

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

AGENDA

January 18, 2022

**** Subject to Change****

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

- A. **Moment of Silence** - Please keep in your thoughts, the family and loved ones of Dr. Albert "Al" Timms, who passed away on Dec. 25, 2021. Dr. Timms was employed by the Seneca Valley School District for 35 years upon his retirement in 1993. While at Seneca Valley, he served as an elementary school teacher, elementary school principal, director of elementary education and assistant superintendent for student transportation and buildings and grounds. He was deeply respected and will be greatly missed.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" - Athena Fazio-Kirksey, third grade at Evans City Elementary School. <https://svtube.svsd.net/play?id=ug6fvyxce3>



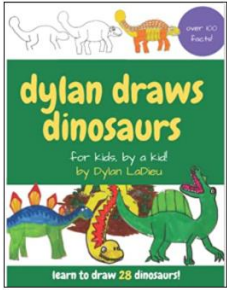
C. **Roll Call**

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition**

1. Positive output. That's what Haine Elementary School's First Lego League (FLL) teams, aka the SV Tech-Sperts and SV Tech-Ovators, experienced during the Western Pennsylvania FLL Grand Championship at Sewickley Academy on Dec. 11. The SV Tech-Ovators earned the highest single round score in the robot game during the competition. The SV Tech-Sperts were awarded the "Rising All-Star Award" for their high combined score in all four categories including; robot game, project presentation, robot presentation and core values presentation. They were also recognized as finalists in the project presentation category, for their innovation, "Package Protector."

2. A Seneca Valley student who is a self-described “dino-enthusiast” recently wrote and published his first book – at just 10 years old. Dylan LaDieu, a fifth grader at Haine Middle School, wrote and published “Dylan Draws Dinosaurs,” a how-to dinosaur drawing book with over 100 dinosaur facts for kids. Dylan’s book has how-to drawing pages accompanied by a scene showing the dinosaurs in action. The book also has statistics and facts for each dinosaur and even includes a representation of what their skull looks like. His book can be found on Amazon at [Dylan Draws Dinosaurs - How to Draw 28 Amazing Dinosaurs and Learn over 100 facts: Step by Step How To Draw Dinosaurs For Kids \(Dylan Draws - How to Draw\): LaDieu, Dylan Bishop, LaDieu, Nicholas Peter, LaDieu, Juliet Amanda: 9798781544455: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/Dylan-Draws-Dinosaurs-How-to-Draw-28-Amazing-Dinosaurs-and-Learn-over-100-facts-Step-by-Step-How-To-Draw-Dinosaurs-For-Kids-Dylan-Draws-How-to-Draw-LaDieu-Dylan-Bishop-LaDieu-Nicholas-Peter-LaDieu-Juliet-Amanda-9798781544455/dp/B089888888)



- B. **Seneca Valley All-Star Award Winner** - Nicole Eaton, Central Office Administrative Assistant
- C. **Dates to Remember** - Ms. Andreassi

January 25	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12
February 7	School Board Work Session, 7 p.m. via Zoom OR I H S Auditorium

- 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. **Program of Studies Presentation**
- F. **COVID-19 Update** - Dr. Vitale

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** - November 8, 2021
- B. **Action Meeting** - November 15, 2021
- C. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 6, 2021

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$7,816,622.54

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$7,004,674.47

8. **ADMINISTRATION** - Mr. James Nickel

- A. **Policy 800.1** - Approve board policy 800.1, Electronic Signatures, first reading.
- B. **School Bus Drivers** - Approve the list of new bus drivers since November 2021 for ABC Transit and Valley Lines.
- C. **Solicitor Fee Adjustment** - Approve the fee adjustment for solicitor from \$145 to \$155 per hour, retroactive to January 1, 2022.
- D. **Substitute Rate Increases** - Increase substitute rates across the following job classifications. Effective January 24, 2022 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Substitute Teachers

- Increase the daily substitute rate from \$125 to \$150 per day for both certified and emergency substitute teachers (approximately \$21.43/hour).
- Increase the daily rate for SV retired teachers to substitute from \$150 to \$175 (approximately \$25/hour).
- For any day-to-day teacher substitute (certified or emergency) that has subbed in the district this year for 30+ days they will move to a daily rate of \$175 (approximately \$25/hr). (*Days do not need to be consecutive and may be cumulative.
- SV retired subs that have subbed for 30+ days this year will move to \$200 per day after day 30 (approximately \$28.57/hr). (*Days do not need to be consecutive and may be cumulative.)
- Any day-to-day teacher substitute that subs in a multiple support classroom will receive \$175 per day (approximately \$25/hr) on day 1 of that assignment.

Substitute School Nurses

- Increase the daily substitute rate from \$125 to \$150 per day (approximately \$21.43/hour).
- Increase the daily rate for SV retired school nurses to substitute from \$150 to \$175 (approximately \$25/hr).
- For any day-to-day nurse substitute (certified or emergency) that has subbed in the district this year for 30+ days they will move to a daily rate of \$175 (approximately \$25/hr). (*Days do not need to be consecutive and may be cumulative.)
- SV school nurse retired subs that have subbed for 30+ days this year will move to \$200 per day (approximately \$28.57/hr) after day 30. (*Days do not need to be consecutive and may be cumulative.

- E. **Slippery Rock College of Education Affiliation Agreement** - Approve the affiliation agreement with Slippery Rock University College of Education to provide cooperating professionals for student teaching for the five-year term from January 4, 2022 to January 4, 2027.

- F. **Allegheny Health Network (AHN) Naming Rights Agreement (DRAFT) for the New Aquatics Center** - \$100,000
9. **INSTRUCTION** - Ms. Susan Harrison
- A. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Approve the MOU for the Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) with the Seneca Valley Education Association (SVEA)..
- B. **Memorandum of Understanding Cyber Service** - Approve the MOU for the Seneca Valley Cyber Service with the Seneca Valley Education Association (SVEA).
- C. **The School at McGuire Memorial Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial to provide educational services during the 2021- 22 school year.
- D. **Hope Learning Center Agreement** - Approve the Hope Learning Center agreement to provide school-based ACCESS services through the 2022-23 school year.
- E. **Club Status** - Approve club status for the Seneca Valley Senior High American Sign Language (ASL) Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of Ms. Laura Wise.
- F. **Conferences** - Approve the conference requests.
- G. **Grant Disbursements** - Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following grants:
1. Arconic Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,949 for expenses related to the 2021-22 First Tech Challenge including fees, supplies and equipment. Requested by Ms. Mersing and Mr. Fortunato.
 2. Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Education Grant in the amount of \$3,000. Funds will be used to implement a FarmFlex plant system at Ehrman Crest Middle School to enhance curriculum involving the food chain, photosynthesis, the water cycle and the importance of sustainability for fifth-grade students. Requested by Ms. Mersing and Mr. Eiler.
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE** - Mr. Mike Jacobs
- A. **Change Orders** - Approve the construction change orders for Ehrman Crest.
- B. **Budget Resolution** - Approve the budget resolution indicating that the district will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2022-23 fiscal year by more than 3.4%, which is the Act 1 index for the district as established by the Department of Education.
- C. **Budget Transfers** - Approve budget transfers.
- D. **Equipment Disposal** - Approve sale of obsolete pool timing equipment to a District that has a compatible system, or disposal of such equipment.

11. **PERSONNEL** - Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, tenure, sabbatical, retirements, memorandums of understanding.

12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**
 - Ms. Sarah Diefenderfer
 - Mr. Dan Weimer
 - Ms. Erin McClymonds
 - Ms. Andrea Tucker
 - Ms. Ryan Ahl
 - Ms. Shannon Mihalacki
 - Mr. Steve Hazen
 - Mr. Mike Vardaro
 - Ms. Tatiana Brower
 - Ms. Sharon Bonavoglia
 - Ms. Amy Wagner
 - Ms. Megan Anderson
 - Ms. Kimberly Matthews
 - Ms. Stephanie Lane
 - Ms. Sylena Smith

13. **ADJOURNMENT**