

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION SESSION

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

Public Agenda

June 8, 2026

**** Subject to Change****

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Eric DiTullio, President
 - A. **Moment of Silence**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - C. **Roll Call**
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS**
 - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
 1. The Seneca Valley Center for Biotechnology welcomed families, community members and staff to its annual Open House on May 21, where students showcased 18 independent research projects and provided tours of the lab's advanced scientific equipment and technology. The program gives students hands-on experience with university-level research techniques, often through work completed outside of class and without course credit. Attendees also participated in interactive biotechnology activities and learned about the role of new research tools, including Geneious software, in student projects.
 2. Four Ryan Gloyer Middle School eighth-grade students, Kimani Whetstone, AJ Hart, Autumn Peterson and Ashawn Peterson, along with students from nine other districts, partnered with Wonder Media and veteran animation executive Terry Thoren to help create the animated film *Finding Alice in Wonderland* over a nine-month period. The students took ownership of key aspects of the project, including scriptwriting, background design and voice-over recording, while collaborating with students from nine other school districts. Through the experience, they developed valuable skills in creativity, communication, teamwork, problem-solving and technology integration while learning the realities of the creative production process. The completed film premiered on May 22 to family members and supporters, with Seneca Valley's participation made possible through sponsorship from The Grable Foundation. The entire film can be viewed using this [LINK](#). The work by Seneca Valley students begins at the 29:31 mark.

3. Four Seneca Valley sophomores were recognized for their outstanding work in the 2026 Waldman Arts & Writing Competition, which challenged students to reflect on the importance of human connection and preserving humanity during the Holocaust. Einin Wolf-Johnston earned first place in the high school 3-D art category and was named the competition's overall grand prize winner for her quilt honoring a Pittsburgh Holocaust survivor. Additional school winners included Noah Eckels for his essay, Yousef Alibrahim for his poem and Noah Kimmel for his painting. The students were honored at the May 12 awards ceremony at Chatham University, where participants from grades 6-12 competed for scholarships, prizes and certificates.
4. Seneca Valley has been named one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation, earning the prestigious designation for the fourth time. The award recognizes districts that demonstrate exceptional commitment to providing students with access to high-quality music education and is based on factors such as funding, participation, instruction and community support. This achievement can be credited to the dedication of the students, staff, District families and the community. The recognition highlights Seneca Valley's strong tradition of musical excellence and the many accomplishments of its student musicians at the regional and state levels.

B. Dates to Remember

June	
June 12	Release of K-6 Student Reports of Progress and 7-12 Report Cards
June 14	Flag Day
June 15-August 6	SVAOC Cyber Sessions and Summer Camps
June 19	Juneteenth
June 19	Seneca Valley's Kennywood Day
June 21	Summer Begins
June 21	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 7	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 8	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 28	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 29	Summer Drug Testing, Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals
July 30	Due date for all Fall Sport Paperwork
August 3	School Board Work Session, 7 p.m. – SVIHS Auditorium
August 6	Seneca Valley Foundation Gift of Hope Golf Classic
August 10	PIAA Start of Fall Sports (Football, Golf)
August 10	School Board Regular Session, 7 p.m. – SVIHS Auditorium
August 11	Summer Academy for SV Professional Staff
August 17	PIAA Start of Fall Sports (All Other Sports)
August 17	All-Staff Welcome Back Event
August 20	First Day of School for the 2026-27 School Year

C. **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** – May 4, 2026
- B. **Action Meeting** – May 11, 2026

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$2,560,888.25

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS**
Grand Total: \$2,250,302.87

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **Act 26 MOU** – Approve the Act 26 Memorandum of Understanding between Seneca Valley School District and local law enforcement agencies.
- B. **Pennsylvania School Board Assoc. (PSBA) Voting Delegate** – Appoint _____, _____ and _____ as the voting delegate (s) for the PSBA Delegate Assembly meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2026.
- C. **Research Study** – Approve Doctoral Candidate, Ms. Priya Rupik, to conduct a qualitative exploratory case study, conducted as part of doctoral research and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB), examining early childhood educators’ perspectives on professional development for inclusive practices. The study will explore how educators perceive the alignment between inclusive practice training and their instructional needs, identify areas for improvement, and examine teachers’ willingness to apply inclusive strategies in their classrooms. The study will gather feedback from approximately ten Seneca Valley educators through questionnaires and virtual focus groups to identify opportunities to strengthen inclusive practices and to inform more effective and relevant professional development.
- D. **Labor Contract** – Approve the labor contract between the Seneca Valley Educational Support Personnel (SVESP) and Seneca Valley School District effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

9. **INSTRUCTION**

A. **Clubs** – Approve the establishment of the following clubs:

1. The Senior High School A.I.M. Club (Awareness, Inclusion, Mentorship) at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Ms. Dyanna Boosel, effective for 2026-27 school year.
2. The Senior High School Pickleball Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsors Ms. Shay Houser, Ms. Torrie LaMantia, and Ms. Sarah Smith, effective for 2026-27 school year.
3. The Ryan Gloyer Middle School Engineering Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Ms. Caroline Combemale, effective for 2026-27 school year.
4. The Ryan Gloyer Middle School Climate Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Ms. Caroline Combemale, effective for 2026-27 school year.
5. The 1940s Radio Hour Club at no cost to the District and under the supervision of volunteer sponsor Ms. Jessica Kavanagh, effective for 2026-27 school year.

B. **Student Trips** – **Acknowledge** the following student trips:

1. Ms. Julie Parenti, IHS teacher, to take students to Costa Rica, November 19-26, 2026. Students will miss three days of instruction and the trip is at no cost to the District.
2. Ms. Renae Brown, RGMS teacher, to take students to Rome, Italy, July 14-21, 2027. The trip is at no cost to the District.
3. Mr. Jeremiah Friday and Mr. Kenneth Cahall to take interested sixth grade students to Yellowstone National Park to conduct scientific research, April 10-15, 2027. Students will miss four days of instruction and the trip is at no cost to the District.

C. **Student Trips** – **Approve** the following student trips:

1. The Seneca Valley Girls Basketball program (Varsity & JV) trip to Orlando, FL, December 27-31, 2026, under the supervision of coaches Dorothea Epps, Julia Fornadel, Amanda Kalin, and Krystal Epps. The trip is at no cost to the District.
2. The secondary band trip to Orlando, FL, April 7-11, 2027, under the supervision of Mr. Varden Armstrong, Mr. Robert Babick and Ms. Sara Snyder. Students will miss three days of instruction and the trip is at no cost to the District.
3. The middle school ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, January 13-19 2027 (previously approved for February 10-16, 2027), under the supervision of Mr. Mickey Flood. Students will miss three days of instruction and the trip is at no cost to the District.
4. The secondary chorus trip to Norfolk, VA, April 22-25, 2027, under the supervision of Mr. Kyle Masson and Ms. Chessa Crum. Students will miss two days of instruction. This trip is at no cost to the district.

- D. **Grant Disbursements** – Grant permission to apply for and to disburse, the following grants:
1. The Flag Football-In-School Grant, in the amount of \$440, funded by GenYOUth and requested by Dr. Erin Wilcher and Mr. Tyler Mesisca. Funds will be used to purchase flag football equipment.
 2. The Empowering Students through Positive Reinforcement Grant, in the amount of \$1,000, funded by Kades Margolis Mini Grant (PA Principals Association Conference) and requested by Ms. Jessica Scerbo. Funds will be used to fund a variety of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) rewards and schoolwide incentive opportunities.
- E. **Cray Youth and Family Services** - Approve the agreement with Cray Youth and Family Services, The Cray Education Center Private Academic School for enrolled students during the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- F. **Cray Youth and Family Services** - Approve the agreement with Cray Youth and Family Services, Cray Challenges alternative education program for enrolled students during the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- G. **Glade Run Lutheran Services** - Approve the day student education agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services, Glade Run Academy for enrolled students during the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- H. **MHY Family Services** - Approve the agreement with MHY Family Services, Longmore Academy, for enrolled students during the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- I. **Tuition Agreement** - Approve the tuition agreement with Riverside Beaver County School District to provide special education programming for enrolled student during the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- J. **2026 Graduates** – Approve the list of Seneca Valley graduates for 2026.
- K. **Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit** - Approve the contract for special education programs and services with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for enrolled students during the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- L. **Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement** - Approve the agreement with Butler County Human Services Center for Community Resources to provide consultative, pre-assessments, and referrals through SAP Liaison services for the 2026-2027 school year. Pending solicitor review.
- M. **Book Disposal** - Approve the sale, donation, or recycling of obsolete textbooks from Connoquenessing Valley Elementary, Ehrman Crest Elementary, Ehrman Crest Middle, Haine Elementary, Haine Middle and Rowan Elementary Schools.
- N. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Approve the memorandum of understanding with the Education Support Professionals Association to allow adjusted work schedules during the instructional recess of the summer of 2026.

10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

- A. **Budget Transfers** – Approve budget transfers.
- B. **Consultant Agreement** - Approve the Consulting Services Agreement with Butler, Agnew & Associates for the 2026-27 fiscal year for business office and payroll support services. Pending solicitor review.
- C. **Homestead and Farmstead Resolution** - Approve the 2026-27 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution per Act 1 - Taxpayer Relief Act.
- D. **Summer Actions** - Authorize the administration to approve:
 - 1. Year-end budget transfers
 - 2. Outreach Partnership of Technology (OPT) agreements
 - 3. June and July bills
- E. **Act 511 Taxes** - Approve re-enactment of the following Act 511 Taxes:
 - 1. Flat Rate Occupation Tax - \$10
 - 2. Earned Income Tax - 1%
 - 3. Real Estate Transfer Tax - 1%
- F. **Single Audit Engagement Letter** - Approve the engagement letter with Turnley Robertson & Associates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year Single Audit report & financial statements.
- G. **Real Estate Tax Collector Audit Engagement Letter** - Approve the engagement letter with Turnley Robertson & Associates to conduct audits of three taxing districts covering the 2025 real estate tax duplicate.
- H. **Liability Insurance** - Approve the sanction of the following groups to work on behalf of the Seneca Valley School District and intention to provide that the District's liability insurance covers these groups for the 2026-27 school year: PTA, PTO, SV Boys' Lacrosse, SV Indoor Track and Field, SV Ice Hockey, SV Inline Hockey, SV Slow Pitch Softball, SV Bowling, SV Competitive Cheer, SV Fencing, SV Ultimate Frisbee, SV Unified Bocce, JROTC, After Prom Committee, Booster Groups, Seneca Valley Foundation, and all Board approved student clubs.
- I. **Booster Group Resolution** – Approve the Booster Group Resolution for the 2026-27 school year.
- J. **Ticket Prices** -
 - 1. Approve the athletic ticket prices for the 2026-27 school year with no changes as follows: football reserved seating \$8.00/entry; football pre-sale adult general admission \$6.00/entry; football pre-sale student general admission \$4.00/entry; all football tickets at the gate \$6.00/entry; all other sports adult general admission \$5.00/entry; all other sports student general admission \$3.00/entry.
 - 2. Approve a student or adult annual athletic pass for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of \$50.00 for the year. The pass will allow entry into all Seneca Valley sponsored home athletic events. Pass does not allow for entry to any away or any WPIAL and/or PIAA playoff event.

- K. **Facilities Rental Fees** - Approve the facilities rental fees for 2026-27.
 - L. **Bid Awards** – Award the Secondary Campus Overflow Parking Culvert Project to E & G Development, Inc. Pending solicitor review and approval.
 - M. **Final 2026-2027 General Fund Budget** - Approve the final general fund budget for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$186,166,390 with a proposed millage increase of 5.03 mills (3.5%).
11. **PERSONNEL** – Approve resignations, appointments, leaves, contracted services, renewal, classified and administrative adjustments and Memorandums of Understanding.
12. **LETTERS SENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**
- a. Paul and Nicole Christman
 - b. Julia Folk
 - c. Joel Folk
 - d. Julie Jones
 - e. Brian Cathcart
 - f. Rob Reeb
 - g. David Toole
 - h. Frank Thomas
13. **ADJOURNMENT**