

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Video Conference - 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

April 20, 2020

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

A. **Moment of Silence**

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Jayson Paterson, grade 1 at CVE

<https://svtube.svsd.net/play?id=ua46n5k94d>



C. **Roll Call**

2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi

1. Seneca Valley School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 21st year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Seneca Valley answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, and support for the music programs. This award recognizes that Seneca Valley is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.
2. Keely Lisco, a Seneca Valley senior, was recently announced as a national gold medal and a national American Visions Award winner in the 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Competition. Miss Lisco won for her mixed media piece titled "Over the Mountains." Senior Emma Burd won a national silver medal for her

ceramics and glass piece titled “Sloth.” Additionally, three other Seneca Valley students had their artwork adjudicated in New York City on March 16 after winning Gold Keys in the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Competition. In addition to Miss Lisco and Miss Burd, regional Gold Key winners included Kayla Moon, Cierra Denny and Taylor Healy. There were also 19 silver key winners and 21 honorable mentions from Seneca Valley in the annual competition that featured over 1,600 entries from across the region.

3. Seneca Valley School District has two students who were recently announced as 2020 Carson Scholars and two who have renewed their status. Seneca Valley Senior High School sophomore Nicholas Nedzesky and junior Faith Condrick are two of 477 students across the nation who received a \$1,000 college scholarship award and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar. In addition, 912 students have renewed their Carson Scholar status, including sophomore Kate Lipscomb and senior Coryn Ferguson. Miss Lipscomb and Miss Ferguson and the other previous winners have maintained high academic standards and a strong commitment to their communities and are being named 2020 Recognized Carson Scholars for their efforts.
4. Three Seneca Valley students finished first at a computer programming competition held at Carnegie Mellon University on March 7. Teams worked for three hours solving eight challenging programs. Seneca Valley Senior Sam McCune and juniors David Choi and Vincent Horvath completed six of the programs correctly, leading them victory. The competition had 27 teams from local high schools and from Maryland.
5. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that a team of students from the Seneca Valley School District has been selected as the PennDOT District 10 winner for its third Innovations Challenge. Mentored by Seneca Valley Senior High School Gifted Support Teacher Dean Walker, team members include Ty Brinkley, Darius Zalnasky, Sydney McMurray, Brady McConnell and Kathleen Monahan. The winning regional team’s innovation was “Litter Gitters,” which are specialized trash receptacles that would be installed at strategic locations where motorists could dispose of trash that has accumulated in their vehicle. Regional winners will now move on to compete in Harrisburg for the state championship.

B. Dates to Remember – Ms. Andreassi

April 22	“Proud and Strong” Yard Sign Delivery to SV Seniors, 2-4 p.m.
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Ramadan Begins
May 4	Board Meeting

C. 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

D. Scholarship Plans and Procedures – Dr. Matthew McKinley

E. Student Food/Continuous Feeding Program – Dr. Tracy Vitale and Ms. Lynn Burtner

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. MOTION TO SUSPEND SCHOOL BOARD POLICY –

A. Motion to suspend any applicable Seneca Valley School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this regular meeting of the Board of School Directors via telephone/video conference in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of the conduct of this meeting via telephone/video conference previously has been posted at the District Administration office and to the District website with information to allow public access to and public comment during the meeting.

B. Approve the suspension of Seneca Valley School District policies as applicable to student attendance, grading, promotion and graduation requirements (including, Policy No. 204 (Attendance), Policy No. 212 (Reporting Student Progress), Policy No. 215 (Promotion and Retention) and Policy No. 217 (Graduation Requirements) and to authorize the Superintendent to establish alternative procedures and requirements for attendance, grading, promotion and graduation requirements in relation to the completion of the 2019-20 instructional year to the extent necessitated by the mandated school closure associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Nickel

A. **Work Session – March 2, 2020**

B. **Regular Meeting – March 10, 2020**

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ms. Lynn Burtner

7. GENERAL FUND BILLS – Ms. Burtner

Grand Total: \$2,470,607.62

8. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$1,187,153.96
9. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION** – Mr. Eric DiTullio
- A. **Adelphoi Education Agreement** – Approve the agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide alternative education services for the 2020 - 21 school year.
- B. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies:
1. #314 – Physical Exam Admin Employees, revised, second reading
– Ms. Kyra Bobak
 2. #414 – Physical Exam Professional Employees, revised, second reading
– Ms. Kyra Bobak
 3. #514 – Physical Exam Classified Employees, revised, second reading
– Ms. Kyra Bobak
- C. **MIU IV Board Member** – Approve the nomination of Mr. Eric DiTullio as a Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board Member for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 20, 2023.
10. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** – Ms. Susan Harrison
- A. **Advance Placement Account** – Approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the Seneca Valley Advanced Placement account to Total Registration, a contracted third-party vendor who processes and manages Advanced Placement (AP) expenses, for the purpose of covering potential AP exam cancellation requests from Seneca Valley students.
- B. **Continuity of Education** – Approve Continuity of Education plan to be sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and posted on the district website.
11. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** – Mr. Mike Jacobs
- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- B. **McCurley-Houston Change Order** – Approve the Change-Order from the Electrical Contractor (McCurley-Houston) on the Aquatic Facility Project. This change order is due to the District accepting Alternate #3 bid for a steel roof structure (which resulted in a \$420K bid day savings) in lieu of the base-bid, wood beam roof structure. The contract documents does have an attachment detail for attaching the light fixtures to the wood structure. However, the drawings did not have an attachment detail for attaching the light fixtures to the steel structure with non-corrosive hardware, clips, etc. This resulted in a change order from the Electrical Contractor (McCurley-Houston) of \$21,472.00

- C. **Bid Awards** – Award the following bids for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - 1. Copier Paper Supplies
 - 2. General Supplies
 - 3. Maintenance Supplies
 - 4. Print Supplies

- D. **Cafeteria Worker Incentive** – Approve financial recognition for cafeteria workers for onsite COVID-19 meal preparation. Additional time and a half for three days (less than \$3,000) and a \$600 stipend for employees who physically come into our building and work through the end of the school year (June 5, 2020), not to exceed \$30,000, to be paid on June 26, 2020.

- 12. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson - Approve appointments, leaves, sabbatical, retirements

- 13. **COMMUNICATION** – Ms. Andreassi
 - A. **Parent Letter** – Ms. Laura Kurywchak
 - B. **Senior Project** – Jakob Ring <https://svtube.svsd.net/play?id=uxdeccdczm>
 - C. **W.L. Roenigk Letter**
 - D. **Student Emails Regarding Grading**

- 14. **ADJOURNMENT**