

6:00 p.m. – Executive Session, Board Conference Room

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

November 18, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. James Nickel, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “I Led the Pledge” – Jade Webb-Higgs, Grade 3, Haine Elementary School
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi
 1. Seneca Valley’s high schools, including the senior high and intermediate high, grades 9-12, were recently notified that they have earned accreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement. Accreditation is a multifaceted evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily participate in to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards.
 2. The Seneca Valley Junior Reserved Officers’ Training Corps has been named a 2019-20 “Honor Unit with Distinction” by the U.S. Department of the Army. The Department of the Army presented this award to JROTC units that maintained an exceptionally high standard of performance during the 2018-19 school year.
 3. Seneca Valley Band Seniors Kate Scanlan (trombone) and Sean Scott (baritone saxophone) were recently selected to participate in the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Honor Ensembles in Orlando, Fl. Over 500 students from 49 states and territories were selected to perform in the National Music Ensembles. Miss Scanlan was selected as the only student from Pennsylvania to perform in the National Jazz Ensemble and Mr. Scott was selected as one of only eight students from Pennsylvania to perform in the National Concert Band.

4. Seneca Valley Senior Kiara Lin was named Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA 2020 and will represent the Commonwealth in the 2020 Miss Teen USA Pageant. Miss Lin is a LEAD Ambassador at Seneca Valley High School and plans to pursue a degree in dentistry upon graduation.

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

November 27 – December 2	Thanksgiving Break: District Holiday, No School for Students & Staff
December 3	School Board Reorganization Meeting, 5:00 p.m., IHS Auditorium
December 19	SV Senior Holiday Event, 9:30 a.m., IHS Café/Auditorium
December 23 – January 1	Winter Break: No School for Students & Staff

- C. **Honor Roll of Service** – Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Honor Roll of Service recognizes Mr. Jim Nickel and Mr. Reid Moon for eight years of volunteer service to the Seneca Valley School Board.

D. **Fall Sports Update** – Ms. Heather Lewis

E. **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** – October 7, 2019

B. **Regular Meeting** – October 21, 2019

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

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner

Grand Total: **\$3,374,541.18**

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** – Ms. Burtner

Grand Total: **\$1,065,838.61**

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

A. **Board Policies** – Approve the following board policies:

1. #705 – Safety, revised, second reading – Mr. Jeff James
2. #805 – Emergency Evacuation of Schools, revised, second reading – Mr. James
3. #905 – Citizen Advisory Committee, revised, first reading – Ms. Andreassi
4. #908 – Parent and Family Engagement; revised first reading and adoption (no changes – annual update per Federal mandate) – Ms. Maria Palano
5. #910 – Community Relations, revised, first reading – Ms. Andreassi
6. #912 – Relations with Educational Institutions, revised, first reading – Ms. Andreassi

B. **2020 School Board Meeting Dates** – Approve the 2020 school board meeting dates.

9. **INSTRUCTION ACTION** – Mr. Sue Harrison

A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.

B. **Club Status** – Approve club status for the following:

1. Seneca Valley “Z” Club (SHS) at no cost to the District and under the supervision of Intermediate High School Teachers: Jeanne Probst, Christina Hollowood, Katie Wolford and Marie McLachlan.
2. Seneca Valley Slavic Languages Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of Senior High School Teacher, Ms. Amy Seelbaugh.

C. **Grant Disbursements** – Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following grants:

1. Using Gene Technology to Determine the Population of Environmentally Sensitive Freshwater Clams Grant funded by Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$2,000. Funds obtained would be used to purchase a dual beam spectrophotometer which would aid in future DNA research. Requested by Intermediate High School Teacher, Mr. Tom Lavelle.
2. Schools on the Move Grant funded by the University of Pittsburgh in an amount up to \$2,500 to support innovative school-based health, physical activity, wellness and well-being initiatives. Requested by Rowan Elementary School Teacher, Mr. Michael Pelloni.
3. Teacher in the Workplace Grant funded by the PA Department of Education in the amount of \$25,000 to support the exposure of teachers to the employment skills required in today’s workforce. Requested by Supervisor of Gifted Education and Student Services, Jeff Roberts, and School Counselor, Darla Lightner, for Ryan Gloyer Middle School, the Intermediate High School and the Senior High School.
4. Skateboarding Grant funded by the University of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$2,500 to implement a Skateboarding Program at Haine Elementary, similar to the program in place at Evans City Elementary School. Requested by Haine Elementary School Teacher, Tyler Mesisca.

- D. **Athletic Uniform Sale** – Approve the sale of obsolete athletic uniforms and warm-ups.
 - E. **Athletic Uniform Disposal** – Approve the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms and warm-ups.
 - F. **Student Adjudication** – Approve student adjudication #2019-20-02. (Executive Session)
 - G. **Student Trip** – Acknowledge the Academic Games trip to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the Academic Games National Tournament from April 17, 2020 through April 21, 2020 under the supervision of Ms. Julie Smith, Mr. Michael Stebbins and Mr. Jeremiah Friday. Students will miss three days of school.
10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION** – Ms. Leslie Bredl
- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
 - B. **December Bills** – Authorize administration to pay December bills.
 - C. **Amendment to Professional Services Agreement** – Approve Cannon Design’s Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for HRG to design the Roundabout at the intersection of Ehrman Road and the entrance road to the new K-6 Elementary & Middle School.
 - D. **Supplies and Equipment Bids** – Authorize administration to seek bids for supplies and equipment for 2020-21.
 - E. **Joint Purchasing Agreement Midwestern IUIV** – Approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for 2020.
 - F. **Bond Issue** – Approve the appointment of PNC Capital Markets, LLC, as financial advisor and Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, as bond counsel related to both outstanding and anticipated debt financings in connection with the school district’s proposed and developing plans for capital improvements and facilities.
11. **PERSONNEL ACTION** – Mr. Jeff Widdowson – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, classified substitute rate adjustments, memorandums of understanding and retirement. (Executive Session)
12. **COMMUNICATION** – E.B. Peffer Company
13. **ADJOURNMENT**