

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

AGENDA

January 10, 2022

**** Subject to Change****

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence** - Please keep in your thoughts and hearts, the family and friends of a Seneca Valley freshman who passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Dec. 15. As our school counselors and psychologists, along with a team of mental health specialists, provide support in our high schools, we ask all of you to join us in thinking of the family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" - Grace Ramos, second grade at Rowan Elementary School. <https://svtube.svsd.net/play?id=uy7cuqs78y>



- C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** - Ms. Andreassi
 1. The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon Team placed first and won a myriad of medals in the past two local competitions. With a score of 25,020 points, the team took first place against 12 other local schools on Nov. 13. With an almost 4,000-point lead, the SV Academic Decathlon team placed first and took home 23 medals at the local competition on Dec. 4. Students compete science, economics, social science, mathematics, art, music, literature, and essay with the goal of reaching the state and, ultimately, the national championship this spring.
 2. Thirteen Seneca Valley students were accepted into a juried art show, and four were named winners at Slippery Rock University's (SRU) 2021 Regional High School Art Exhibition in November. Winners included junior Emma Bedell and senior Zatarra Whetstone in the painting/drawing category. Seniors Sydney Hunt won the SRU Potters Guild Ceramics Award and Julia Lingenfelter was awarded the SRU Art Club Students' Choice honor.

3. This past November, auditions were held for the 2021 Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 5 Honors Band. Due to COVID-related health and safety guidelines, this year's honors band was reduced in size from 125 musicians to 95 musicians. Seneca Valley had 36 students selected this year, more than any other school in a four-county area. To audition, students were required to be in grades 9-12, and prepare a piece from a predetermined college-level solo list. District 5 comprises of school districts from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

B. **Dates to Remember** - Ms. Andreassi

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| January 1-31 | School Board Director Recognition Month |
| January 10 | SVAOC (Cyber) End of First Semester, Grades 7-12 |
| January 13 | End of First Semester, Grades 7-12 |
| January 14 | Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students |
| January 17 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Act 80 (Professional Development Day), No School for Students |
| January 18 (Tuesday) | School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom |
| January 25 | Report Card Release, Grades 7-12 |
| February 7 | School Board Work Session, 7 p.m. via Zoom |

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech - Mr. Fred Peterson, Jr./Mr. Michael Jacobs
2. I.U. IV - Mr. DiTullio
3. WPIAL Update - Mr. Timothy Hester

D. **Legislative** - Mr. DiTullio/Mr. James Nickel

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. **Legal Update on School Masking Decision** - Mr. Hoffman, School Solicitor

G. **COVID-19 Update** – Dr. Vitale

3. **ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Public Comment**

- B. **Student Trip** - Approve the ski trip to Steamboat Springs, CO on either Wednesday, February 23 - Monday February 28, or Wednesday, March 23- Monday March 28, depending on what prices are less expensive. The trip will be under the supervision of Mr. Mickey Flood, Club Advisor, and at no expense to the District. Dr. McKinley
- C. **2021-22 Seneca Valley Health and Safety Plan** - Approve the revised 2021-22 Seneca Valley Health and Safety Plan regarding CDC (Centers for Disease Control) quarantine language.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. DiTullio
- A. **Work Session** - November 8, 2021
- B. **Action Meeting** - November 15, 2021
- C. **Reorganization Meeting** - December 6, 2021
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Ms. Burtner
6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$7,816,622.54
7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$5,980,254.08
8. **ADMINISTRATION** - Mr. James Nickel
- A. **Policy 800.1** - Approve board policy 800.1, Electronic Signatures.
- 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.

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).
Dr. McKinley
- B. **Memorandum of Understanding Cyber Service** - Approve the MOU for the Seneca Valley Cyber Service with the Seneca Valley Education Association (SVEA). Dr. McKinley
- 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. Dr. Roberts
- D. **Hope Learning Center Agreement** - Approve the Hope Learning Center agreement to provide school-based ACCESS services through the 2022-23 school year. Dr. Roberts
- 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. Ms. Lewis
- 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.

11. **PERSONNEL** - Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, financial incentive program for professional substitutes, and memorandum of understanding. Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson

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

- Ms. Holly Badger
- Ms. Erin McClymonds
- Ms. Sarah Richards
- Ms. Jennifer Mayo
- Ms. Stephanie Lane
- Ms. April Miller
- Ms. Kimberly Matthews
- Mr. William and Ms. Lindsey Douglass
- Ms. Kelly Mediate
- Ms. Shaena McSwiggan
- Ms. Courtney Cassat
- Mr. Dan and Ms. Sheri Swope
- Ms. Erin Kovach
- Ms. Steve Elliott
- Ms. Merin Srivastave
- Ms. Laura Moad
- Mr. James Lautenbacher
- Ms. Corrine Satriano
- Ms. Jolene Jaecke
- Ms. Amanda Davidson
- Ms. Megan Ahead
- Mr. Mark Bidoli
- Mr. David Schaap
- Ms. Kari Zimmer
- Ms. Shannon Mihalacki
- Ms. Erin Sheaffer
- Mr. Tim and Ms. Sandy Ray

- Ms. Nicole Sylves
- The Edmisten Family
- Mr. Nunzio Martin
- Mr. Dale Reckless
- Ms. Tatiana Brower
- Ms. Melissa Gaguzis
- Ms. Angela Disanto
- Ms. Amy Gilbert
- Ms. Lauri Pendred
- Ms. Ann-Catherine Browne
- Ms. Jen Fiore
- Mr. Brandon McKenzie
- Mr. Elizabeth Browne
- Ms. Emily Mazzant
- Ms. Brittany Ventura
- Ms. Patricia and Mr. Leonard Abraham
- Ms. Dixie Yakin
- Ms. Carrie Harold
- Ms. Heather Vitalbo
- Ms. Kristie Long
- Mr. Ned Bruns
- Ms. Veronica Mortier
- Ms. Catie Morgan
- Ms. Tisha Apel
- Ms. Erica Graves
- Mr. Kevin Strayhorn
- Ms. Lisa Brown
- Mr. Parag Batavia
- Mr. Oliver Nowak
- Ms. Madeline Nowak
- Ms. Leslie Bruns
- Ms. Kari Frank
- Ms. Tammy Wylie
- Ms. Fran Kreider
- Ms. Amanda Davidson
- Ms. Tanya Walden
- Ms. Sarah Vargas
- Ms. Colleen Tanner
- Ms. Franki Chambers
- Ms. Dessarae Shupe
- Ms. Aubrey Hart
- Ms. Tracey Frazier
- Ms. Aimee Pieszak
- Ms. Rebecca Prible
- Ms. Stephanie Satterfield
- Ms. Kelly Scott
- Mr. Chris Droesch
- Mr. Zachary Hotchkiss

- Ms. Lia Snyder
- Ms. Ellen Lippert
- Ms. Jody Tomko
- Mr. Paul Fisher
- Mr. Edward Giorgetti
- Ms. Virginia Schuetz
- Ms. Erin Kenyon
- Ms. Angela Priddy
- Ms. Jen Colella
- Ms. Amber Scalise
- Ms. Stacy Adams
- Ms. Christina Coles
- Mr. Stephen Mihalacki
- Ms. Megan Foster
- Ms. Beth LaGamba
- Ms. Lindsey Baker
- Ms. Emily Lorencen
- Mr. John Ciganik
- Ms. Sarah Miller
- Ms. Robin Thurman
- Ms. Angela Nickum
- Mr. Scott Callender
- Ms. Leigh Kuzmovich
- Ms. Amy Wilson
- Ms. Amanda Lowden
- Ms. Susan McDowell
- Ms. Breigh Speidel
- Mr. Steve and Ms. Sara Hazen
- Ms. Jeanine Van Fossan
- Ms. Christina Dugan
- Ms. Heather Clark
- Ms. Katie Elder
- Ms. Brandi Jacobs
- Ms. Kathy Ricker
- Ms. Maria Madeja
- Mr. Jim Feath
- Mr. Nick Brower
- Ms. Caitlin Whitney
- Ms. Laura Krumenacker
- Ms. Mia Compomizzi
- Ms. Sonia Chung
- Ms. Sylena Smith
- Ms. Laura Donaldson
- Ms. Sonia Jayaraman and Family
- Ms. Suzanne Mills
- Ms. Andrea Tucker
- Mr. Mike Vardaro
- Ms. Beth Lauer

- Ms. Monica Brower
- Ms. Alison Fisher
- Ms. Jennifer Edwards
- Ms. Sarah Diefenderfer
- Mr. Troy and Ms. Angie DeMaster
- Ms. Jennifer Geckeler
- J. Gemperlein
- Ms. Carla Barnhart
- Mr. Brock Seeley
- Mr. John Ciganik
- Mr. Josh Barthlow
- Ms. Stephanie Lane
- Mr. Ryan Alh
- Mr. Joe Matachak
- Rev. A. David Paul
- Ms. Kathy Grindle
- Dr. Peter Sylves
- Ms. Karli Szweda
- Mr. Curtis Wagner
- Mr. Jeremy Bloom
- Ms. Allison McKivigan
- Ms. Vanessa Rossi
- Ms. Eileen Wrubel
- Mr. Kent Moyer
- Ms. Shannon Petsch
- Ms. Kristen Aleprete
- Mr. Scott and Ms. Tina Kramer
- Mr. Dean Noechel
- Mr. Graham and Ms. Laurie Small
- Mr. Aaron and Ms. Leigh Ptak
- Mr. Ryan Frankouser
- Ms. Amanda Slovak
- Ms. Jennifer Zimmerman
- Ms. Michelle Tresky
- Ms. Emily Droesch
- Mr. Milan Grupp
- Ms. Terry Reese
- Mr. Drew Satriano
- Ms. Kelly Frankouser
- Ms. Nicole Metzger
- Mr. Dan Weimer
- Ms. Jenny Monahan
- Mr. Rich Allen
- Ms. Amy Shiflett
- Ms. Merin Srivastava
- Mr. Nate Andrulonis
- Ms. Stacie Gilliland
- Ms. Sarah Suereth

- Ms. Jennifer Knier
- Mr. Joe and Ms. Hope Koziara
- Mr. Mark Gartner
- Mr. Tyler Bintrim
- Ms. Sarah Cardosi
- Ms. Jennifer Capellman
- Mr. Brian Golembiesky
- Mr. Matthew Hrycko
- Mr. Tony Grenda
- Ms. Tiffany Monz
- Ms. Angie Nickum
- Ms. Cathy Talento
- RGMS Administration, Faculty, and Staff
- Ms. Michele Lombardo
- Ms. Allison Johnston
- Ms. Diane Fisher

13. **ADJOURNMENT**