

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
The January 7, 2021 Board of Education Meeting was held remotely and streamed live.
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BOE Members by Video Conference

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

BOE Members absent –Mr. Michael Mirras

Others Present by Video Conference

Mr. Jeramy Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, Mrs. Jodie Verkey, Mrs. Faith Lewis, and Mrs. Amy Hibbard

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 approve the agenda as listed.

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

Discussion: The District Clerk requested that the draft of the Dec. 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting minutes be moved to the Jan. 21, 2021 Board meeting agenda. Mrs. Lajewski asked if there was any objection to the request. There were no objections. The December 10, 2020 minutes would be moved to the January 21, 2021 board meeting.

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a new motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report-November 2020

MOTION: To approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for November 2020.

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Corsner.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Bruni explained that if anyone was interested in addressing the Board, please go to the Q & A section. Mr. Bruni would bring each person in as a panelist to address the Board directly. The Board waited a few minutes to see if anyone wanted to make a public comment. There was no public comment.

Board of Education Recognition for Tenure

Mr. Clingerman recognized Mrs. Jodie Verkey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development and Mr. James Bruni, Administrator of Business & Operations. Both were granted tenure at the meeting last month. Mr. Clingerman will present their certificates to them the following day.

Both administrators are critical to our district. Mrs. Verkey leads the professional development for faculty and staff, work associated with assessments and student data.

Mr. Bruni resides over the district budget and technology department while also supervising the transportation department, food service and building and ground departments.

Both administrators are team players and provide a great deal of support to the superintendent, the building principals and all of the district employees. Both Mrs. Verkey and Mr. Bruni go above and beyond their roles and responsibilities to do what is best for the district. Mr. Clingerman stated that the district is

fortunate to have both of them. He thanked them both for all that they do. Mr. Clingerman congratulated them both for achieving this milestone in their long career in education. Mrs. Lajewski also thanked both Mrs. Verkey and Mr. Bruni for all the work they do.

Committee Reports

Health & Safety Committee

Mr. Clingerman reported on the Health & Safety Committee meeting that was held on Dec. 15, 2020, as Mr. Mirras was not present to report.

Mr. Clingerman reported that the following topics were discussed:

- Evacuation Drills Update
School districts are required to have twelve drills a year- eight-evacuation drills and four lock down drills. Students are trying to maintain the 6 ft. distance when evacuating for the drills.
- Lockdowns-Communicating and clearing classes that are outside
Lockdowns are different this year because of the pandemic. Due to the pandemic, students will remain seated during lockdowns, lights are turned off, the teacher would go over what they normally would be doing during a lockdown if it were not a drill, and a real emergency, all procedures for a lockdown would be followed.
The administration and SFPD need to make sure that they are communicating with any classes that are outside during and post drill/crisis. The main offices should be aware of who is going outside. Sgt. Poole will go around to the school building offices to gather feedback and discuss this further. Mr. Clingerman stated that Sgt. Poole, SRO, has commended the school buildings on well they are doing this year.
- Blue Lights Outside of Buildings
The blue lights will be installed that would indicate when a building was in an emergency and not to enter. The installation will be happening over the holiday break. The lights will flash blue when I lockdown
- Capital Project Updates
The Cady Stanton bathroom is cleared for use. The Middle School bathroom/MA locker rooms/bathrooms should have full access soon. The Science Wing has been in use, there are just a few things here and there that need to be completed. The bleacher work in the HS gym will happen over break as well as lighting in the Auditorium.
The Transportation Center is coming along very well. On time for the most part. Looking at a late summer, early fall occupancy.
- District Communication Change
FYI- the District communication has changed from Blackboard Mass Notify to Parent Square. The app can be downloaded to receive alerts. Daily health screenings are done through Parent Square.
- Annual Trainings in 2020
All of the annual trainings, Blood borne Pathogen/Hazard Communications, Sexual Harassment, School Safety Plan, Data Security for Educators, E-mail and Messaging Safety, were done online this year through Safe Schools (GVBOCES).
A number of administrators as well as the nurses have been certified to do COVID testing.
- Lead Testing
Marcie Stiner, GVBOCES, said that lead testing is required for all schools this year. It has been extended this year until June due to the pandemic. The building has to be in use when the testing is done. Jack Rowles plans to hold off and do the testing in the spring.
- Parent Representatives
Parent representatives will be added to the committee. Mr. Clingerman currently has three parent representatives for the committee.
- Nurses
The committee thanked the nurses for all the work they are doing. They have gone above the normal job duties this year with paperwork during the pandemic. Everything the nurses are doing to keep the district healthy and safe is appreciated.
- Other
Marcie Stiner was present. Mrs. Steiner gave a quick update to the committee and answered any questions the committee had.

Benefits Committee (Health Insurance)

The Health Insurance Committee met virtually on Dec. 16. The committee reviewed the current insurance plans as well as last school years expenditure report.

Information

Warrants

09/01/2020-09/30/2020

Warrant # 20 (A) \$149.00

10/01/2020-10/31/2020

Warrant # 20 (A) \$ 189,434.74

Warrant # 23 (A) \$ 27,059.05

Warrant # 24 (A) \$ 60,023.84

Warrant # 27 (A) \$ 35,489.66

Warrant # 28 (A) \$ 919,651.85

Warrant # 11 (C)	\$ 1,196.32
Warrant # 12 (C)	\$ 4,858.55
Warrant # 13 (C)	\$ 2,016.06
Warrant # 14 (C)	\$ 14,696.23
Warrant # 3 (F)	\$ 1,824.00
Warrant # 4 (F)	\$ 63.94
Warrant # 5 (F)	\$ 13,507.00
Warrant # 10 (H)	\$ 14,774.68
Warrant # 14 (H)	\$ 248,530.74
Warrant # 15 (H)	\$ 15,066.65
Warrant # 16 (H)	\$ 17,808.00
Warrant # 17 (H)	\$ 739,239.45
Warrant # 18 (H)	\$ 20,357.78
<u>11/01/2020-11/30/2020</u>	
Warrant # 30 (A)	\$ 28,179.75
Warrant # 31 (A)	\$ 36,451.41
Warrant # 33 (A)	\$ 17,376.74
Warrant # 34 (A)	\$1,172,290.13
Warrant # 15 (C)	\$ 1,219.98
Warrant # 16 (C)	\$ 4,410.75
Warrant # 17 (C)	\$ 4,742.02
Warrant # 18 (C)	\$ 7,305.60
Warrant # 19 (H)	\$ 378,451.91
Warrant # 20 (H)	\$ 874,095.20
Warrant # 21 (H)	\$ 17,646.85
Warrant # 14 (TA)	\$ 330.00

Administrator of Business Report

Mr. Bruni reported that he received the audits. The audit committee will work on the corrective action plan for the Extra-classroom Audit report.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman reported that COVID related items at the federal expired on December 31, 2020. New York State has their own COVID rules. Mr. Clingerman stated there was a meeting the next day with association leadership to discuss NYS rules and absences related to the pandemic.

Mr. Clingerman reported that there was a shift in the instructional model for grades 6-12 to distant learning after the winter recess. The Gr. 6-12 support staff will utilized to help the grade K-5 buildings. Mr. Clingerman recognizes the high positivity rates and quarantines and how it can affect the schools.

Mr. Clingerman recommends that grades 6-12 should distance learn for a little longer, through January 19, 2020. The hope is that the district will see the number of positive cases drop. Mr. Clingerman stated that the model would be looked at week-by-week (number of positive cases, student success, etc.)

Mrs. Corsner stated that she was in favor of staying remote a little longer. Mrs. Corsner stated that she had spoken to Mr. Mirras prior to coming to the meeting and he was also in favor of continuing the remote learning a while longer. Mr. McNamara also was in support of the recommendation.

Mr. Hartwell asked about the students with program needs. Mr. Clingerman stated that there would be students who will attend school in person based on their program needs. Mr. Hartwell supports the recommendation as well.

Mr. Clingerman stated that the model would continue to be evaluated by the administrative team to meet the needs of students

Mrs. Murney-Karsten gave a big kudos to all the buildings for how far they have come from the beginning of the pandemic, when the district was thrown into it until now.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski reported that Heather Zellers would be the NYSSBA Advocacy Liaison for the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda

Appointments

Substitute Appointment(s)

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

Name: Tamara Gray Nixon

Position: LTS School Psychologist

NYS Certification: School Psychologist

Effective: 01/11/2021

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes: 11/17/2020, 11/18/2020, 11/19/2020 11/23/2020, 11/24/2020, 11/30/2020 (2), 11/30/2020, 12/01/2020, 12/03/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/07/2020, 12/08/2020, 12/09/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/14/2020 (2), 12/14/2020, 12/15/2020, 12/16/2020 (2), 12/16/2020, 12/17/2020 and 12/18/2020.

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	\$2,200	A2855-450-00-0000	MA Athletic Department

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

Mr. McNamara made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten

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

New Business

Audits

Extra-Classroom Audit

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to accept the Extra-Classroom Audit and the corresponding corrective action plan of the Seneca Falls Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2020, completed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

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

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

Single Audit Ending June 30, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to accept the Single Audit of the Seneca Falls Central School District's Federal Grant funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 completed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP and that the Administrator of Business, in conjunction with the Audit Committee, respond to such audit.

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

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

Contract Award –Mynderse Academy Operable Partition

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation from Watchdog Building Partners, LLC, in conjunction with King & King Architects, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education awards the contract for the Mynderse Academy SED #56-07-01-06-0-005-021 (Operable Partition) to the following bidder:

Contractor: B.R. Johnson
6960 Fly Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Base bid of \$104,082 plus
Alternate #2 (Operable Partition Infrared Safety System) \$7,490
Total Base Bid with Alternate \$111,572
Mr. McNamara made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Jones.

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

2021-2022

2021-2020 Budget Workshop

Mr. Bruni reported that he sent the Board the slides of the budget presentation to review. He will do the presentation at the January 21, 2021 board meeting.

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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

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

Monica Kuney, District Clerk