

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

December 3, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – School Board President, Mr. James Nickel, called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.
  - A. **Roll Call** – Roll call by Ms. Annie Mersing, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Randall Hart, Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Jr., Ms. Kathy Whittle and Mr. Jeff Widdowson.

Others present included Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary; Dr. Sean McCarty, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary; Ms. Kyra Bobak, Human Resources Director; Ms. Lynn Burtner, Business Manager; Ms. Linda Andreassi, Communications Director; Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor; Mr. Russell Sarver, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Heather Lewis, Director of Athletics; and a press representative.

## 2. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. **Student/Staff Recognition** – Ms. Linda Andreassi announced the following student/staff recognition:
  1. The Seneca Valley Reading Team of “The Dumbledorks” won first place in the Butler County Reading Competition held Nov. 7 in the Seneca Valley Senior High School. Students were given a list of 16 books to read. On the day of the competition, there was a 96-question quiz show where teams competed to see who knew the books the best. The SV Reading Team is part of The Seneca Valley Library Club for grades 9-12.
  2. The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon Team placed first among 15 schools, and brought home over 10 medals, in the Academic Decathlon Competition at Meadville High School on Nov. 9. The students competed in five events: art, music, literature, social science and essay. The next competition will be held at Collegiate Academy on Dec. 7.
  3. Seneca Valley Senior High School students in the Purpose program won Butler County Community College’s Entrepreneurship Challenge on Nov. 6. The team beat out eight other area high schools to win \$250, which they hope to use as start up cash for their business, Raider Crate. In summary, their plan is to create a subscription service that would deliver to classmates Raider Crates containing items that advertise school spirit and coupon packets to alert students of area businesses with proceeds supporting school charitable groups, including the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF).
  4. Seneca Valley Senior High School students, led by junior class officers Luke D’Ambrosio and Max Van Wormer, spent a recent weekend morning helping to assemble 30,000 meals for other parts of the world.

Mr. D'Ambrosio and Mr. Van Wormer shared with the Board additional information about their experience working with the Hearts for the Hungry and Convoy for Hope organizations through NorthBridge Community Church in Cranberry Township. Through their efforts, 32,000 meals were prepared and delivered to hurricane victims in the Bahamas and Haiti. The gentlemen relayed this was an uplifting experience and they found volunteering fun and surprisingly easy. The Board thanked Mr. D'Ambrosio and Mr. Van Wormer for their hard work and leadership.

- B. **Dates to Remember** – Ms. Andreassi announced the following dates to remember:

December 19	SV Senior Holiday Event, 9:30 a.m., IHS Café/Auditorium
December 20	One-hour early release for students
December 23 – January 1	Winter Holiday: No School for Students or Staff
January 6	School Board Work Session – SVSHS Auditorium – 7 p.m.
January 13	School Board Regular Meeting – SVSHS Auditorium – 7 p.m.

### 3. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.  
 B. **Student Adjudication** – Approved Student Adjudication #2019-20-03. (Executive Session)

Mr. Peterson motioned, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, to approve the student adjudication as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative and Mr. Hart abstaining.

Ms. Mersing, Seneca Valley Foundation Board Secretary, shared her experience with “Giving Tuesday” and relayed that through the generous donations of the SV Foundation and Mr. Chris Camp, owner of Fun Fore All in Cranberry Township, the partnership was able to surprise 12 teachers with the gift of paying off their project balances on donorschoose.org. The projects included updating the sensory room in the Sr. High School, Fitbits for physical education students at Rowan Elementary, additional books and flexible seating.

Mr. Nickel welcomed newly elected board member, Mr. Randall Hart, and congratulated him on his election to the Board.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote with those present voting in the affirmative.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss legal items.

Mr. James Nickel, School Board President

Ms. Annie Mersing, School Board Secretary