

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

January 13, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Stella Brody, Grade 3, Evans City Elementary School
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi
 1. Band festival attendees were treated to a sea of blue and black at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Band Festival held Dec. 12-14. Seneca Valley alone made up 35 percent of the festival band. District 5 is made up of students from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties. Over 220 students auditioned for a band of 125 musicians.
 2. Haine Elementary School’s First Lego League (FLL) team, aka Haine Raiders, earned the top elementary score and was awarded the Elementary Excellence Award Trophy on Dec. 14 at the Western Pennsylvania FLL Grand Championship at Sewickley Academy. Students competed in four rounds of the robot game and in three presentations that included a robot design and project details. Haine Raiders also placed second in October at the Tenacious Tiger Tech Tournament and was named the Top Rookie Team in December at the A Galaxy Far, Far Away Tournament.
 3. Seneca Valley is the only School District in Butler County to be awarded a Teacher in the Workplace Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The \$25,000 grant will enable teachers to visit local employers and learn the skills and industry trends to enhance their classroom instruction, student learning and career readiness. Seneca Valley teachers will be participants in a structured job-shadowing program during the summer, learning more from employers near our school district. After debriefing about the experience, the faculty will review their school curricula and make recommendations for adjustments that support developing 21st century skills that meet local employers' needs.
 4. Members of the Seneca Valley Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Raider Battalion placed first at the Western PA JROTC Air Rifle Competition hosted on Dec. 21 at Seneca Valley. Additionally, Seneca

Valley cadets swept the top three individual scores. The shoulder-by-shoulder event included JROTC battalions from Albert Gallatin, Butler, Beaver and Valley high schools.

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

January 1 – 31	School Board Director Recognition Month
January 16	End of First Semester, Grades 5-12
January 17	Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students, School Safety Update for Secondary and Central Office Administrators
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Act 80 Day, No School for Students

C. **Butler County Business Matters Real Estate Transaction Report - January 2020**
– Dr. Tracy Vitale

D. **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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

- A. **Work Session** – November 4, 2019
- B. **Regular Meeting** – November 18, 2019
- C. **Reorganization Meeting** – December 3, 2019
- D. **Work Session** – December 3, 2019

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

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$1,734,681.39

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner
Grand Total: \$557,001.66

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

- A. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies:
 1. #112 – Guidance Counseling, revised, first reading – Mr. Jeffrey Roberts

2. #222 – Tobacco Use, revised, first reading – Dr. Matthew McKinley
 3. #440 – Responsibility for Student Welfare, revised, first reading – Mr. Jeff James
 4. #905 – Citizen Advisory Committee, revised, second reading – Ms. Andreassi
 5. #910 – Community Engagement, revised, second reading – Ms. Andreassi
 6. #912 – Relations with Educational Institutions, revised, second reading – Ms. Andreassi
- B. **School Bus Drivers** – Approve the list of new bus drivers since September 16, 2019 for ABC Transit and Valley Lines.
- C. **Student/Teacher Calendar** – Approve the student teacher calendar for the 2020-21 school year.
- D. **Committee Assignments** – Approve School Board committee assignments for 2020. (to be provided)
- E. **YMCA Corporate 25 Community Partnership** – Approve the Corporate 25 Community Partnership agreement between the Butler County YMCA and Seneca Valley School District to provide membership discounts and benefits for district employees.
9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** – Mr. Sue Harrison
- A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.
- B. **Club Status** – Approve club status for the K-Pop Dance Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of Senior High School Teacher, Mrs. Melanie Snavely.
- C. **Grant Disbursement** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the PAsmart Targeted Computer Science Grant in the amount of \$35,000 to expand STEM and computer science learning at the elementary schools. Requested by Mr. Jeff Roberts, Supervisor of Student Services and Gifted Education.
- D. **Student Trips** – Acknowledge the following student trips:
1. Orchestra Students to participate in the PMEA District Orchestra at Indiana University of Pennsylvania under the supervision of Ms. Sarah Miller and Ms. Marlina Hasara.
 2. JROTC Marksmanship Team to compete in the JROTC Service Regional Championship which is the second round of the annual JROTC National Air Rifle Competition. This shoulder-to-shoulder competition is held at the Camp Gary Anderson Competition Center in Camp Pelly, OH and is at no cost to the District. Students will be under the supervisor of ISG Angelo Lettiere and Richard Coleman.
- E. **Edgenuity Agreement Renewal** – Approve the renewal of the agreement between Edgenuity and Seneca Valley School District to operate our cyber program to be paid in five equal installments over five years in the amount of \$2,616,975.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** – Ms. Leslie Bredl
 - A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
 - B. **Athletic Fund Summary Revisions** – Approve revisions to the Athletic Fund Summary.
 - C. **New K-6 Building Environmental Graphics Proposal Revisions** – Approve revisions to the environmental graphics proposal for the New K-6 Building.
 - D. **Bond Refinancing Resolution** – Authorize the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds, Series of 2020 in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed seventeen million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$17,800,000); 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.
 - E. **New K-6 Building Storm Shelter Peer Review** – Approve the proposal from KFC Engineering through Cannon Design for peer review services (required by code) of the storm shelter for the new K-6 elementary and middle school building.
 - F. **New K-6 Building Joint Permit Application (JPA) and Mitigation Credit Supply Agreement** – Approve the Joint Application for PA Chapter 105 Water Obstruction & Encroachment Permit and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit, as well as the Mitigation Credit Supply Agreement with First Pennsylvania Resource, LLC for the new K-6 elementary and middle school building. (pending solicitor review)
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson – Approve appointments, leaves and employment agreement. (Executive Session)
12. **COMMUNICATION**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**