

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

November 9, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel, President

A. **Moment of Silence**

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Allison Noto, Grade 4, Evans City Elementary School

C. **Roll Call**

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi – Rishika Raman, a fifth grader at Evans City Middle School, recently wrote and published “Sonia’s Journal: A Stream of Thoughts.” The book features Sonia and her sisters and their many adventures, including secret vacations, hair-terror, zany pranks, and so much more! Her year-long journal is a breezy trip into the world of a young girl and her stream of thoughts. Miss Raman and her book, which can be purchased on Amazon, were recently featured on KDKA-TV’s evening news.

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

November 11	Veterans Day
November 13	SVAOC End of First Trimester, Grades K-6
November 18	End of First Trimester, Grades K-6
November 20	First Day of All PIAA Winter Sports
November 25 – November 30	Thanksgiving Break: District Holiday, No school for students and staff
December 7	School Board Reorganization Meeting, 5:00 p.m., IHS Auditorium

C. **Agency Reports**

1. Vo-Tech – Mr. Nickel/Mr. Fred Peterson, Jr.
2. I.U. IV – Mr. Eric DiTullio

D. **Legislative** – Mr. Peterson

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. **COVID-19 Update** – Dr. Vitale

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Nickel

- A. **Work Session** – October 5, 2020
- B. **Regular Meeting** – October 12, 2020

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Ms. Lynn Burtner

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$1,477,617.35

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$2,481,124.24

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION** – Mr. DiTullio

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

1. Policy 902 – Publications Program, revised, first reading – Ms. Andreassi
2. Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, revised, first reading – Ms. Andreassi
3. Policy 907 – School Visitors, revised, first reading – Ms. Andreassi

Policies to be retired:

4. Policy 248 – Sexual Harassment Students, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Kyra Bobak
5. Policy 348 – Sexual Harassment Administrative Employees, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Bobak
6. Policy 448 – Sexual Harassment Professional Employees, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Bobak
7. Policy 548 – Sexual Harassment Classified Employees, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Bobak
8. Policy 248.1 – Unlawful Harassment Students, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Kyra Bobak
9. Policy 348.1 – Unlawful Harassment Administrative Employees, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Bobak
10. Policy 448.1 – Unlawful Harassment Professional Employees, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Bobak
11. Policy 548.1 – Unlawful Harassment Classified Employees, retire, first and final reading – Ms. Bobak

- B. **Resolution to Sue JUUL Labs, Inc.** – Approve the commencement of a civil suit, as part of a multidistrict litigation, against Juul Labs, Inc. and other distributors and marketers of vaping products arising from the design, marketing and advertising of vaping products targeting minors and, for such purpose, approve the contingent fee agreement with Frantz Law Group, APLC, Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP and Tucker Arensberg, P.C.
 - C. **Vo-Tech JOC Representatives and Alternate** – Appoint Mr. Frederick Peterson, Jr. and Mr. Michael Jacobs as Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee (BCAVTS JOC) representatives and Mr. James Nickel as BCAVTS JOC alternate.
 - D. **Agreement for Slippery Rock Transition Achievement Program** – Approve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education agreement for Slippery Rock Transition Achievement Program.
 - E. **Racial Engagement Strategies, LLC Proposal** – Approve the Racial Engagement Strategies, LLC proposal for services through June 2021, pending solicitor review.
 - F. **Instructional Model Change for Secondary Students** – Students in grades 7-12 will go back to the cohort model beginning Wednesday, November 11, 2020 thru Monday, December 7, 2020. Teachers will livestream in every class every day. The Superintendent and school board will closely monitor the COVID-19 data and make adjustments, as necessary. The superintendent continues to have the authority to temporarily close individual schools or change instructional models based on the emergency authorization given to her in a public vote by the Board on August 10, 2020.
9. **INSTRUCTION** – Ms. Susan Harrison
- A. **Conferences** – Approve conferences.
 - B. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the Helping Kids Mini Grant Program funded by Sourcewell and the School Superintendents Association (AASA) in the amount of \$2,500 to further equity in the virtual learning environment and offset the cost of WiFi hotspots for families in need. Requested by Ms. Annie Mersing, Director of Advancement.
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** – Mr. Mike Jacobs
- A. **December Bills** – Authorize administration to pay December bills.
 - B. **Supplies and Equipment Bids** – Authorize administration to seek bids for supplies and equipment for the 2021-22 school year.
 - C. **Joint Purchasing Agreement MIU IV** – Approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for 2021.
 - D. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
 - E. **Artificial Turf Contract Award** – Approve FieldTurf USA, Inc. through Keystone

Purchasing Network (KPN) vendor agreement for the installation of artificial turf at the upper middle school practice field in the amount of \$795,065.22. Solicitor has reviewed and approved the final agreement.

- F. **Hope Learning Center Agreement** – Approve the Hope Learning Center agreement to provide school-based ACCESS services through the 2020-21 school year.
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson – Approve appointments, contracted services, leaves, retirement. – (Executive Session)
12. **COMMUNICATION**
- A. Ms. Catherine Vandermer – COVID-19 cases
 - B. Ms. Karli Szweda – Questions about shifting to livestream learning
 - C. Ms. Deirdre Dows – School board meeting livestream link
 - D. Mr. Mark Bidoli – Concern about RGMS school closing and remote learning
 - E. Ms. Kristie Long – Request for cohort or remote learning model
 - F. Ms. Jennifer Edwards – Request for hybrid learning model
 - G. Ms. Lisa Scalone – Request for hybrid or remote learning model
 - H. Ms. Rachel Petelin – Request for cohort learning model
13. **ADJOURNMENT**