

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

April 19, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio – President
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – In memory of the lives lost due to COVID-19, and in reflection of those who are mourning loved ones, recovering from the illness or have been negatively impacted during this time.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Aayla Shorr, second grader at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. The Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Early Invention (EI) Classroom at Rowan Elementary School was recently chosen by the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) Autism Initiative to present at this year's National Autism Conference scheduled virtually for later this summer. This team consists of Lainy Kolonay, EI School Psychologist; Carly Weaver, EI Teacher; Chelsey Eskay, Speech and Language Therapist; Deb Eshelman, Occupational Therapist; and Paraprofessionals MaryBeth Winters and Kathy Bittner. The Team will discuss the individualized approach to assessment, program selection, instructional practices, staff training and implementation fidelity. The PaTTAN Autism Initiative shared that they are so excited to have the opportunity to highlight MIU IV EI efforts and success providing students with high quality early intervention.
 2. Two Seneca Valley students earned awards at the 82nd annual Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair (PRSEF) held virtually March 24-25. Freshman Shivani Umesh won a sponsor award from Young Women in Biology for her investigation on the effect that diet has on coronavirus infections globally by conducting a meta-analysis of accumulated data. Junior Nick Nedzesky brought home two sponsor awards from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Medical Society, as well as a scholarship award from Penn State University for his work investigating the role that glycerol has on biofilm formation. Mr. Nedzesky conducted his lengthy experiment in the SV Biotechnology Research Lab, both in person and virtually as the year progressed. Each year, approximately 1,000 students from more than 100 schools participate in PRSEF.

3. Seneca Valley Juniors Sydney Thompson and Nick Nedzesky were both awarded an Honorable Mention in the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (SACP) High School Essay Contest. Thirteen students were awarded prizes, including Miss Thompson and Mr. Nedzesky. Their recognition also included a \$100 prize. Each year, SACP hosts an essay contest that requires students to respond to a science-related prompt dealing with a current event. Schools in the Greater Pittsburgh area, including 39 Pennsylvania counties, 10 Ohio counties and 25 West Virginia counties, participated.

B. Dates to Remember

April 22	Earth Day
May 3	Board Meeting, SVIHS Auditorium and Zoom 7 p.m.

C. Financial Reports

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

D. COVID-19 Update

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Work Session** – March 1, 2021
- B. **Regular Meeting** – March 8, 2021

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

6. GENERAL FUND BILLS
Grand Total: \$4,395,095.63

7. CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS
Grand Total: \$2,300,958.22

8. ADMINISTRATION ACTION

- A. **Adelphoi Education Agreement** – Approve the agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide alternative education services for the 2021 - 22 school year.
- B. **Kennywood Picnic** – Approve June 25 as Kennywood picnic date for 2021.

- C. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies.
 - 1. Policy 917.1 – Weapons, new, second and final reading.
 - 2. Policy 252 – Dating Violence, new, second and final reading.
 - 3. Policy 904 – Public Attendance at School Events, revised, first reading.
 - 4. Policy 911 – Broadcasting of School Events, revised, first reading.
 - 5. Policy 203 – Communicable Diseases and Immunization, revised, first reading.
 - 6. Policy 822 – Automated External Defibrillator, revised, first reading.
- D. **School Name** – Name the new K-6 school in Cranberry Township “Ehrman Crest.”
- E. **Settlement Agreement** – Approve the Settlement Agreement & Release for the settlement of the due process complaint filed with the Office of Dispute Resolution at Case No. 24452-20-21KE.

9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION**

- A. **Transition Services Agreement** – Approve the Transition Services Agreement between the Seneca Valley School District and Cares of Western PA to provide services for one student.
- B. **Memorandum of Understanding** – Approve the memorandum of understanding with the Education Support Professionals Association to allow adjusted work schedules during the instructional recess of the summer of 2021.
- C. **Grant Disbursements** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following.
 - 1. Walmart Local Community Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for professional development of CVE staff utilizing the Leader in Me’s 7 Habits of Happy Kids platform. The program promotes a positive school environment by integrating leadership and the whole-child approach into every function of the school. Continued training in this program will give CVE a path to the goal of increasing student-achievement by providing students with a safe and positive environment for growth. Students who are versed in the Leader in Me will develop a skill set to overcome personal circumstances, while also understanding the importance of interpersonal relationships, and respecting others’ wants and needs. Requested by Ms. DeeAnn Graham, Dr. Tina Francis and Ms. Annie Mersing.
 - 2. Arconic Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to host a Raider Robotics Rally in the summer of 2022 which will allow the SV F.I.R.S.T. Team (**F**or **I**nspiration and **R**ecognition of **S**cience and **T**echnology) and S.W.E.E.T. (**S**eneca’s **W**omen **E**ngineering **E**xploration **T**eam) to lead the community on an exciting adventure with hands-on activities, an introduction to Java programing and a firsthand look into the worlds of the FIRST Lego League and FIRST Tech Challenge Team. Requested by Mr. Steve Fortunato and Ms. Annie Mersing.

3. Highmark Foundation School Grant in the amount of \$7,500 for Leader in Me (LIM) Core 1 training for the staff at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.

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

E. **Senior High School Book Donation or Disposal** – Approve donation or disposal of books from the Senior High School.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION**

A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.

B. **Change Order** – Approve the construction change order for the new K-6 elementary school at Ehrman Road.

C. **Early Intervention Agreement** – Approve the renewal agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for an Early Intervention classroom housed at Rowan Elementary for the 2021-22 school year.

D. **Bid Awards** – Award the following bids for the 2021-2022 school year.

1. Copier Paper Supplies

2. General Supplies

3. Maintenance Supplies

4. Print Supplies

E. **Josh Shipp Presentation Agreement** – Approve the speaker’s agreement for Josh Shipp to present at Seneca Valley on October 20, 2021. The event will focus on the key role that parents and all adults play in the future success of children. The cost will be shared with the Butler Early Learning Council and Butler Area School District.

F. **Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement** – Approve the 2021-22 PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement.

11. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignation, appointments, leaves and retirement.

12. **COMMUNICATION**

Covid Vaccine and Protocols

A. Ms. Stephanie Lane

Note of Thanks and Act of Kindness Opportunity

B. Ms. Jamie Thompson, CVE PTO

Raider Mascot

- C. Ms. Angela Deutsch-Ferrari
- D. Ms. Laurel Davis-Delano
- E. Mr. J. Victor Conrad
- F. Mr. Chandler Carranza
- G. Ms. Isabella Petitta
- H. Ms. Katie Smith
- I. Mr. Michael O'Donnell
- J. Ms. Rachel Graper
- K. Ms. Angie Denham
- L. Ms. Kari Zimmer
- M. Ms. Deanna Brown
- N. Ms. Maria Brown
- O. Ms. Kelly Scott
- P. Mr. Brian Connellan
- Q. Ms. Elena Barricella Geil

13. **ADJOURNMENT**