

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

Public Agenda

October 7, 2024

**** Subject to Change****

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" – Chase Salka, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School.
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. Mr. Chris Eden, a Health and Physical Education teacher at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) and a Seneca Valley Football coach, was recently honored with the 2024 Good Neighbor Award by NextTier Bank. This award recognizes educators who go above and beyond both in their professional and personal lives. Mr. Eden, a dedicated teacher and coach, played a key role in starting Seneca Valley's first Girl's Flag Football team. With nearly 70 girls attending the introductory meeting, Mr. Eden has shown exceptional commitment to supporting the team and helping them succeed. Thanks to his efforts, many girls are now participating in a sport for the first time, boosting their self-esteem and recognizing themselves as integral members of the community. In addition to the award itself, Mr. Eden received a Go Pro Hero10 Camera and accessories that he intends to use for a classroom project.
 2. Congratulations to seniors Eric Chen and Ophelia Crano for being named semifinalists in the 70th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. As semifinalists, Mr. Chen and Miss Crano will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for scholarships and the ultimate title of Merit Scholar. In addition, seniors Sydney Brower, Gavin Helmsen, Rohin Jayaraman and Patrick Monahan have been named Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Miss Brower, Mr. Helmsen, Mr. Jayaraman and Mr. Monahan were recognized by the NMSC for their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry. Over 1.3 million juniors in more than 21,000 high schools entered the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The

nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

3. **Dates to Remember**

October	National Principals Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 10	World Mental Health Day
October 11	Yom Kippur Begins
October 14	Columbus Day
October 14	Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 14	Regular School Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
October 16	Sukkot Begins
October 23	Winter Sport Drug Testing and Concussion Testing – SHS Athletic Offices - 2:45 p.m.
October 24	SVAOC End of First Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
October 26	ACT Testing – SHS
October 26	PSAT Testing – SHS
October 28	SV End of First Nine Weeks, Grades 7-12
October 31	Halloween
November 1	Diwali Begins
November 3	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3	Seneca Valley Foundation's Second Annual Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run/Walk presented by Westinghouse – Secondary Campus – 9 a.m. More information at SFC Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run (svsd.net)
November 4	School Board Work Session – 7 p.m. – SHSHS Auditorium

4. **Agency Reports**

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

D. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio

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

F. **Presentation of Outdoor Learning** – Dr. McCarty and Haine Middle School Team

3. **ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Public Comment**

- B. **Personnel** – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, retirement and affiliation agreements.
 - C. **Student Adjudications** – Approve the following student adjudications:
 - a. #2024-25-03
 - b. #2024-25-04
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- A. **Work Session** – September 9, 2024
 - B. **Action Meeting** – September 16, 2024
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$4,724,341.53
7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$2,356,514.66
8. **ADMINISTRATION**
- A. **Board Policies** -
 - 1. Approve board policy 612 – Purchases not Budgeted – new, second and final reading.
 - 2. Approve board policy 619 – District Audit – new, second and final reading.
 - 3. Approve board policy 812 – Property Insurance – new, second and final reading.
 - 4. Approve board policy 622 – GASB Statement 34 – revised, first reading.
9. **INSTRUCTION**
- A. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.
 - B. **Non-Public Title I Services Agreement** - Approve the Third-Party Letter of Agreement for Nonpublic Title I Services with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2024-25 school year.
 - C. **Grant Disbursements** - Grant permission to apply for and disburse, if approved, the following grants:
 - 1. The Holocaust Curriculum and LIGHT Center Development Grant in the amount of \$1,000 requested by Ms. Michele Russo. Funds will be used to purchase a set of graphic novels about the Holocaust that is in the tenth-grade curriculum, to provide transportation to and the programming with the Holocaust Center.
 - 2. The Living Laboratory and School Garden Grant in the amount of \$7,447.07 requested by Ms. Mersing and Dr. Wilcher. Funds will be used to create learning opportunities that serve as hands-on experiences that introduce topics such as aquaponics, garden beds and embryology.

3. The School Security Personnel Costs Grant in the amount of \$232,668.00 requested by Ms. Annie Mersing and Mr. Jason Young. Funds will be used for personnel cost of school security officers.
4. The Heros and Helpers 2024 Grant in the amount of \$2,500 requested by Ms. Jen Shipe, Dr. Wilcher and Ms. Annie Mersing. Funds will be used to support Haine Middle School's "Shop with a Cop" event with Cranberry Township Police Department.

D. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Title I Services Agreement** - Approve the AIU services agreement for Title I Non-Public services for the 2024-25 school year.

E. **The Watson Institute (Education Center) Service Agreement** - Approve the agreement with The Watson Institute for the provision of educational services for student enrolled at The Education Center Sewickley for the 2024-25 school year.

10. BUSINESS/FINANCE

A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.

B. **Natural Gas Agreement Extensions** - Approve three-year contract extensions with NRG/Direct Energy for Natural Gas on the Columbia Gas System with a Basis Price of (-\$0.267) per dekatherm and with UGI for Natural Gas on the Peoples Gas System with a Basis Price of (-\$0.50) per dekatherm for the term September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028 as recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium (AIU3 joint purchasing).

C. **Certificate of Deposit Placement Program** - Approve a program application and investment advisory agreement with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust.

D. **Postage Meter Lease Renewal** - Approve a renewal lease agreement with Quadient for a replacement postage meter machine for a 60-month term with a beginning effective date of August 14, 2025.

E. **Food Service Equipment** - Approve the sale of any food service equipment that is deemed to have resale value and the disposal of any items that are not suitable for resale in a responsible manner.

11. PERSONNEL

12. LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

- a. Katie Tomo
- b. Fred and Jen Hunter
- c. Candace Kantz & Amanda Brewster
- d. Chad Marlow
- e. James Bills

13. ADJOURNMENT