

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Public Agenda

March 6, 2023

**** Subject to Change****

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Ms. Kathy Whittle, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" - Aubree Patton, second grader from Rowan Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Seneca Valley seniors Haihan Xu, Peter Ko and Eric Combs have been named finalists in the 68th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program held by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These SV standouts are three of approximately 16,000 finalists and will now advance to the next level of the program where they will have the opportunity to earn National Merit Scholarships and, ultimately, the Merit Scholar® title. About 1.5 million juniors in more than 21,000 high schools entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.
 2. Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) is one of only 10 exemplary Middle Grades Schools in Pennsylvania to be named a 2023 PA Don Eichhorn Schools: "Schools to Watch" (PA STW) as part of a recognition program developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. This program is an elite partnership with the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education (PAMLE), Duquesne University, Edinboro University, Kutztown University and the Horace Mann Service Corporation. RGMS is receiving this honor as a fourth PA STW redesignation after receiving the initial recognition 12 years ago. RGMS joined 38 other middle-grades schools recognized over the history of the program during the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Educations State Conference that took place at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, on Feb. 26. RGMS will also be recognized nationally with all the other recognized STW schools across the country in Washington, D.C., at the National Forum's National Schools to Watch Conference on June 22-24.

B. **Dates to Remember**

March	
March 6	First Day for all PIAA Spring Sports
March 8	The holiday of Holi
March 10	Reports of Student Progress Release, Grades K-6
March 11	SAT Testing – Seneca Valley Senior High School
March 12	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 13	School Board Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. SVIHS Auditorium
March 13	Parent & Community Presentation – Promoting Mental Health with Hope Squad & Community Support – 7 p.m. SHS Auditorium
March 17	Act 80 Day – No School for Students
March 20	Snow Make up Day #2 – If no snow day make-up day is needed, this becomes a holiday for students and staff
March 21	SVAOC Cyber End of Third Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
March 22	Ramadan Begins
March 24	Seneca Valley Raiderthon – 5-9 p.m., Senior High School
March 27	End of Third Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
March 29	Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) Drop-in Center Opening/Ribbon Cutting

C. **Agency Reports**

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

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio/Ms. Kathy Whittle

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. **ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Public Comment**

B. **Personnel** – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves and retirements.

C. **Field Trip Request** – Approve Ms. Sarah Miller, Orchestra Teacher, to take students to State College for the Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Region Orchestra concert, March 8 – 10. Students will miss three days of instruction.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – February 6, 2023
- B. **Action Meeting** – February 13, 2023

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$3,173,272.83

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$776,624.37

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **MIU IV Board Member** – Approve the nomination of Mr. Eric DiTullio as a Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board Member for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.
- B. **Social Media Litigation** - Approve the commencement of a civil suit, as part of a multi-district litigation, against Meta Platforms, Inc., Facebook Holdings, LLC, Snap, Inc., TikTok, Inc., YouTube, LLC and other social media companies, and, for such purpose, approve the contingent fee agreement with Frantz Law Group. (The contingent fee is 25% of any recovery. Litigation expenses shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group and deducted from any recovery. The Seneca Valley School District will not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in the action).
- C. **Juul Settlement Agreement** - Approve the settlement agreement with Juul Labs, Inc., in relation to the multi-district litigation involving the marketing of vaping products and authorize the Seneca Valley School District’s officers and legal counsel to execute such documents as required for and by such agreement.
- D. **Board Policy** – Approve the following policies:
 - 1. Policy 800, Records Management, revised, first reading.
 - 2. Policy 309.1, Pre-Employment Drug Testing Policy, new, first reading.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Health and Safety Plan** – Acknowledge the six-month review of the Health and Safety Plan as per the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requirements (no proposed changes).
- B. **School Links Contract** - Approve the contract with SchoolLinks to provide career-readiness, work-based learning, and post-secondary planning online services. Access to SchoolLinks will be provided for students, parent and alumni. Pending solicitor review.

- C. **Grant Disbursements** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following grants:
 - 1. Target Community Grant in the amount of \$500 and the Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$3,000. Funding will be used for equipment and supplies needed to maintain a positive and inviting atmosphere at the newly created Ryan Gloyer Middle School After-School Program. The program is designed to provide a safe space for students during after-school hours, and will support physical, social and behavioral development through organized recreational activities and mentoring.
 - 2. transformED Teacher Innovation Fellowship mini-grant funded through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and in association with the Western PA AASA consortium in the amount of \$1,500 requested by Ms. Jordan DiBucci, second-grade teacher at Ehrman Crest Elementary School. Funds will be used to purchase aero-gardens and an aquaponics fish tank to expose students to an alternate way of growing and maintaining gardens utilizing advanced technology.
- D. **Conferences** – Approve the conference requests.
- E. **Athletic Uniform Disposal** – Approve the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **2023-24 MIU IV General Operating Budget** – Approve the 2023-24 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget in the total amount of \$3,831,803 with Seneca Valley’s contribution being \$141,505.
- B. **Audit Acknowledgement** – Acknowledge the local audit report for the 2021-22 school year.
- C. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- D. **Fiber Network Lease Agreement** – Approve the 5-year service renewal agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc. for a district-wide network in the amount of \$2,000 per month.

11. **PERSONNEL**

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

- a. Jason Dean
- b. Lucy Giordano
- c. Erin McClymonds
- d. Hannah Bowser
- e. Angie Denham
- f. Stephanie Stroud

13. **ADJOURNMENT**