

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

### Public Agenda

**January 13, 2025**

**\*\* Subject to Change\*\***

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - We would like to take a moment to honor Dr. Ralph Cianflone, who passed away on Dec. 27. Dr. Cianflone, who retired in 2001, dedicated over two decades of service to Seneca Valley as the Director of Elementary Education and State and Federal Programs. We extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to his family and friends during this time.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - "I Led the Pledge" – Landry Reach-Sweeney, fourth grader at Rowan Elementary School.
  - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
  - A. **Student/Staff Recognition** –
    1. Last month, 28 Seneca Valley students in grades 7-9 were chosen to participate in the third annual Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 String Fest. This one-day festival was held at Beaver Area High School and featured students from eight school districts across Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties.
    2. The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh has named James Lucot, a Seneca Valley Senior High School teacher, among this year's Righteous Among the Neighbors honorees. Mr. Lucot is being celebrated for his many years of exceptional teaching on the Holocaust and his dedication to Holocaust education. Lucot joins 10 other individuals in the second class of Righteous Among the Neighbors, an award that honors non-Jewish Pittsburghers who have demonstrated dedication to uprooting antisemitism and supporting the Jewish community. The 2024 honorees will be celebrated at a public event next month at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh.
    3. Auditions were recently held for the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Honors Band at Grove City College. Over 200 students auditioned for a band of 125 musicians. This year, Seneca Valley had 36 students earn a position in the Honors Band, more than any other school. District 5 is comprised of all school districts in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties. To audition, students must be in at least ninth grade and

prepare a piece from a predetermined solo list for each school year. These college-level solos are then selected by the directors of District 5. The three-day festival culminated with a concert in Ketler Auditorium at Grove City College on Dec.14. Seneca Valley secondary band instructors include Mr. Varden Armstrong, Mr. Robert Babick, Ms. Sara Snyder and Mr. Brian Croach.

4. Jeremy Womer, Haine Middle School Assistant Principal, was recently selected as Pennsylvania’s 2025 Outstanding Assistant Principal by the Pennsylvania Principals Association. As a state winner in the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Outstanding Assistant Principal (NOAP) Program, Mr. Womer is eligible to be considered for the honor of NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year. The committee chose him for his dedication, professionalism, leadership and love of learning for students, faculty, the school and community.

**B. Dates to Remember**

January	School Board Director Recognition Month
January 16	SV End of First Semester, Grades 7-12
January 17	Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
January 20	Staff Day of Service – From 1-4 p.m., staff members may participate in meaningful volunteer activities that have been researched and preapproved by their supervisor
January 24	Report Card Release, Grades 7-12

- C. **All-Star Award, Winner, January 2025** – Josh Phipps, ABC Transit, Inc. Bus Driver

- D. **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student Presentation** – Student Visionaries of the Year, Roshini Umesh and Samuel Boyer II

E. **Presentation of Program of Studies**

F. **Agency Reports**

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

- G. **Legislative** - Mr. Eric DiTullio

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. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Work Session** – November 4, 2024
- B. **Action Meeting** – November 18, 2024
- C. **Reorganization Meeting** – December 2, 2024

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Grand Total: \$7,216,514.89

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**

December Grand Total: \$307,996.98

January Grand Total: \$324,055.22

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Committee Assignments** – Approve School Board committee assignments for 2025.
- B. **Board Policies** –
  - 1. Approve board policy 616 – Payment of Bills – revised, first reading.
  - 2. Approve board policy 227.1 – Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers – revised, first reading.
- C. **Horizontal Movement and Personal Leave Memorandum of Understanding** – Approve the Horizontal Movement and Personal Leave Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Seneca Valley Education Association.
- D. **Student Adjudications** – Approve the following student adjudications:
  - 1. #2024-25-06
  - 2. #2024-25-07
  - 3. #2024-25-08

8. **INSTRUCTION**

- A. **Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement** - Approve the Cray Youth and Family Services Agreement to provide alternative education for students and provision for delivery of special education services for the 2024-2025 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- B. **Student Trips** –
  - 1. Acknowledge Mrs. Carol-Lynn Dubovi to take students to Tokyo, Japan, June 2-9, 2026, at no cost to the District.

2. Ms. Sarah Miller and Ms. Mille Shay, RGMS/IHS Orchestra teachers, to take students to Erie, PA. for Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Districts, January 9-11, 2025. Students will miss two days of instruction.
3. Mr. Steve Fortunato, Robotics teacher at the Senior High School, to take the Raider Robotics FIRST Tech Challenge Team to Manheim, PA, January 10-11, 2025. Students will miss one day of instruction. Costs will be covered from budgeted monies.

C. **Conferences** – Approve conference requests.

9. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

A. **Food Service Equipment** - Approved 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.

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

C. **Budget Resolution** – Approve the budget resolution indicating the school district will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public school for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by more than 4%, which is the Act 1 index for the school district as established by the Department of Education.

D. **Time Clock Proposal** - Approve a proposal from Frontline Education to implement the Absence & Time Solution software system.

E. **YMCA Corporate 25 Community Partnership** - Approve the renewal Corporate 25 Community Partnership agreement between the Butler County YMCA and Seneca Valley School District to provide membership discounts and benefits for district employees.

F. **Bid Awards** – Award the Evans City Building Demolition contract to \_\_\_\_\_ . Pending solicitor review and approval.

G. **IHS/PAC Project** - Approve Addendum #1, as submitted by CannonDesign, for the Contract for Architectural and Engineering Design Services.

10. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignations, appointments, contracted service, leaves, sabbaticals and retirements.

11. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

- a. Amanda Razzano-Latham
- b. Diane Fleming
- c. Troy Witt
- d. Sarah Rothrock

12. **ADJOURNMENT**