

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

February 3, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel – President
 - A. **Moment of Silence** – Mr. Robert Shoemaker passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Mr. Shoemaker retired from Seneca Valley in 1995 after 35 years of service. During his time in the District, Mr. Shoemaker was a classroom teacher and later became an administrator serving as Principal of Haine Elementary School.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Emily Thompson, Grade 2 at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi
 1. Seneca Valley’s debut appearance at the University of Pittsburgh’s Mock Trial Tournament resulted in a third-place finish out of 49 schools from across the state. The two-day tournament was held Jan. 4-5 and enabled students on the SV Mock Trial Team to present their trial case regarding cyberbullying. The students made up two teams, one representing the plaintiff side of the case and the other the defense.
 2. The Seneca Valley Raider Robotics FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Team finished their first-ever season with two trips to the semifinals and a second-place finish on Jan. 11 at Penn State University’s York Campus. According to Seneca Valley Robotics Coach and Applied Engineering and Technology Teacher Steve Fortunato, the team worked tirelessly to prepare for all three of their state-qualifying matches this year. This was SV’s first year starting an FTC team, which consists of ten students who signed up for an advanced experience opportunity. The FTC was created for students, grades 7–12, to compete in head-to-head competition, by designing, building and programming a robot to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Raider Robotics will be hosting a Robotics Night Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 25, for any student in grades 6-12 interested in the Seneca Valley Robotics program.

3. Building on his commitment to prepare students with the computer and technology skills for in-demand jobs, Governor Tom Wolf recently announced that the Seneca Valley School District will receive \$35,000 in grant money as part of the PAsmart Targeted grants, a state-wide effort to expand computer science (CS) classes and teacher training. Seneca Valley was one of only a select number of Western Pennsylvania schools to receive the grant and the only one from Butler County. The grant will allow for expansion of Seneca Valley’s elementary club offerings by supporting and encouraging educators to present computer science related clubs beyond the graded curriculum. Additionally, as part of the grant requirements, six Seneca Valley teachers will participate in professional development training to learn how to make computer science concepts accessible, exciting and appropriate for the grade levels of students taught. Ms. Annie Mersing, Director of Advancement, and Mr. Jeff Roberts, Supervisor of Gifted Education and Student Services, partnered to submit the grant on behalf of the District.

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

February 10	School Board Meeting, Senior High Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
February 14	Snow Makeup Day #1/Vacation Day – No School for Students
February 17	President’s Day/Act 80 Day - No School for Students

C. **Residential Developments** – Update of Cranberry Township Residential Developments as of December 2019. – Dr. Tracy Vitale

D. **Agency Reports**

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

E. **Legislative Report** – Mr. Peterson

F. **Financial Reports**

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

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

A. **Work Session** – January 6, 2020

- B. **Regular Meeting** – January 13, 2020
- 4. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Ms. Lynn Burtner
- 5. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$4,460,057.63
- 6. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$1,233,667.26
- 7. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION** – Mr. DiTullio
 - A. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies:
 - 1. #103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities, revised, first reading – Mr. Gerald Miller
 - 2. #112 – Guidance Counseling, revised, second reading – Mr. Jeffrey Roberts
 - 3. #113 – Special Education, revised, first reading – Mr. Gerald Miller
 - 4. #113.2 – Behavior Support, revised, first reading – Mr. Gerald Miller
 - 5. #222 – Tobacco Use, revised, second reading – Dr. Matthew McKinley
 - 6. #440 – Responsibility for Student Welfare, revised, second reading – Mr. Jeff James
- 8. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** – Ms. Susan Harrison
 - A. **Conferences** – Approve conferences.
 - B. **Student Trips** – Approve the following student trips:
 - 1. Trip to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada for 76 French-language students on February 26 – February 29, 2020 under the supervision of RGMS French Teacher, Mr. Andrew Russell at no cost to the district. Students will miss three days of instruction.
 - 2. Academic Decathlon trip to Edinboro University on February 7 – February 8, 2020 for nine students under the supervision of SHS Learning Support Teacher, Mr. David Reichard at no cost to the district. Students will miss one day of instruction.
 - 3. Chorus trip to Hickory High School for 17 students to participate in the regional chorus concert on February 26, 2020 under the supervision of Music Teacher, Mr. Aaron Magill at no cost to the district. Students will miss one day of instruction.
- 9. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** – Mr. Mike Jacobs
 - A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.

B. **Bid Authorizations** - Authorize the administration to seek bids for the following:

1. Asphalt Paved Parking (Extend exist/Gravel Lot/Upper lot extension) - Secondary Campus
2. Main Switch Gear Replacement - Intermediate High School
3. Storefront Replacement – Ryan Gloyer Middle School, Rowan, & CVE Dock Door
4. HVAC Piping - Water filtration issues – Senior High School
5. Roof Replacements – CVE, Haine, & RGMS
6. Turf upper MS Practice Field – Athletics (current staging area for Aquatic Center)
7. HCP/ADA Bleachers, Redo Floor, Paint walls, VB Sleeves inserts in SHS Gym – Athletics

10. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves and tenure.

11. **COMMUNICATION** – Mr. Nickel

A. Megan Oldenski

B. Jennifer Roush

C. Jodi Hassen

D. Mark Rice

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**