.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE** – Approve budget transfers.
11. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignations, appointments, contracted service, leaves, stipend, Memorandum of Understanding and Retirement.
12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**
 - a. Kara Smith
 - b. Mia Compozzi
 - c. Erin McClymonds
 - d. Nichole Popp
 - e. Ashley Nardone
13. **ADJOURNMENT**