

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The April 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting will be held remotely and streamed live. The meeting link will be found on the school website the night of the meeting.

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BOE Members by Video Conference

Mrs. Deborah Corsner, Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell, Mrs. Cara Lajewski, Mrs. Linda Jones, Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten, Mr. William Reigel, Mr. Joseph McNamara, and Mrs. Heather Zellers

Others Present by Video Conference

Mr. Jeramy Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, Jacqueline Brown

Mrs. Lajewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of the Board of Education was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Pro-Tem-Jacqueline Brown

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to appoint Jacqueline Brown as Clerk Pro-Tem for the April 15, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Linda Jones made the motion, seconded Mr. Jeff Hartwell

	Yes	No	
Mrs. Linda Jones	X		
Mr. Michael Mirras			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X		
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X		
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X		
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X		
Mr. William Reigel	X		
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X		
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X		
Yes	8	No 0	Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addendums as listed.

ADD Under IX. Consent Agenda

A. Retirements

1. SFSSA

b. Name: Steven Raymond

B. Appointments

2. Annual Appointment

Employee	Position	Stipend
Sinicropi, James	Set Construction	\$2,000.00 \$649

ADD Under X. Old Business Add

A. Rescind Coaching Appointments

ADD Under XI. New Business

C. Coaching Appointments

Mrs. Linda Jones made the motion, seconded Mrs. Murney-Karsten

	Yes	No	
Mrs. Linda Jones	X		
Mr. Michael Mirras			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X		
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X		
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X		
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X		
Mr. William Reigel	X		
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X		
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X		
Yes	8	No 0	Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated March 25, 2021.

Mr. William Reigel made the motion, seconded Mr. McNamara

	Yes	No
Mrs. Linda Jones	X	
Mr. Michael Mirras		
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X	
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X	
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X	
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X	

Mr. William Reigel		X		
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell		X		
Mr. Joseph McNamara		X		
Yes	8	No	0	Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Treasurer’s Report-January 2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 21, 2021

Mrs. Heather Zellers made the motion, seconded Mrs. Murney-Karsten

		Yes	No	
Mrs. Linda Jones		X		
Mr. Michael Mirras				
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X			
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X			
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X			
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X			
Mr. William Reigel				
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell		X		
Mr. Joseph McNamara		X		
Yes	8	No	0	Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Public Comment- None

Mr. Michael Mirras joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee

Facilities Committee reported that the Capital project seems to be on target. The contractors did come over to the south end of Frank Knight to look over the space that will be vacated by the District Office and look at the two sets of doors. They feel they will be able to control/lock the 2 sets of doors.

Health Insurance Committee

The Health Insurance Committee met on April 8th. Deborah Corsner reported that health insurance premiums will increase overall 10%. This is less than what the District had budgeted for (12%). Dental Insurance premiums will remain the same. New insurance cards will be issued this year. Open enrollment will be May 4th and 5th. Mr. Bruni will be sending out a District wide e-mail.

Information

Mr. James Bruni, Administrator of Business and Operation gave the Board his 2021-2022 Budget Presentation. The presentation covered the following highpoints: Budget % Change; Expenditures; Revenues; Federal Stimulus; Property Tax Levy; and Propositions. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. The Public Hearing for the School Budget will be on May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The School Budget Vote will be on May 18th from 1-8 p.m. in the Seneca Falls Middle School Gym. (Please note the change in location from previous years).

Mr. Mirras asked how the Library Budget compares to last year. Mr. Bruni replied that it is a \$15,000 increase every year (or 4 % increase).

Mrs. Murney-Karsten asked if we had any indication of other school district’s tax levy increase. Mr. Bruni said that it depends- some leaning towards tax cap, others may not- a lot depends on state aid.

Business Administrator Report--nothing

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman gave recognition to two of our retirees, Barb Kelley and Steve Raymond. Both Barb and Steve are Custodians in the District. Barb started out working here part-time in 1990 and then in 2001 took on an additional part time cleaning position to become full time. In 2005 she became a full time custodian and has mainly worked in the Middle School throughout her entire time with the District. Barb received many recognitions over her years of service. Steve initially worked for the district from February 1993 until June 1998. He had worked in Mynderse Academy. He returned to us in July 2012 and has worked at Elizabeth Cady Stanton since that time.

Mr. Clingerman gave an overview of the new NYS Department of Health updated interim guidance for in-person instruction and the potential to shift from 6 feet to 3 feet physical distancing in the classroom setting. (a copy of his presentation is attached to the minutes). The main topics of discussion are

- Communication to the School Community
- Exceptions to the 3 Foot Distance Update
- Indicators & Thresholds for Community Transmission (CDC)
- Cohorting
- Testing Recommendations by level of Community Transmission
- Transportation

It has been our goal to offer in-person instruction to as many students as possible based on family choice. Faculty and staff were informed of the new DOH guidance and were given the opportunity to participate in

zoom/web meetings. Parents were communicated to through Parent Square. They were given the opportunity to view this presentation and to take a parent survey. The survey is due by April 19th.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten asked if students, if age appropriate, would be required (voluntarily) to be vaccinated. Mr. Clingerman responded that even if vaccinated, students would still have to wear masks and cohorting. Additional time is needed to sort this out and make a sound decision.

Mr. Hartwell commented that Mr. Clingerman is doing an awesome job talking to the DOH. Mr. Hartwell has noticed that some schools in Onondaga County are offering vaccination clinics to students. Mr. Clingerman said it would be a nice thing to have here too. He said that there are a lot of slots at the County level open for vaccines now. Many students need late afternoon or evening appointments.

Mr. Clingerman went on to speak about the changes in the Music Department. There is now a change from 12 feet to 6 feet for music and also gym. The music directors are looking into socks and masks/shields that would allow them to make the shift.

- Mr. Hartwell- thinks this is fine
- Mr. Reigel- thinks this is fine
- Mr. Mirras- supports the 12-6 feet change as soon as possible
- Mrs. Corsner- definitely supports it
- Mrs. Murney-Karsten-supports it- still doesn't understand though how you can have contact for wrestling and other sports but not in the classroom- it is not consistent.

Mr. Clingerman agrees- we are using CDC guidelines. He will follow up with the principals and teachers. Another update- End of year academic celebrations and graduations can happen based on what information we have received. Basically something similar to last year.

Mr. Hartwell asked if the Board of Education would be allowed at graduation this year. Mr. Clingerman said he was unsure at this time.

Mr. Clingerman brought up another topic of discussion- Use of Facilities- in particular the playgrounds and playing fields.

- Mr. Mirras stated that it looks like the tennis courts are currently being used.

Mr. Clingerman said that right now outside groups if we decide to let them, would have to submit a plan to the county and to us regarding guidelines they have put in place. These guidelines would have to be approved by both the county and the district before the outside group could submit a request for use of facility.

- Mr. Hartwell asked if we sanitize the playgrounds.

Mr. Clingerman responded that we don't. Students use hand sanitizer before and after they use the playground.

- Mrs. Jones- As long as the Health Dept. is okay with it, she is okay with it. A question though, who would monitor the playground numbers, parties, procedures, etc.?
- Mrs. Murney-Karsten- may place a time limit- limit time to share
- Mr. Mirras- just playgrounds or all facilities?

Mr. Clingerman replied that he is not comfortable with the use of inside the buildings at this time for outside groups.

- Mr. Mirras- is okay with the use of outside fields.

Mr. Clingerman concluded by stating that State Testing will be starting next week.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski reminded the members about 4 County and NYSBA webinar's. She also reminded Board candidates that packets are due to the District Office by 5 p.m. Monday.

BOE Member Comments

Mr. McNamara and Mrs. Jones attended a 4 County meeting recently and have Resolution Packets.

Consent Agenda

Resignation/Retirement

SFSSA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation for purposes of retirement and to grant them all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Support Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Name: Barbara Kelley

Position: Custodian

Effective Date: at the end of the day on July 15, 2021

Name: Steven Raymond

Position: Senior Custodian

Effective Date: at the end of the day on July 15, 2021

Appointments

Professional Appointments(s)-None at this time.

Annual Appointment

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby make the following appointments for the 2020-2021 school year.

Employee	Position	Stipend
Sinicropi, James	Set Construction	\$649.00

Coaching Appointment(s)

The following are the proposed coaching recommendations for the 2021 spring season. These appointments are contingent upon whether or not there is a winter season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The season has been delayed until April 19, 2021 and may continue to be delayed or canceled based on health concerns and decisions made by the Governor, NYS Department of Health, Seneca County Department of Health, Section V, WFL Athletics Association and/or the SFCSD Board of Education. If a season is canceled, there will be no salary payment for the coaches of that sport and if a season is shortened, salaries will be adjusted accordingly per the MOA between the SFCSD and SFEA.

Employee	Position	Stipend
Stevens, James	Varsity Boys Lacrosse PAID Assistant	\$2,000.00

Civil Service Appointment(s) –None at this time.

Substitute Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following substitute position(s) (*All appointments are conditional until paperwork is completed and fingerprints are cleared*):

Name: Rachel Mahoney
 Position: Substitute Teacher
 Substitute Teaching Assistant
 Effective Date: 04/16/2021

Name: Jacob Anderson
 Position: Substitute Teacher
 Substitute Teaching Assistant
 Effective Date: 04/16/2021

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes:

02/01/2021, 03/08/2021, 03/09/2021, 03/10/2021, 03/11/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/16/2021/ 03/17/2021, 03/18/2021, 03/19/2021, 03/22/2021, 03/22/2021 (2), 03/23/2021, 03/24/2021, 03/25/2021, 03/25/2021 (2)

Gifts & Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following gifts & donations:

Donor or Gift	Amount/Item	Fund	To be used for:
Seneca Falls Education Foundation-In Memory of Debra Pappert	\$2,355.00	A2855-450-00-0000	Mynderse Academy Athletic Department

Probationary to Permanent-None at this time.

Transportation Request

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve(s) the following 2020-2021 transportation request:

Student	Transport Request
Hannah Mathewson	Seneca Bible Baptist School, 1879 Auburn Road, Seneca Falls
Rachel Mathewson	Seneca Bible Baptist School, 1879 Auburn Road, Seneca Falls
Melody Mathewson	Seneca Bible Baptist School, 1879 Auburn Road, Seneca Falls
Caleb Mathewson	Seneca Bible Baptist School, 1879 Auburn Road, Seneca Falls

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded Mrs. Jones

	Yes	No
Mrs. Linda Jones	X	
Mr. Michael Mirras	X	
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X	
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X	
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X	
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X	
Mr. William Reigel	X	
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X	

Mr. Joseph McNamara X
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Rescind Appointments

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to rescind the following appointments made at the February 11, 2021 Board of Education meeting for the 2020-2021 school year:

Employee	Position	Stipend
Burlew, Matt	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,146.94
Ettman, David	Track NON-Paid Assistant	n/a
Jacuzzo, Joe	Modified Boys Tennis	\$2,146.94
Marriott, Christopher	JV Boys Tennis Coach	\$2,405.17
Porter, Scott	Track PAID ASSISTANT	\$2,000.00

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded Mr. Hartwell

Yes No
 Mrs. Linda Jones X
 Mr. Michael Mirras X
 Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten X
 Mrs. Deborah Corsner X
 Mrs. Heather Zellers X
 Mrs. Cara Lajewski X
 Mr. William Reigel X
 Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell X
 Mr. Joseph McNamara X
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

New Business

May 18, 2021 Propositions

2021-2022 Budget

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve placing the following proposition on the ballot for the May 18, 2021 vote:

PROPOSITION 1- Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to expend the sum of thirty-one million, five hundred thirty-six thousand, three hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$31,536,339.00) in the 2021-2022 school year with such amount to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of such School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

Mrs. Zellers made the motion, seconded Mrs. Murney- Karsten

Yes No
 Mrs. Linda Jones X
 Mr. Michael Mirras X
 Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten X
 Mrs. Deborah Corsner X
 Mrs. Heather Zellers X
 Mrs. Cara Lajewski X
 Mr. William Reigel X
 Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell X
 Mr. Joseph McNamara X
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

2021-2022 Purchase of Buses

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve placing the following proposition on the ballot for the May 18, 2021 vote:

PROPOSITION 2 – Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to purchase four (4) school buses for the transportation of District students, for a sum of money not to exceed five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00); said amount to be expended in the 2021-2022 fiscal year; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be withdrawn from the District’s “Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses”, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded Mrs. Zellers

Yes No
 Mrs. Linda Jones X
 Mr. Michael Mirras X
 Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten X
 Mrs. Deborah Corsner X
 Mrs. Heather Zellers X
 Mrs. Cara Lajewski X
 Mr. William Reigel X
 Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell X

Mr. Joseph McNamara X
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the following proposition to be placed on the ballot for the May 18, 2021 vote:

PROPOSITION 3: Shall the sum of three hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$322,000.00) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library?

Mrs. Zellers made the motion, seconded Mr. Reigel

	Yes	No		
Mrs. Linda Jones	X			
Mr. Michael Mirras	X			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X			
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X			
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X			
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X			
Mr. William Reigel	X			
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X			
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X			
Yes	9	No 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

Policy- 1st/Final Reading

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and per District Policy 2410 (*Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review*) which allows a majority of the Board to pass a policy after one reading if the Board decides it is necessary to do so, the Board of Education approves the first and final reading of the following revised policy.

Policy 2350-Board Meeting Procedures

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded Mrs. Murney-Karsten

	Yes	No		
Mrs. Linda Jones	X			
Mr. Michael Mirras	X			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X			
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X			
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X			
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X			
Mr. William Reigel	X			
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X			
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X			
Yes	9	No 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

Coaching Appointments

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the proposed coaches as listed.

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Employee	Position	Stipend
Rarick, Nathan	Modified Boys Baseball Coach	\$2,146.94
Ettman, David	Track PAID Assistant (0.5)	\$1,000.00
Porter, Scott	Track PAID Assistant (0.5)	\$1,000.00
Jacuzzo, Joe	Tennis PAID Assistant	\$2,000.00

Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded Mr. Hartwell

	Yes	No		
Mrs. Linda Jones	X			
Mr. Michael Mirras	X			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X			
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X			
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X			
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X			
Mr. William Reigel	X			
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X			
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X			
Yes	9	No 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

Executive Session-Student Matter
(In accordance with FERPA [34 CFR § 99.31]).

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:23 pm to discuss a student matter.
Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded Mr. Mirras

	Yes	No		
Mrs. Linda Jones	X			
Mr. Michael Mirras	X			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X			
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X			
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X			
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X			
Mr. William Reigel	X			
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X			
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X			
Yes	9	No	0	Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Jacqueline Brown, Clerk Pro-Tem

The regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting
Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded Mrs. Murney-Karsten

	Yes	No		
Mrs. Linda Jones	X			
Mr. Michael Mirras	X			
Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten	X			
Mrs. Deborah Corsner	X			
Mrs. Heather Zellers	X			
Mrs. Cara Lajewski	X			
Mr. William Reigel	X			
Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell	X			
Mr. Joseph McNamara	X			
Yes	9	No	0	Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Cara Lajewski, President