

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

*** Subject to Change ***

May 9, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President

- A. **Moment of Silence** - In memory of Mr. Richard “Dick” Meredith. Mr. Meredith was an educator at heart and invested himself in the students and staff of the Seneca Valley School District for 32 years. Upon his retirement, he also served on the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School Authority Board for a number of years. His love and devotion to his students reached well beyond books, paper and ink, mentoring his students in relational and life skills to last a lifetime. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, his family, and the community that he invested his life in.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - “I Led the Pledge” - Autumn Pype, fourth grade, Haine Elementary School
- C. **Roll Call**

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

- 1. Seneca Valley students in video production classes brought home four awards from Robert Morris University’s 30th Annual Digital Media Arts Consortium (DMAC) student video festival on April 7. In addition to individual awards for special effects, black and white photography and new stories, the *Seneca Says* crew won in the morning announcements category. This year’s DMAC festival featured student representatives from dozens of western Pennsylvania schools. Seneca Valley students and SVTV volunteers, led by teacher Dan McKosky, submitted work in 10 different categories and had an opportunity to see the varied work of neighboring schools’ artists as well.
- 2. The Seneca Valley Marching Band was named the Grand Champions in the Norfolk North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Festival’s “Parade of Nations” in Norfolk, VA, held on April 30. In addition to the Grand Champion award, the highest score of any ensemble at the festival, the marching band also earned the best overall music performance award, best percussion award, best auxiliaries award and a gold rating. SV was one of only 17 high school bands selected nationwide to be in the parade. At the parade, there were over 75 parade units with local and visiting high school bands, U.S. and International

Military bands, and colorful floats that represented each of the 30 NATO Member Nations.

3. The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon team took first place at the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) State Competition March 11-12 in Philadelphia. As the state champion, the SV Academic Decathlon team represented the state of Pennsylvania for the virtual USAD National Competition which was held April 21-23. It is our pleasure to share that the SV Academic Decathlon team placed 10th in the nation and earned three individual national medals. Even though the national competition was not in person this year, students competed virtually for all 10 events, including speech and interview via Zoom. The team was led by David Reichard, advisor and senior high school teacher.
4. It is with our deepest appreciation that we congratulate the following 2021-2022 Seneca Valley School District Retirees for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the School District and its students. This group represents a combined 661.5+ years of service:

- Mr. Dan Bailey – School Psychologist – 20 Years
- Ms. Carol Baptiste – Intermediate High School Secretary – 41 Years
- Ms. Judy Baret – Senior High School Secretary – 23 Years
- Mr. James Blontz – Rowan Elementary Maintenance – 16 Years
- Ms. Sharon Bonavoglia – Ryan Gloyer Middle School English Teacher – 25.5 Years
- Ms. Nichole Brandon – CVE First Grade Teacher – 29 Years
- Ms. Darlene Carmack – Food Services Director – 12 Years
- Ms. Jean Cook – Rowan Elementary Cafeteria Manager – 25 Years
- Mr. Tim Dubovi – Evans City Elementary Instruction & Intervention Specialist – 32 Years
- Mr. Kurt Ford – CVE Maintenance Employee – 25 Years
- Ms. Barbara Gerginski – ECE/ECM/SVIHS Cafeteria Manager – 31 Years
- Ms. Tammara Gill – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Mathematics Teacher – 21 Years
- Ms. Sue Hilliard – ECM/HMS/RGMS/IHS/SHS Technology Assistant – 25 Years
- Ms. Margaret Lockovich – Haine Elementary/Haine MS Speech and Language Teacher 4 Years
- Mr. Mark Macedonia – Intermediate High School Social Studies Teacher – 32 Years
- Mr. Aaron Magill – Senior High School Music Teacher – 19 Years
- Mr. Dennis McAnallen – Information Technology Analyst - 21.5 Years
- Ms. Debra McDermott – Intermediate High School Gifted Support Teacher – 25.5 Years
- Mr. James Pearson – Transportation Director – 11 Years
- Ms. Patty Scherz – Rowan Maintenance Employee – 23 Years
- Ms. Jill Schulz – Senior High School Nurse – 21 Years
- Ms. Lisa Seibel – Evans City Elementary Kindergarten – 27 Years
- Ms. Cindy Stacy – SVIHS Cafeteria – 14 Years
- Ms. Rebecca Studds – Rowan Elementary Learning Support Teacher – 26 Years
- Ms. Ann Tanda – Haine Elementary/Haine MS Learning Support Teacher – 18 Years
- Ms. Susanna Wanamaker – CVE/HES/HMS Speech and Language Teacher – 10 Years
- Mr. Clint Weltner – Haine Middle School Fifth Grade Teacher – 27 Years

- Ms. Carla Wright – Evans City Middle School Secretary – 34 Years
- Ms. Julie Zajac – Haine Elementary Learning Support Teacher – 23 Years

C. **Dates to Remember**

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| May | Mental Health Awareness Month |
| May 2-12 | Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Exams |
| May 2-13 | Advanced Placement Exams |
| May 9 | Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 4:30-6 p.m. |
| May 11 | Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 4:30-6 p.m. |
| May 11 | National School Nurse Day |
| May 13 | Act 80 (Professional Development) Day, No School for Students, Graduation Project Presentations |
| May 14 | Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 2-4 p.m. |
| May 14 | Prom - Grand March begins at 5 p.m., SVSHS |
| May 16 | Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 4:30-6 p.m. |
| May 16-27 | Keystone Exams |
| May 26 | Graduation Day (May 27 is the Rain Date) |
| May 30 | Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff |
| May 31 | End of K-6 Third Trimester and 7-12 Fourth Nine Weeks for SVAOC |
| June 3 | Last Day of School K-11 |
| June 6 | Teacher In-Service Day |

D. **Financial Reports**

1. Operations
2. Senior High Activities
3. Intermediate High Activities
4. Middle School Activities
5. Athletics
6. Food Service
7. Tax Collection Reports
8. Capital Projects Funds

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** - April 4, 2022
- B. **Action Meeting** - April 11, 2022

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Total: \$2,814,910.04

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

Total: \$2,538,415.36

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

A. **Board Policies** - Approve the following board policies:

1. Policy 227, Substance Use/Abuse - revised, first reading.
2. Policy 227.1, Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers - revised, first reading.

B. **Board Meeting Dates** - Approve the July through December 2022 School Board Meeting dates.

C. **Transportation Contract** - Approve the transportation contract for one family to transport their child to D.T. Watson during the extended school year July 6 - July 28, 2022.

D. **Duquesne University School of Education Affiliation Agreement** - Approve the affiliation agreement with Duquesne University School of Education to provide cooperating professionals for field placements, student teaching and internships for the five-year term from June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2027.

E. **Seneca Valley Custodial ESPA-PSEA-NEA Contract** - Approve the agreement with Seneca Valley Custodial ESPA-PSEA-NEA effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

F. **Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS) Authority Board Member** - Appoint Mr. Frederick Peterson to the BCAVTS Authority Board and Mr. Mike Jacobs as the Authority Board alternate.

G. **2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones** - Approve the 2022-23 K-6 Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones as originally proposed on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

H. **2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones, Added Roads**
Approve the 2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones with Ehrman Crest Elementary boundary lines to include the following roads:

- Cherrington Drive
- Whispering Oaks Drive
 - Grove Court
- Windsor Court

9. **INSTRUCTION**

A. **Student Trips**

1. Approve the orchestra trip to Norfolk Virginia from April 28 to May 1, 2022 where students will have the opportunity to participate in an adjudication where their musicianship will be evaluated by world class musicians. Students will also see the many unique sites of Virginia, support their band peers marching in the parade of nations, and create community within the orchestra program. Students will miss two days of school. Dr. McKinley
2. Approve the trip to Costa Rica on April 1-8, 2023 under the supervision of Christina Hollowood and at no cost to the district. Part of spring break would be used, and students would miss only two days of school.
3. Approve the Envirothon state competition trip to Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA on May 24-25 under the supervision of Dana Hadley and at no cost to the district. Students will miss one day of school.

B. **Conference Requests** - Approve the conference requests.

C. **Grants**

1. Grant permission to apply for and disburse the PPG Innovative Classroom Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Funds will be used to support STEM activities in a 6th grade science class at Haine Middle School. Ms. Sharon Kramer
2. Grant permission to apply for and disburse the PPG Innovative Classroom Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Funds will be used to support Fly-Fishing Activity & Enrichment at Haine Middle School. Mr. Tim Cammisa

D. **Club Status** - Approve club status for the Book & Literature Club at no cost to the district and under the supervision of Intermediate High School teacher, Mrs. Cheri Mihalik.

E. **Athletic Uniform Disposal** - Approve the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms and warm-ups.

F. **Flexible Instruction Days (FIDS) Affirmation** - Permit the administration to complete and remit the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by June 1, 2022. If approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, grant permission for the administration to execute the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) Program as submitted for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years in accordance with Act 64 of 2019.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION**

A. **Budget Transfers** - Approve the budget transfers.

B. **Change Orders** - Approve the construction change orders for Ehrman Crest.

- C. **Professional Photography Contract Awards** - Award the following professional photography contracts for the 2022-23 through 2024-25 school years.
 - 1. Yearbook events and activities contract to Bill Sauers Photography
 - 2. K-12 portraits contract to Jostens

- D. **Lease Agreement with SVSD and Zelenople Borough** - Approve the lease agreement between Seneca Valley School District (SVSD) and Zelenople Borough for the lease of two baseball / softball fields.

- E. **Agreement with SVSD, Zelenople Borough, and SVNAA for Score Boards at CVE** - Approve the agreement with Seneca Valley School District (SVSD), Seneca Valley North Athletic Association (SVNAA), and Zelenople Borough for scoreboards and sponsorship signs at the baseball and softball fields.

- F. **Bid Awards** - Award the following bids for the 2022-23 school year.
 - 1. General Supplies
 - 2. Maintenance Supplies
 - 3. Print Supplies

- G. **Depository/Treasurer** - Appoint NexTier Bank as depository and treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year.

- H. **Proposed 2022-23 Budget** - Approve the proposed 2022-23 budget in the amount of \$161,612,983 with no millage increase and authorize the budget to be made available for public inspection.

- I. **YMCA Corporate 25 Community Partnership** - Approve the Corporate 25 Community Partnership agreement between the Butler County YMCA and Seneca Valley School District to provide membership discounts and benefits for district employees.

- J. **Early Intervention Agreement** - Approve the lease agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the operation of an Early Intervention program as established by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and under the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning at the District's Rowan Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year.

11. **PERSONNEL** - Mr. Jeff Widdowson - Approve resignations, appointments, contracted services, leaves and retirements.

12. **COMMUNICATION**

A. Ms. Jenny Monahan - Note of thanks

13. **ADJOURNMENT**