

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Public Agenda

January 8, 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" – Maddox Pindroh, second grade, Haine Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** –
 1. Recognized for building a more inclusive, engaged and equitable school community, Ms. Michele Russo, English teacher at Seneca Valley Intermediate High School has been selected as a recipient of the Antisemitism Civic Courage Award by the Shine A Light organization. Shine A Light is a national purpose-driven convening platform for organizations, companies, institutions and individuals to unite in shining a light on antisemitism in all its modern forms. Ms. Russo has traveled to Poland with Classrooms Without Borders to gain more knowledge about the Holocaust, and she also traveled to the south to expand her knowledge of the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Russo is also the Education Initiative Coordinator for Leadership through Innovation in Genocide and Human Rights Teaching (LIGHT), a network of students, teachers and community leaders working together to bring innovation to human rights advocacy and genocide prevention.
 2. Twelve Seneca Valley students recently had their artwork accepted into Slippery Rock University's (SRU's) 16th annual Regional High School Art Exhibition. The exhibit featured student artwork from 15 local high schools which culminated with a reception and award presentation on Thursday, Nov. 16, at SRU's Martha Gault Art Gallery. Students were led by Megan Bonistalli and Jason Woolslare, senior high school art teachers.

B. **Dates to Remember**

January 1-31	School Board Director Recognition Month
January 11	SV End of First Semester, Grades 7-12
January 12	Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
January 22	School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., <u>Senior High School Auditorium</u>
January 23	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Fred Peterson, Jr./Mr. Hester
2. I.U. IV - Mr. Eric DiTullio

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio

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

F. **Presentation of Program of Studies**

3. **ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Public Comment**

B. **Joint Purchasing Agreement AIU** - Approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement Resolution for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

D. **Settlement Agreements** – Approve the special education agreements with two students.

E. **Student Adjudication** – Approve student adjudication #2023-24-10.

F. **Personnel** – Approve the retirement and appointment.

G. **Student Trip** – Approve Ms. Claire Barker, IHS Choral Teacher, and Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander, SHS Choral Teacher, to take students to Mercer Area Middle/High School for Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District’s, January 24-26, 2024. Students will miss two days of instruction.

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: \$1,213,280.02

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

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.

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.

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 for the use of a classroom set of books, 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.

- B. **Student Trip** – Approve the 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.

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, and affiliation agreement.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**
 - a. Daniel Weimer
 - b. Eric Goucher
 - c. Jennifer Eaves
 - d. Jennifer Fiore
 - e. Sarah Cardosi
 - f. Helen Testa

13. **ADJOURNMENT**