

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 19, 2020
Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 PM
Mynderse Academy Auditorium

BOE Members present

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

BOE Members absent – Mr. Joseph McNamara

Others Present:

Mr. Jeramy Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, and Mr. Anthony Ferrara, AD

Mrs. Lajewski called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Mrs. Lajewski asked that everyone stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Under Consent Agenda:

B. Appointments

4. Civil Service Appointment(s)-None at this time

- a. Name: Jeanine Watkins Steinruck
Hours per day: 3.75 hours

Under New Business:

A. Memorandum of Agreement(s)

SFSSA MOA-Cell Phone Reimbursement Head Auto Mechanic

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

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes-Nov. 5, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Board Minutes.

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

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report-October 2020

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

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hartwell.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Mr. Hartwell reported that the committee had met on November 17, 2020. Policy adjustments were received from NYSSBA and reviewed. Sections 8000 (Support Services) and 9000 (Personnel) were reviewed. The committee also reviewed the school safety and the sharing of school equipment. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021.

Scholarship Committee

A Zoom meeting held on November 16, 2020 at 8:00AM.

Mrs. Kunej gave an update on efforts to contact scholarship recipients to determine their status. There are currently 23 recipients from 4 different classes: Class of 2017-3 recipients; Class of 2018-9 recipients;

Class of 2019-5 recipients; Class of 2020-6 recipients. Mrs. Kunej sent out emails to all the current recipients. This information is necessary to make sure that the district meets the required minimum distribution of funds by year-end.

Mrs. Kunej contacted JPMorgan to determine total dollars paid out YTD. A zoom meeting is scheduled with JP Morgan on Nov. 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm. The possibility of having a quarterly or semi-annual meeting with JPM to review quarterly report was discussed.

The committee is currently waiting for Harris Beach to respond to questions regarding a few scholarships. Mrs. Kunej will follow up with Harris Beach.

Summer and online courses were discussed. How would they be factored in scholarship payments? Would a full load count as a qualifying semester? Language will be revised to clarify that a full load of 12 credits will be counted. This then raised the question of whether there can be 3 semester payments in one year. We will check with JPM to get clarification.

Once the regulations update is complete, it will be forwarded to the policy committee.

Audit Committee

Mrs. Jones reported that Mr. Bruni had presented the reserve allocation plan to the committee. The committee discussed ideas for the coming year.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Mirras reported that the committee had met on November 11, 2020 to review the architectural changes to the transportation center. A request for proposal was sent to the general contractors to get an actual dollar amount for the proposed changes.

A zoom meeting was held today, Nov. 19, to open the bids for the folding doors in the high school gym. One bid was for \$105,000 with contingencies and one was for \$113,000. The bids will be given to the management team to review and make recommendations to the Board.

Information

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Bruni discussed the eligibility for Senior Citizens Tax Exemption and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes granted by Seneca County. Mr. Bruni is going to invite Mrs. Lisa Keshel, Director of Real Property Tax Services for Seneca County to attend a board meeting to make a presentation and answer any questions board members may have.

Mr. Bruni also reported that FLASHP Finger Lakes Area School Health Plan Members had met on November 18, 2020. He will be setting up a benefits committee meeting through zoom for early December.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman and Mr. Ferrara, AD, discussed Indoor Track & Field with the Board. Mr. Ferrara explained that there are no college venues open up to allow for indoor track. Mr. Ferrara reported that normally practices are held at NYCC; but NYCC is currently not open. Mr. Ferrara further explained that schools usually have a large number of students (30-50) on an indoor track and field team. Given what is happening, that large of a team gathering for practice or a meet is not the safe to do at this time. The District does not have a facility to accommodate the number athletes to practice as well as follow the COVID rules in place. Mr. Ferrara also spoke with Scott Porter, the coach for indoor track and the Superintendent. The recommendation at this time is to put everything on pause.

Mr. Ferrara also reported that the state has moved winter sports (moderate and low risk sports) to January 4, 2021.

Mr. Clingerman reported that he would be sending out a letter to parents regarding NYS Yellow Zones and what would happen if the district were to fall within a declared Yellow Zone. If schools are in an orange or a red zone, the schools are closed. The information can be found on the *Forward New York* website as well.

Mr. Clingerman informed the Board that the district nurses and administrators would be trained on testing by WFL BOCES.

Consent Agenda

Appointments

Civil Service Appointment(s)

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

Name: Jeanine Watkins Steinruck
Position: Cashier/Food Service Helper
Effective: 11/20/2020
Probation: 11/20/2020-11/19/2021
Hours per day: 3.75 hours
Hourly rate: \$11.80

Substitute Appointments

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: Betty Davis
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYS Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 11/20/2020

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes: 10/19/20, 10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20, 10/23/20, 10/26/20, 10/27/20, 10/28/20, 10/29/20, and 11/05/20

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:
Ohio Pyle Prints, Inc.	\$148.02	General Fund	Mynderse Academy

Probationary to Permanent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following probationary to permanent appointments:

Employee	Position	Permanent Eff. Date:
Nancy Leto	School Bus Driver	08/08/20
Christopher Lyon	Food Transporter/FSH	08/20/20
Wendy Ryrko	Senior Typist	08/23/20
Amanda Stone	Teacher Aide	08/23/20
Kimberly Korba	Teacher Aide	09/04/20
Frank Howard	School Bus Driver	11/30/20

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

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

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

There was no old business.

New Business

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:

SFEA MOA—Public Relations Position Co-Coordinator

SFSSA MOA-Cell Phone Reimbursement Head Auto Mechanic

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

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Appointments

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following appointments for the 2020-2021 school year, effective Nov. 1, 2020:

Position	Employee	Stipend
Public Relation Co-Coordinator (Social Media/Publications)	Stacey Anderson	\$1,577.00
Public Relation Co-Coordinator (Website Dev./Parent Square)	Darlene Johnson	\$675.85

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

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Swimming Program with Clyde Savannah School District

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve up to four (4) Seneca Falls Central School District students participate as members of the Clyde Savannah School District Varsity and Modified Swimming Teams for the 2020 winter season. The students' parents will assume all transportation responsibilities and related costs for student's participation

Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hartwell.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Surplus-Transportation Department

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to dispose of the following surplus items as listed through sale, donation, disposal or auction according to Board Policy #5250

Bus #52, a 2011 59 Passenger. VIN 4DRBUAAN5BB313495

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

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

Budget Workshop

Mr. Bruni reviewed the 2020-2021 budget assumptions with the Board.

Executive Session

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:48 pm to discuss Personnel Matters.

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

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 8:40 pm.

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hartwell.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Cara Lajewski, Board President