

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

January 11, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 1. In memory of those who died – and in recognition of the many who were injured - during last week’s violence at the United States Capitol in Washington D.C.
 2. In memory of Mr. Jason Wehrle who served the Seneca Valley School Board for nearly six years (2008-2013). In 2014, Mr. Wehrle was appointed to the Seneca Valley Board of Trustees, and was a current and active member during his time of passing. An incredibly committed and supportive presence in our District, Mr. Wehrle was at Seneca Valley Administration Offices as recently as Dec. 14, when he dropped off gifts for our holiday wish program to benefit SV students in need. He will be deeply missed.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Ophelia Vossah, Grade 4, Haine Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi – Senior Cierra Denny has been named a semifinalist in the 2021 Coca-Cola Scholars Program, and is now moving to the next round of the selection process for the elite title of Coca-Cola Scholar.
 - B. **Dates to Remember** – Ms. Andreassi

January 1-31	School Board Director Recognition Month
January 12	SVAOC (Cyber) End of First Semester, Grades 7-12
January 15	End of First Semester, Grades 7-12
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and In-Service Day, No School for Students
January 19 (Tuesday)	School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. in/on SVIHS Auditorium/Zoom
January 26	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12
February 1	School Board Work Session Meeting, SVIHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

- C. **Agency Reports**
1. Vo-Tech – Mr. Fred Peterson, Jr./Mr. Michael Jacobs
 2. I.U. IV – Mr. DiTullio
- D. **Legislative** – Mr. Peterson
- E. **Financial Reports**
1. Operations
 2. Senior High Activities
 3. Intermediate High Activities
 4. Athletics
 5. Food Service
 6. Tax Collections
 7. Capital Projects Funds
- F. **Bond Issue** – Ms. Alisha Reesh Henry, Managing Director, PNC Capital Markets, and Mr. Christopher Brewer, Partner, Dismore & Shohl.
- G. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update** – Dr. Vitale and CORE Team
- Dr. Vitale – Work with Dr. Gadson from March 2020 to present.
 - Dr. Roberts – Community Stakeholders and Social Handprints Overcoming Unjust Treatment (“SHOUT”) meeting.
- H. **COVID-19 Update** – Dr. Vitale
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. DiTullio
- A. **Reorganization Meeting** – December 7, 2020
 - B. **Action Meeting** – December 7, 2020
4. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Ms. Lynn Burtner
5. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$6,316,482.95
6. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$5,590,141.23
7. **ADMINISTRATION** – Mr. DiTullio
- A. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies:
 1. Policy 212 – Reporting Student Progress, revised, first reading – Dr. Matthew McKinley
 2. Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements, revised, first reading – Dr. Marie Palano
 3. Policy 218.4 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault, revised, first reading – Dr. Matthew McKinley

- B. **School Bus Drivers** – Approve the list of new bus drivers since September 21, 2020 for ABC Transit and Valley Lines.
- C. **Revised Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan** – Dr. Marie Palano Approve the revised phased reopening health and safety plan.
8. **INSTRUCTION** – Ms. Sue Harrison – Approve conference request.
9. **BUSINESS/FINANCE** – Mr. Mike Jacobs
- A. **VoTech/VoTech Authority Bond Refinancing** – Approve Resolution A and Resolution B regarding an agreement between the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School and the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical Authority regarding a proposed bond refinancing project.
- B. **ABC Transit Agreement Addendum** – Approve the ABC Transit Agreement Addendum.
- C. **Valley Lines, Inc. Agreement Addendum** – Approve the Valley Lines, Inc. Agreement Addendum.
- D. **Change Orders** – Approve the construction change orders for the new K-6 elementary school at Ehrman Road.
- E. **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 2021-22 fiscal year by more than 3%, which is the Act 1 index for the district as established by the Department of Education.
- F. **Bond Issue Resolution** – Authorize the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds, Series of 2021 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed twenty-seven million nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$27,975,000); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power of the local government unit for the payment of, the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.
10. **PERSONNEL** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, financial incentive program for professional substitutes, and memorandum of understanding.
11. **COMMUNICATION**

December 7, 2020

- Mr. Mark Bidoli – Questions about Dec 7 email from the district
- Ms. Emily King – Suggestion for returning to cohort learning and note of thanks
- Ms. Julie Jones – Suggestions for remote learning

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- Ms. Leigh Ptak – Question about remote learning on Fridays
- Ms. Stephanie Lane – Covid-19 vaccine and testing
- Ms. Jill Manns - Hockey
- Mr. Steve Elliott – Opening while in “substantial” and community transmission

December 16, 2020

- Ms. Gina Zigrossi – Mental health concerns with remote and cohort learning
- Ms. Deborah Bailey – Need for in-person instruction
- Ms. Stephanie Lane – Need for in-person instruction

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- Mr. Bryan Patricca – Safety of all staff and children
- Ms. Beth Lauer – Need for in-person instruction
- Ms. Jill Hart – Remaining remote until full time, in-person
- Ms. Katherine Peterson – Political leadership, pandemic impact
- Ms. Dana Chappell – Clarification of virtual schedule made in Nov

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- Mr. Jerry DeRosa – Concern with return to in-person instruction
- Mr. Kyle Ford – Widespread testing results and lower positivity rates
- Mr. Mark Bidoli – Sport activities attendance and return to school
- Ms. Erin Donahue – Five day in-person instruction
- Ms. Sarah Cardosi – Five day in-person instruction and student mental health
- Ms. Beth Benson – Reuse of plexiglass

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**