

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The February 25, 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, Mr. Joseph McNamara, Mr. Michael Mirras, Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten , Mr. William Reigel and Mrs. Heather Zellers

BOE Members absent -None

Others Present by Video Conference

Mr. Jeramy Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, Mrs. Faith Lewis, Mrs. Breana Mullen, Mrs. Jessica Taylor, Mrs Christina Korba, and Mrs. Deena Swenson.

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.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to amend the agenda by allowing Deena Swenson to present before the committee reports.

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

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes-Feb. 11, 2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated February 11, 2021.

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded Mrs. Corsner.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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

Treasurer's Report-October 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2020.

Mrs. Zellers made the motion, seconded Mrs. Jones.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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

Extra-Curricular Treasurer’s Report-January 2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular\_Treasurer’s Report for January 2021. Mr. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded Mrs. Jones.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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

There was no public comment.

BOE Recognition-Tenure

Jessica Taylor (School Counselor)

Mrs. Faith Lewis was present to recognize Mrs. Jessica Taylor (School Counselor) Mrs. Lewis reported that Mrs. Taylor is always willing to help and jump in if needed. She collaborates well with others. Mrs. Taylor’s, knowledge is broad and if she does not know, she will seek the answer out. Mrs. Lewis said that Mrs. Taylor has assisted her greatly-schedules have changed numerous times during this school year and Mrs. Taylor has been right there helping.

Mr. Clingerman congratulated Mrs. Taylor on her tenure and thanked her for the time and guidance she gives to students; he stated that what she does for students is critical to their success. He appreciates all that Mrs. Taylor does.

Mrs. Lajewski, having worked with Mrs. Taylor on the scholarship process the last couple of years, is impressed that she knows the students so well. Mrs. Lajewski expressed that she was very happy to have Mrs. Taylor on the (Seneca Falls CSD) team.

Mrs. Taylor thanked the Board and stated that she loves working for Seneca Falls CSD.

Christina Korba (Art Education)

Mrs. Faith Lewis was present to recognize Mrs. Christina Korba (Art Education). Mrs. Lewis reported that Mrs. Korba has done an amazing job moving the district’s art department forward. Mrs. Korba is responsible for adding numerous new art classes, which has created an art pathway to graduation for students who complete the courses. Mrs. Lewis reported that Mrs. Korba sometimes teaches more than one level of art during one period. Mrs. Korba has also delivered art supplies to students at their home when needed. Mrs. Lewis stated that Mrs. Korba’s love for art shines.

Mr. Clingerman congratulated Mrs. Korba on her tenure. Mr. Clingerman said that Mrs. Korba is knowledgeable and skillful. He stated that he is in awe of the artwork when he sees it. Mrs. Korba allows students to be creative. She gets their imagination flowing. Mrs. Korba brings out the students talent.

Mr. Clingerman pointed out that art could be therapeutic for many students as well.

Mrs. Lajewski stated that she was impressed seeing the artwork from Mrs. Korba’s students. Mrs. Lajewski also remarked how amazing it is to see the shifts in the art department.

Committee Reports  
Facilities Committee

Mr. Mirras reported that the committee had a follow up meeting to discuss the parking situation at the new transportation center. King and King Architects presented the committee with "Sketch 7" along State Street (near tennis courts). The committee had much discussion about the estimate; the committee was happy that the cost (\$263,000.00) which came in far less than the other two lots that were suggested. The next step if the Board wanted to move forward would be for King and King Architects to provide the district a more specific drawing.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten had concerns regarding the cost and the materials. Her specific concerns were the use of granite curbing as opposed to a concrete apron, the proposed box-beam guardrail, and the miscellaneous site drainage Mrs. Murney-Karsten felt for 29 parking spots, the cost was too high.

Mrs. Lajewski explained that Paul from King and King mentioned that the \$263,000 is a very conservative estimate and when they actually start the specific drawing and take the actual measurements, hopefully we will see some of these costs go down.

Mrs. Jones stated that the district has the money to do the project and it is better to do it now rather than later.

Mr. Hartwell said if the project goes forward, the green space behind the tennis courts will remain.

Mr. Mirras stated he would be glad to take concerns back to the committee and King and King and have any questions answered.

Mr. Reigel stated that many of Mrs. Murney-Karsten's concerns were discussed at the committee meeting. Mr. Reigel thought it would be fair to go back to King and King and ask about the site drainage. Mr. Reigel thinks the granite curbs are a good idea. He also stated that he would want the best guardrail possible where the district is placing it.

Mr. Mirras will inform King and King that they can move forward Mr. Mirras also stated that King and King will give the facilities committee an estimate on resurfacing the tennis courts.

Scholarship Committee

Mr. Reigel reported that the committee reviewed a recommendation made to separate the scholarships into different categories. The committee agreed to separate the Fredenburgh Scholarship into its own regulation. All other scholarships held by the district would be in a second regulation. There will not be a regulation.

The Committee also discussed establishing formal rules to be included in the regulations. They would include the following: create criteria for new scholarships that the Board would use in determining if they would approve the award or not; what the minimum dollar amount for a scholarship or award would be at graduation, award ceremonies, etc.; scholarship and award presentations, etc.

Mrs. Reigel reported that he and Mrs. Kuney will meet to organize all the questions that were discussed and contact others to gain a historical perspective on how these issues were handled in the past.

The committee also briefly discussed the scholarship status of four (4) recipients and reviewed the Fredenburgh Scholarship spreadsheet.

Policy Committee

Mr. Hartwell reported that the committee continues to review policies. The Committee reviewed the new required policy-Gender Neutral Single Occupancy Bathrooms. The Committee agreed with the policy and the signage that was proposed. The single bathroom signs will be installed on the classroom bathrooms in Frank Knight Elementary School. Jack Rowles, Facilities Director, has the signs ready. Jack will replace the signs once the Board has approved the policy. The new policy will go in to the next weekly report for the Board to review and then will go on the next board agenda for approval (March 11, 20210).

Information

Warrants

12/01/2020-12/31/2020

Warrant # 36 (A)	\$ 42,902.95
Warrant # 37 (A)	\$ 41,173.29
Warrant # 39 (A)	\$ 23,988.42
Warrant # 41 (A)	\$839,972.59

Warrant # 42 (A)	\$ 15,027.73
Warrant # 19 (C)	\$ 7,480.85
Warrant # 20 (C)	\$ 2,467.38
Warrant # 21 (C)	\$ 7,305.60
Warrant # 6 (F)	\$ 2,151.98
Warrant # 7 (F)	\$ 12,544.63
Warrant # 8 (F)	\$141,367.00
Warrant # 9 (F)	\$ 12,920.00
Warrant # 22 (H)	\$412,931.34
Warrant # 23 (H)	\$628,876.66
Warrant # 24 (H)	\$103,740.38
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Warrant # 43 (A)	\$ 36,394.81
Warrant # 45 (A)	\$ 54,095.35
Warrant # 47 (A)	\$172,645.28
Warrant # 49 (A)	\$409,915.29
Warrant # 22 (C)	\$ 5,380.25
Warrant # 23 (C)	\$ 3,765.70
Warrant # 24 (C)	\$ 747.01
Warrant # 10 (F)	\$ 219.93
Warrant # 11 (F)	\$ 895.09
Warrant # 12 (F)	\$ 6,790.00
Warrant # 25 (H)	\$103,596.72
Warrant # 26 (H)	\$729,075.99
Warrant # 26 (H)	\$343,792.80

Mrs. Deena Swenson-Costa Rica Trip 2022

Mrs. Swenson, Foreign Language Department Chair, was present to speak to the Board regarding a potential 2022 Costa Rica Trip for students. Mrs. Swenson stated that students had been approaching her regarding another Costa Rica Trip. Mrs. Swenson wanted to update the Board on the planning process. Mrs. Swenson spoke briefly about the last trip taken and the opportunities it provided.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman reported that the following students were this year's Spelling Bee winners. District Champion: Josie Lamanna (Grade 5), Runner-Up: Nicholas West (Grade 6) and Alternate: Julia Lamanna (Grade 7). Mr. Clingerman will have the students attend a meeting later in March. The Regional Spelling Bee is on March 20 in Newark.

Mr. Clingerman reviewed the Pandemic Planning Amendment to the district safety plan as required by law.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski informed the Board that the 4-County SBA Perspective School Board Member seminar will be held on March 13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The meeting is virtual.

Mrs. Lajewski also informed the Board that the district clerk had the candidate packets ready-she would just need to print it off- for any member who is interested or if they know of anyone that is interested in running for the board.

Consent Agenda

Appointments

Coaching Appointments

The following are the proposed coaching recommendations for the Fall 2 sports season. These appointments are contingent upon whether or not there is a Fall 2 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fall 2 sports season has been delayed until March 1, 2021 (or a later date) 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 for that sport

and if a season is shortened, salaries will be adjusted accordingly per the MOA between the SFCSD and SFEA.

Employee	Position
Caraher, Joseph	Varsity Football Head Coach
Clifton, Nikki	Cheerleading
Esposito, Sharon	Varsity Girls Volleyball
Foster, Corey	Modified A Football Head Coach
Hare, Natalie	JV Girls Volleyball Head Coach
Hawker, Mason	Modified A Football Paid Assistant Coach
Johnson, Ron	Varsity Football Paid Assistant Coach
Mirras, Michael	Volleyball Non-paid assistant
Moll, Stephanie	Modified Girls Volleyball Head coach
Mullen, Sean	Modified A Football Paid Assistant Coach
Santana, Gilbert	Varsity Football Paid Assistant Coach

Civil Service Appointments-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: William Wayne

Position: Substitute School Bus Driver

Effective: 02/26/2021

Name: Mary White

Position: Substitute Senior Typist

Effective: 02/26/2021

Name: Emily Porretta

Position: Substitute School Teacher Aide

Effective: 02/26/2021

CSE Minutes

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

01/25/2021, 01/26/2021, 01/27/2021, 01/28/2021, 02/01/2021, 02/02/2021, 02/04/2021, 02/08/2021

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:
OhioPyle	\$43.12	A2020-450-04-0000	Misc. supplies for Gr. 9-12

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

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded Mrs. Jones.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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

There was no Old Business.

New Business

SFEA Memorandum of Agreements

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following Memorandum of Agreements:

1. Seneca Falls Educations Association MOA- Vincenta Porretta-Post Retirement Employment
2. Seneca Falls Educations Association MOA- SFEA Health Insurance Eligibility Retirement for Employees with 12 plus years.

Mrs. Corsner made the motion, seconded Mr. McNamara.

Mrs. Jones asked that a typo on one of the memos be corrected. Mr. Clingerman stated that he had taken care of it.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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

SFEA Retirements

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following irrevocable instructional resignations, for purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2021 and to grant them all applicable benefits per the Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

1. Name: Nancy Galusha  
Position: Library Media Specialist  
Effective date of retirement: June 30, 2021
2. Name: Vincenta Porretta  
Position: Elementary Education Teacher  
Effective date of retirement: June 30, 2021

Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded Mrs. Jones.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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

Surplus- Transportation Department

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to dispose of various transportation department surplus items as listed through sale, donation, disposal or auction according to Board Policy #6900-Disposal of District Property.

1. Bus #54, a 2012 59 Passenger. VIN 4DRBUAAN5CB627861, with approximately 80,574 miles on it. It has been taken out of service due to mechanical issues.
2. Van #8, a 2009 Chevrolet Express Van, VIN 1GNNG25K991127487, with approximately 105,208. It has been taken out of service due to age, mileage, and mechanical condition.

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

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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 School Calendar

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded Mr. Hartwell.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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 Budget Workshop

Mr. Bruni reviewed the 2021-2022 Budget Assumptions and the tax cap.

Student Enrollment-Live Birth Data Trends

The estimate for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 kindergarten enrollment is 80 students in order to make decisions on staffing and student programs, the district looks to future enrollment estimates

Appropriation Assumption Updates

NYSERS-estimated increase of 16.2%

NYSTRS-estimated increase of 9.8%

Social Security (FICA)-estimated increase of 7.65%

Workers' Comp.-increase \$5,000.00

Medical Insurance-estimated increase of 10%

Dental Insurance-0% increase

WFL BOCES Budget-not completed yet.

Salaries-increase per the individual contracts-SFEA-3%; SFSSA-2.5% and SFAA-3%

Debt Service-\$760,751.00

Revenue Update

Overall budget revenue has increased about 8.9%

60 % of the increase is from building aid.

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.