

6:30 p.m. – Executive Session, Board Conference Room

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

### PUBLIC AGENDA

January 6, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel, President
  - A. **Moment of Silence** – In memory of James “Jim” Rettinger who passed away on December 14, 2019. Mr. Rettinger taught art in the Seneca Valley School District for 38 years.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Mason Harding, Grade 3, Rowan Elementary School
  - C. **Roll Call**
  - D. **Region 6 Board Seat Interview** – Interview of candidate for Region 6 - Zelienople Borough Seat.
  
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi
    1. Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) in the Seneca Valley School District (SVSD) has once again been named a PA Don Eichhorn Schools: “Schools to Watch” (PA STW) as part of a recognition program developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. This program is held annually in partnership with the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education (PAMLE), Duquesne University, Edinboro University, Kutztown University, and the Horace Mann Service Corporation. The Pennsylvania “Schools to Watch” leadership team has announced that the award for RGMS is the third consecutive designation after first earning the elite title nine years ago. State leaders selected RGMS for its Academic Excellence, Developmental Responsiveness, Social Equity and Organizational Structures and Processes. In addition, the school was noted as having strong leadership, teachers who work together to improve curriculum and instruction, and a commitment to assessment and accountability to bring about continuous improvement.
    2. Albert Pimenov, a fifth grade student at Haine Middle School, was recently honored as one of the brightest students in the world at a recent international Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) awards ceremony. Mr. Pimenov was honored for his exceptional performance on the SAT, ACT, or similar assessment taken as part of the CTY Talent Search. More than 2,100 students from this group who scored in the top 12 percent on their test were invited to attend the Grand Ceremony, which was held in November at Johns Hopkins University.

3. Three Seneca Valley students won awards and 18 others were featured at Slippery Rock University's (SRU) 2019 Regional High School Art Exhibition. Seniors Kelsey Gianfrancesco, Corin Trejchel and Victoria Lydon earned three of the five awards presented during the exhibit reception in November. All students are under the direction of Jason Woolslare, Jason Shorr and Megan Bonistalli, high school art teachers.
4. Twenty-three students represented Seneca Valley at the recent Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Honors Chorus concert held at Westminster College in November. The 96 students in the PMEA Honors Chorus were selected from auditions and represent Butler, Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence counties.
5. Elizabeth Salgado, junior SV flautist, recently took first place in the Senior Woodwinds Division in the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Young Artist Competition in November. Miss Salgado is a highly accomplished young woman who was the top-scoring musician at Honors Band and will be going on to the District level to begin the journey to the state level once again.

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

January 1 – 31	School Board Director Recognition Month
January 13	School Board Meeting, Senior High School, 7 p.m.
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. **Cranberry Township Residential Developments** – Dr. Tracy Vitale

D. **Bond Refinancing** – Ms. Alisha Reesh Henry, Managing Director, PNC Capital Markets, and Mr. Christopher Brewer, Partner, Dismore & Shohl.

E. **Program of Studies for the 2020-2021 School Year** – Dr. Matthew McKinley

F. **Agency Reports**

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

G. **Legislative** – Mr. Peterson

H. **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. **ACTION AGENDA**

- A. **Public Comment**
- B. **Personnel Action** – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves and stipends. (Executive Session)
- C. **Student Adjudications** – Approve student adjudications #2019-20-04, #2019-20-05 and #2019-20-06. (Executive Session)
- D. **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 2020-21 fiscal year by more than 2.6%, which is the Act 1 index for the district as established by the Department of Education.
- E. **Board Member Resignation** – Approve the resignation of Region 6 - Zelienople Borough Board Member, Mr. Randall Hart, effective December 5, 2019.
- F. **Board Member Appointment** – Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Board Member of Region 6 – Zelienople Borough effective January 6, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

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: \$344,451.66

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. 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 Relations, 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.
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 Snavelly.
  - 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 Trip** – Acknowledge the 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.
  - 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.
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson (Executive Session)

12. **COMMUNICATION**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**