

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 17, 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. Joseph McNamara, Mr. William Reigel and Mrs. Heather Zellers

BOE Members absent – None

Others Present:

Mr. Jeramy Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, Mr. Anthony Ferrara-AD, Mr. Doug Jones-SFEA President, Isabella Foster and Morgan Trout.

Mrs. Lajewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 addendum(s) as listed Under VIII. Consent Agenda
Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)

SFSSA

Rheanna Abbott

Tracy Abbott

Joy Branford

Appointments

Coaching Appointment(s)

Civil Service Appointment(s)

Joy Branford-Sr. FSH

Gifts & Donations

Seneca County Children's Committee-\$500

Under X. New Business:

Termination

Name: Brandy Bojczuk-Cross

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes

August 12, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Minutes.

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

August 20, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 Minutes.

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

There was no public comment.

Information

Business Administrator Report

NYS schools learned in early August that the state could reduce state aid to districts by 20%. The cuts would affect aid for Pre-K, Excess Cost Aid and Building Aid. Mr. Bruni reviewed, with the Board, the district's potential 20% reduction in State Aid. For the 2020-2021 school year, the District budgeted \$175,000 for the Capital Reserve fund; \$91,000 was been appropriated to the fund. Aid from WFL BOCES was expected to be \$700,000; the allocation is \$575,000. That is a \$208,000 reduction in those two area.

Mr. Bruni distributed a print out of the State Aid payment calendar. The Board will be able to see what the District receives month by month. Mr. Bruni will provide monthly updates.

Mr. Bruni reported that the ParentSquare App is up and running. Families and employees check in on the app. The daily screening reports go directly to the nurses in the buildings. The nurses will then follow-up with those families or employees who have not taken the screening survey that day.

Seneca Falls Education Association Report

Mr. Doug Jones, SFEA President, was present. Mr. Jones wanted to thank the Board. He said that teachers are probably doing the hardest thing they've had to do. Mr. Jones also stated that students have gone above and beyond. They have been wearing their masks; they are not congregating in the halls or other areas.

Mr. Jones said he understood that the Board had a hard decision to bring back students and employees. The Board has done the best job. He thanked the Board for providing what needed to be provided and doing it while not laying off employees.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman introduced Isabella Foster and Morgan Trout, who were there to discuss their Diversifying our Narrative Campaign-to have more diverse texts taught in school. Both Isabella and Morgan expressed that their goal was not an attack on the district or the teachers. They would like to work along teachers to reach their goals. The campaign does not look to dictate to the district, but rather work with the school to choose one book from a list provided. The students explained that Stanford University students started the campaign - Diversity on School Cultural Responsiveness. Mr. Justin Pawlak, Chairperson for the English department had met with the students as well as administrators. Mr. Pawlak will make recommendations to the faculty regarding text. Mr. McNamara thanked the students for letting the Board know of the campaign and their concerns. Mrs. Murney-Karsten also thanked the students for their professional manner in presenting the information. "Kudos" for starting this she said. Mrs. Jones also commented that the students are preparing for their future work place-as they stated in their presentation. Mrs. Jones stated that Isabella and Morgan took the first step-they saw a problem and they took an initiative to address it.

Mr. Clingerman shared with the Board where the district, along with the other school district, were with the Coordinator for a Seneca County Community Schools position with Mr. Joe Fantigrossi. Discussions were held regarding cost to each district, salary, retirement and other district commitments. Mr. Clingerman will keep the Board updated.

Mr. Clingerman thanked the following people and companies for their donations: BonaDent, Seneca County United Way, Seneca County Children's Committee, Dan Monetoy, Rapid Cure Technologies and Mr. and Mrs. William Nearpass.

Mr. Clingerman said he would answer any questions regarding the administrator reports that were handed in. He said the reports contained many positives. There were heartfelt comments regarding students. Mr. Clingerman said the students are doing very well. Mr. Clingerman that everyone is working hard and working to overcome any issues such as technology issues (internet). Mrs. Jones asked if the internet could be fixed. Mr. Clingerman explained that Google had an issue on Sept. 15. ZOOM had an issue. BOCES had to make adjustments. School districts east of Seneca Falls CSD had Spectrum issues. School districts west of Seneca Falls CSD had no internet.

Mr. Clingerman also reported to the Board that the district was currently looking to identify more spots to accommodate "pick up meals" for students.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski reminded everyone about the House of Concern Food Distribution that was coming up. If anyone wanted to volunteer, just let he know and she would give them the details.

Mrs. Lajewski also praised the work of the administration, faculty and staff for the start of school and their flexibility. The work would not have been done without everyone's help. Mrs. Lajewski also acknowledged that there had been a few rough patches, but they were easier to get through with everyone being flexible.

BOE Member Comments

Mr. McNamara stated that he thought the administrator reports were very good-everyone is working hard. Mr. Hartwell stated that Jim Bruni has been working on the hotspots for years. He thanked Mr. Bruni. Mrs. Jones stated that making the internet equitable for all students prior to March set the district up for success during distance learning. She thanked Mr. Bruni for all his work.

Consent Agenda

Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)

SFSSA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation(s)

Name: Rheanna Abbott
 Position: Bus Monitor
 Effective: 09/08/2020

Name: Tracy Abbott
 Position: Cashier/FSH
 Effective: 09/30/2020

Name: Joy Branford
 Position: Cashier/FSH
 Effective: 09/17/2020

Appointments

Annual Appointment(s)

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
Teacher Mentor	Stephanie Moll	\$350.00

Coaching Appointment(s)

Resolved that all coaching appointments are contingent on the sport season being played and compensation will occur only if the sport season is held and will be pro-rated accordingly if the sport season is reduced. An MOA between the District and SFEA defines the process for determining payment (*All appointments are conditional until paperwork is completed and fingerprints are cleared*).

Employee	Sport
Anderson, Lisa	Varsity Boys Soccer Head Coach
Bachman, Alysha	Girls soccer, program Non-Paid Assistant
Bienvenue, Matthew	Modified Boys Soccer Head Coach
Brewer, Trish	Varsity Golf Head Coach
Caraher, Joe	Strength & Conditioning
Densmore, Don	Varsity Cross Country Head Coach
Doell, Peter	JV Boys Soccer Head Coach
Hendy, Kim	Boys Soccer program Paid Assistant
Impastato, Marnie	Modified Cross Country Head Coach
Lambert, Jessica	JV Girls Soccer Head Coach
Major, David	Modified Girls Soccer Head Coach
Morrin, Melissa	Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach
Redding, Scott	Varsity Girls Tennis Head Coach

Swenson, Deena	Modified Boys Soccer Non-Paid Assistant
Seidel, Christopher	Golf Non-Paid Assistant

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: James Marley
 Civil Service Position: School Monitor
 Effective Date: 09/10/2020 (retro)
 Probationary period: 09/10/2020-09/09/2021
 Hourly Rate: \$11.80
 Hours per day: 2.5

Name: Joy Branford
 Civil Service Position: Senior FSH
 Effective Date: 09/18/2020
 Probationary period: 09/18/2020 – 09/17/2021
 Hourly Rate: \$14.03
 Hours per day: 6

Substitute Appointments

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

Name: Virginia Lott-DeMillo
 Position: Substitute Teacher
 Certification: Math Gr. 7-12- Permanent Certification
 Effective: 09/18/2020

Name: Jeff Stempien
 Position: Substitute Teacher
 Certification: Music Education-Permanent Certification
 Effective: 09/18/2020

Name: Deborah Dineen
 Position: Substitute Teacher
 Substitute Teaching Assistant
 Certification: Uncertified
 Effective: 09/18/2020

Name: Aren Laurenza
 Civil Service Position: Substitute Cashier/FSH
 Effective: 09/18/2020

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes: 08/10/2020, 08/12/2020, 08/13/2020, 08/18/2020

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:
Mr. & Mrs. William Nearpass	\$500.00	General Fund	COVID Supplies as needed
Seneca County United Way	\$500.00 Facial Masks	A2815-450-00-0000	COVID Supplies as needed

Donor or Gift	Amount/Item	Fund	To be used for:
BonaDent	Personal Protection Equipment, Cleaning Supplies, Thermometers and Headphones	n/a	
Daniel Montoney, Rapid Cure Technologies	8 Gallons Hand Sanitizer Gel w/ Aloe 9-Gallons Clear Gel Hand Sanitizer w/ Aloe	n/a	
Seneca County Children's Committee	\$500.00	General fund	COVID Supplies as needed

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:
David Durso	Custodian	October 3, 2020
George Gottschall	Custodian	October 3, 2020

Change in Hours

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve(s) the following change in hours effective September 18, 2020

Employee	Position	Hours/day	Hours/day changed to:	Decrease	Effective
Michael Pucino	Custodian	4	3	-1	9/18/2020

Transportation Request

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

Student	Transport Request
	FL Christian School, 2291 Route 89, Seneca Falls

Establish a Bank Account

Establish an account for the current 6th grade class (Class of 2027) as requested by Christine Petrocci, 6th Grade Advisor.

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

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Correction to Appointments

Mynderse Academy 2020-2021 Annual Appointment

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to correct the following July 9, 2020 appointment per the Seneca Falls Education Association MOA dated September 9, 2019.

Position	Employee	Stipend
Family & Consumers, Health and Business Department Chair	Dana Colvin	\$2,133.00 \$3,195

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Scott Grove Appointment

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to correct the following September 3, 2020 appointments per the Administrator of Business & Operations:

Name: Scott Grove

Civil Service Position: Building Maintenance Mechanic

Effective Date: 09/04/2020 09/24/2020

Probationary period: 09/04/2020-09/03/2021 09/24/2020-09/23/2021

Hourly Rate: \$20.22

Hours per day: 8

Name: Harry Morgan

Civil Service Position: Cleaner

Effective Date: 09/04/2020 09/14/2020

Probationary period: 09/04/2020-09/03/2021 09/14/2020-09/13/2021

Hourly Rate: \$13.04

Hours per day: 8

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Petty Cash Funds

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the following change for the 2020-2021 school year

Building	Employee	Amount
Transportation	Deborah Burnham James Bruni	\$100

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Corsner.

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

New Business

Leave of Absence

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the leave of absence for personal reasons for Toni Hould, Teaching Assistant, from September 10, 2020 through June 25, 2021.

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Surplus

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

Book title	Gr. Level	Publication Date:	Publisher
Spelling Connections (23 copies)	3-5	2020	Zaner-Bloser
Discover Science (24 Copies)	3-5	1989	Scott Foresman

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Community Service Graduation Requirement

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve modifying the Community Service Graduation Requirement due to COVID-19.

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Termination

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the termination of the following employee per the Seneca Falls Support Staff Agreement, Article XIV, Section 2, effective immediately

Name: Brandy Bojczuk-Cross

Civil Service Position: School Monitor

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

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten at 7:15 pm.

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk