

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

Public Agenda

March 13, 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" - Landon Donaldson, fourth grader from Haine Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. We are pleased to report that Ehrman Crest continues to receive recognition as we move through the first year of this innovative K-6 facility. As you may be aware, Ehrman Crest has been featured as a story in *Smithsonian Magazine's* online edition and then again as a cover story in the online and print edition of *TIME for Kids Magazine*. We are also anticipating coverage by the Pittsburgh office of National Public Radio to take place sometime this month. Links to these and other stories covering Ehrman Crest, now and in the future, can be found at [Communications / Ehrman Crest Reviews, Accolades - Media Coverage \(svsd.net\)](#).
 2. Seven Seneca Valley students were recently announced as Gold Key winners in the 2023 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, while 11 students took home the Silver Key and 31 received Honorable Mentions. The regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were held at Carnegie Mellon University in the Hall of Arts on Feb. 25. Gold key winners now move on to the national competition where winners will be announced later this summer. The Pittsburgh Arts Region encompasses all of Allegheny, Beaver and Butler counties and is facilitated by the Seneca Valley School District, specifically Megan Bonistalli, senior high school art teacher, as well as the Pittsburgh Art Affiliate. This is one of the nation's longest-running, most prestigious recognition programs for creative teens and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers.

B. **Dates to Remember**

March	
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
April 27	The Dangers of Tech, a presentation for parents, hosted by the FBI, 6:30 p.m., Seneca Valley Senior High School Auditorium

C. **All-Star Award Winner, March 2023** – Ms. Patty Ruggiero, Haine Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional.

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

E. **Remote Area Medical** – Dental, vision and medical exams will be offered free of charge from Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps. There are no eligibility requirements for the services. This will be held November 11-12, 2023, at Butler Intermediate High.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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: \$783,020.23

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- 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 ACTION**

- 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.
- 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.

3. Dual Credit Program Grant through PDE's Division of Instructional Quality in the amount of \$49,000 to expand SV's College-in-High School Course Program. Funds will be used to increase the number of courses offered and promote sequencing of courses; add an on-campus tour component to courses; and encourage enrollment of students who are experiencing educational instability, enrolled in career and technical education programs, low-income students, and historically under-served student groups.

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

E. **Athletic Uniform Disposal** – Approve the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms.

F. **Field Trip Request** – Approve Ms. Brie Nassan, gifted teacher, to take 11 students who qualified to compete in the PA Bar Association State Mock Trial Competition in Harrisburg, PA, March 24 and 25, 2023. Students will miss one day of instruction.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION**

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 ACTION**

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD** – Communication received by Ms. Lydia Horvath.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**