

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Aug. 12, 2020 Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing on the District Code of Conduct was held in the Mynderse Academy Auditorium. The meeting was streamed live.

BOE Members present

Mrs. Deborah Corsner, Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell, Mrs. Linda Jones, 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, Mrs. Jodie Verkey, Mrs. Karissa Blamble, Mr. Kevin Rhinehart, Ms. Janet Clendenen, Mrs. Amy Hibbard, Mrs. Faith Lewis, Mrs. Breanna Mullen, Deena Swenson, Tod LaBarr and Jon Bates from Watchdog Partners, Karen Wylie, Kyle Bower, Tameika Graham and Joshuan Whitaker (2020 August graduate).

Mrs. Lajewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Lajewski asked that everyone stand for the pledge of allegiance.

The Public Hearing for the Seneca Falls Central School District Code of Conduct (Policy #5300) was held. Mr. Clingerman explained that the hearing was the required annual review of the code of conduct. Students are informed of the Code of Conduct yearly and parents have access to the Code of Conduct on the district website.

The Board of Education reviews changes from the NYS Education Department and updates for NYSSBA (NYS School Boards Association). Mr. Clingerman explained that the purpose of the Code of Conduct is to provide a safe environment for students. The Code of Conduct covers the conduct of students, process of suspensions, outlines the length of suspension, services for students doing suspensions, and manifestations.

Mr. Clingerman stated that the pandemic has had an impact on the Code of Conduct in regards to health and safety. Mr. Clingerman reviewed the following section being added to the Code of Conduct.

Added under: 5300.70-PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

- I. *Engage in any conduct that compromises the safety of others during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The district will institute all safety recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and New York State Department of Health.*
 1. *Engage in any conduct that compromises the safety of others during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The district will institute safety recommendations/requirements set forth by the New York State Department of Health as well as recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).*
 2. *Students are required to properly wear cloth masks and remain socially distanced of six feet while in school facilities and on school grounds unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance. Acceptable facemasks include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana) and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose. Exceptions to the face coverings include for meals and instruction when mask breaks are allowed by faculty/staff with appropriate social distancing. When consuming meals, students must be six feet apart or separated by a barrier.*
 3. *Students on school transportation are required to wear a mask and allowed only one child per seat unless from the same household. When entering and exiting the bus, students should maintain appropriate social distancing. The only exception to the mask requirement is that students whose physical or mental health would be impaired by wearing a mask are not required to do so (medical documentation needed and district approved), but must maintain social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals on the bus.*
 4. *Students participating in activities requiring the projection of their voice, playing a wind instrument, aerobic activity, or activity that results in heavy breathing must maintain a distance of twelve feet in all directions between individuals.*

There were no public comments or questions on the District Code of Conduct. The public hearing was closed.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded by 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	

Board of Education Recognition

Mrs. Lewis, MA Principal and Mrs. Mullen, Assistant Principal recognized Joshuan Whitaker as an August 2020 of Mynderse Academy. Mrs. Lajewski present Joshuan his diploma.

Board of Education Minutes

June 1, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated June 1, 2020

Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by 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	

July 9, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated July 9, 2020.

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by 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	

July 23, 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated July 23, 2020

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by 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

Ex. Curricular Treasurer’s Report-June 2020

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Ex. Curricular Treasurer’s Report for June 2020. Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by Mr. McNamara.

	<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

Public Comment

Mrs. Deena Swensen was present, as a parent, to address the Board with some of her concerns regarding the opening of school. Some of Mrs. Swenson’s concerns were:

- Bringing back students in cohorts with no relationships;
- Block schedules may be a shock;
- Students may get burnt out quickly with longer classes;
- What happens if a student tests positive?
- What if a teacher gets sick and is gone for weeks?

Mrs. Swenson also asked about testing and tracing in Seneca County. The closest free testing spot to Seneca Falls is at Monroe Community College in Rochester; the second in Binghamton and the third in Utica. Mrs. Swenson suggested that the district not dive in but rather stick their toes in and see how it’ll be. Perhaps follow the hybrid model, 2-3 days in school and the rest virtual learning. Mrs. Swenson feels it is better to error on the side of caution.

Mrs. Swenson said that she knows that administrators have been working countless hours on the reopening plans. She appreciates their hard work. Mrs. Swenson ended by saying that she knows that Seneca Falls CSD does what is best for students.

Policy Committee

Mr. Hartwell reported that the committee continues to meet and work on the new policies. The committee is currently working in Section 9000-Personnel. Mr. Hartwell also reported that the Board will be voting on policy later on in the agenda.

Scholarship Committee

Mrs. Zellers reported that Mr. Reigel will be taking over as Chair of the scholarship committee for this school year.

Mrs. Zellers first wanted to thank Mrs. Murney-Karsten and Mr. Mirras for all the work they have done for the committee the last several years. Mrs. Murney-Karsten was instrumental in the work to create the Seneca Falls Education Foundation which was a three process. And Mr. Mirras’s legal knowledge has helped and guided the committee.

The committee continues to work on the scholarship regulation. Once that is complete, it will be brought to the policy committee before being brought to the Board.

The Scholarship committee has reached out to Harris Beach regarding certain scholarships as well as JP Morgan. The committee is waiting to hear from both.

Information

Warrants

04/01/2020-04/30/2020

Warrant # 44 (A) \$ 34,062.85
Warrant # 47 (A) \$ 912,383.50
Warrant # 22 (C) \$ 7,099.00
Warrant # 15 (H) \$ 11,030.00
Warrant # 16 (H) \$ 5,129.00

05/01/2020-05/31/2020

Warrant # 49 (A) \$ 36,291.75
Warrant # 50 (A) \$ 271,709.94
Warrant # 23 (C) \$ 4928.90
Warrant # 14 (F) \$ 100.00
Warrant # 18 (H) \$ 79,022.31
Warrant # 19 (H) \$ 476,556.65

06/01/2020-06/30/2020

Warrant # 52 (A) \$ 622,434.73
Warrant # 54 (A) \$ 125,471.02
Warrant # 56 (A) \$ 531,812.20
Warrant # 57 (A) \$ 184,634.18
Warrant # 46 (A) \$ 39,024.89
Warrant # 24 (C) \$ 20246.53
Warrant # 25 (C) \$ 7218.58
Warrant # 26 (C) \$ 4554.21
Warrant # 27 (C) \$ 50.00
Warrant # 15 (F) \$ 4,468.50
Warrant # 16 (F) \$ 6,790.00
Warrant # 20 (H) \$ 106,500.26
Warrant # 21 (H) \$ 329,386.65
Warrant # 22 (H) \$ 230,460.21
Warrant # 23 (H) \$ 112,704.00
Warrant # 24 (H) \$ 537.50
Warrant # 1 (TE) \$ 1,100.00
Warrant # 2 (TE) \$ 3,035.00
Warrant # 2 (TE) \$ 7,350.00

07/01/2020-07/31/2020

Warrant # 1 (A) \$ 22,367.94
Warrant # 2 (A) \$ 1,153.43
Warrant # 4 (A) \$ 141,312.74
Warrant # 5 (A) \$ 40,259.06
Warrant # 6 (A) \$ 331,373.57
Warrant # 8 (A) \$ 10,745.96
Warrant # 1 (C) \$ 1,237.38
Warrant # 2 (C) \$ 1,564.46
Warrant # 1 (H) \$ 1,731.13
Warrant # 2 (H) \$ 123,577.50
Warrant # 3 (H) \$ 378,272.29
Warrant # 4 (H) \$ 929.00
Warrant # 5 (H) \$ 18,540.95

Watchdog Building Partners, LLC

Mr. Todd LaBarr, President, was present along with Jon Bates, Assistant Project Manager, to give

an update on the District's capital project. Mr. LaBarr did a walk through with board members the week before. Mr. LaBarr reported that there has been vast improvement within that week. With requirements due to COVID-19, the science wing is safe and usable for social distancing; Flooring will be coming on Monday; The MA gym striping paint has been completed; And the Board is aware of the unsuitable soils at the bus garage that are being taken care of. Mr. Clingerman reported that the spaces used as classrooms is taking priority. Mr. Clingerman reported that construction work will occur on B shift (after school and in evening) once school starts. You will not see them but you will see progress daily. Mr. LaBarr stated that COVID-19 has been a challenge during construction with everyday schedules being planned out. There has been challenges with supplies and delivery of supplies. For example, a Houston, Texas based plant where supplies come from has been shut down three times. Mr. LaBarr said that every day is a new challenge. Mr. LaBarr reported that everything is going smoothly with the contractors.

Mrs. Jodie Verkey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and PD reviewed the 2021 Assessment & PD-Professional Learning Plan Presentation

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Bruni reported that the tax rates were on the agenda to be approved along with the collection dates. Mr. Bruni stated that he will bring the final reserve fund transfers to the August 20 Board meeting. Along with the details regarding the capital project ban

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman wanted to thank the countless individuals for all the work that has been, and continues to be done, on opening school. There has not been a department in the district that has not been a part of it. The Leadership Team has been steadfast in their work. The parents in the ZOOM meetings who brought questions and great feedback.

Mr. Clingerman went and spoke at Rotary regarding the opening of school. Rotary has always done great things for the community.

Mr. Clingerman recognized Joe Capacci and Kathy Hilfiker. Joe is retiring as Head Automotive Mechanic. Kathy is retiring as a Reading Teacher for the district. He thanked them both for the many years of service to the district. Mr. Clingerman wished them both well and a happy retirement.

Following the meeting, Mr. Clingerman will send a message to families on what the plan the Board votes to implement later on in the agenda. Contract tracing will not be part of the opening plan; information and plan on contract tracing will be a separate document to make it more easily accessible.

Mr. Clingerman met with the physician and school nurses. A flowchart will be provided to families and will be accessible on the school website.

The Administrative team presented the Seneca Falls Central School District Comprehensive Reopening Plan (see attached).

Mrs. Murney-Karsten asked that the second public comment period on the agenda be moved prior to the opening plan being adopted. Mrs. Murney Karsten said that the public should be able to comment on the plan before it is adopted.

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to move the second public comment on the agenda to before the vote on the Seneca Falls Central School District Comprehensive Reopening Plan.

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

	<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

Mrs. Lajewski thanked everyone that was instrumental in pulling the plan together.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten reported that there had been some negative comments on social media. Mrs. Murney-Karsten was saddened by the comments on social media. She stated that the majority of teacher have worked far more hours than in a regular setting. Seneca Falls is a great place. Mrs. Murney-Karsten aid that the faculty and staff have gone above and beyond in her opinion. Mrs. Murney-Karsten also stated that she is proud to be in this district and proud to have her children in this district. Mrs. Murney-Karsten told the faculty and staff to hold their heads up high-they have done a fantastic job.

Mr. Clingerman thanked Mrs. Murney-Karsten for her comments.

Mr. McNamara also wanted to thank the faculty and staff. He also had children her in the district. Mr. McNamara said that the district prepared them well for adulthood. There were no further comments from the Board at this time.

Consent Agenda

Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)

SFEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following instructional resignation for the purpose of retirement and to grant all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Name: Kathryn Hilfiker

Position: Reading Teacher

Effective date of retirement: July 24, 2020

SFSSA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation

Name: Mary Jo Cook

Position: School Monitor

Effective: Aug. 12, 2020

Name: Sabrina Hoster

Position: Cashier/Food Service Helper

Effective: June 30, 2020

Name: Chun Evans

Position: Cashier/Food Service Helper

Effective: July 12, 2020

Appointments

Professional Appointments

The Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Jeramy Clingerman, Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints (*Probation dates are tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law sections 2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time*)

Name: Amanda Lowden Fleig
 Position: Library Media Specialist
 Certification: Library Media Specialist Emergency Covid-19 Certification
 Tenure: Library Media Specialist
 Probation: 09/01/2020 through 08/31/2024
 Base Salary: \$ 43,672.00

Name: Jamie Oberdorf
 Position: Reading Teacher
 Certification: Literacy Education (B-Gr. 12)
 Tenure: Reading Education
 Probation: 09/01/2020 through 08/31/2024
 Base Salary: Remains on Salary schedule

Annual Appointment

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

Teacher Mentor	Cindy Chutney	\$350.00
Teacher Mentor	Nancy Galusha	\$350.00
ECS MTSS Coordinator	Katherine Smithler	\$1,450.00

Coaching Appointments-None at this time
Civil Service Appointment-(See under New Business)
Substitute Appointments-None at this time

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes:
 07/15/2020, 07/17/2020, 07/21/2020, 07/22/2020

Gifts & Donations

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

Donor or Gift	Amount/Item	Fund	To be used for:
Walmart #1705	\$500.00	A2705 General fund	Support the Walmart Community Grant to support school programming.
Gilbert Santana	\$2,735.75	A2855-450-00-0000	Football Program
Seneca Co. Youth Bureau	\$425.00	A2110-450-01-0000	Girls on the Run-2020-2021 school year
Merry Go round Playhouse	\$4,255.00	A2705 General Fund	Arts in Education Programing for students

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.
 Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by 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

Old Business –None at this time.

New Business

Re-Classify Civil Service Positions

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the reclassification of three Civil Service Food Service Helper positions to three Cashier/Food Service Helper positions.

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

	<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

Civil Service Appointment

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following Civil Service position.

Name: Mary Jo Cook

Civil Service Position: Cashier/FSH

Effective Date: 08/13/2020

Probationary Period: 08/13/2020 through 08/12/2021:

Hourly Rate: \$11.80

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by 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

2020-2021 Tax Levy

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Tax Levy in the amount of thirteen million, four hundred fifty seven thousand, eight hundred ninety-five dollars (\$13,457,895.00)

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

	<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

2020-2021 Tax Rates

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Assessed Value Tax Rates as listed:

	<u>School Rate</u>	<u>Library Rate</u>
Seneca Falls	\$26.3894	\$0.6020
Fayette	\$23.4866	\$0.5358
Tyre	\$23.4866	\$0.5358

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by 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		

2020-2021 Tax Collection Dates

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following tax collection dates for the 2020-2021 school year:

September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020	No Penalty
October 1, 2020 to October 30, 2020	2% Penalty
October 31, 2020, 2020 to November 30, 2020	3% Penalty
No taxes accepted after November 30, 2020	

Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by 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		

Policy

Required yearly review of the District Code of Conduct

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve Policy 5300-District Code of Conduct, as presented.

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

<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

First Reading

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the 1st reading of the following policy sections:

Section 6000: Fiscal Management section of the new policy manual

Section 7000: Facilities Development section of the new policy manual

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by 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

Second Reading

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

- Policy 8400 Student Transportation
- Policy 8410 Student Transportation
- Policy 8411 School Bus Routes and Stops
- Policy 8413 Transportation for Nonpublic School Students
- Policy 8414 School Bus Safety
- Policy 8414.1 Bus Driver Qualifications and Training
- Policy 8414.4 Use of Video Cameras on School Buses
- Policy 8414.5 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Bus Drivers
- Policy 8414.6 Idling Prohibition for Buses and Other School Vehicles
- Policy 8416 Use of School Buses by Community Groups

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

	<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

2019-2020 Budget Transfer

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following 2019-2020 budget transfers as listed:

A 9060.800-00-0000	\$23,400.00	A 1240.150-00-0000	Transfer to cover cost of salary
A 2250.490-00-0000	\$22,800.00	A 1680.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in BOCES costs
A 2250.490-00-0000	\$32,300.00	A 1981.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in BOCES costs
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$25,500.00	A 2020.150-00-0000	Transfer to cover cost of salaries
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$28,100.00	A 2250.471-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in tuition payments
A 2250.490-00-0000	\$200,000.00	A 2630.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in BOCES costs
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$12,000.00	A 2630.150-02-0000	Transfer to cover cost of salaries
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$43,000.00	A 2850.150-00-0000	Transfer to cover cost of salaries
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$105,000.00	A 9010.800-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in benefits
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$14,000.00	A 9020.800-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in benefits
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$38,000.00	A 9040.800-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs in workers compensation
A 9060.800-00-0000	\$60,000.00	A 9901.930-00-0000	Transfer to cover increase costs for inter fund transfer to C Fund

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded by 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

Capitol Project Change Order

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the change order for removal and upgrade of discovered unstable soils and debris at the former Bus Garage site during the 2018 Capital Project, using capital funds. Cost of investigative test pits, additional removal and backfill existing clay-based soils until a solid subbase is achieved will be approximately \$108,638.

Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by 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 Equipment-Technology Department

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

4	Smart board	SMART	
4	Speakers	Anchor	
15	Headphones		
1	Keyboard	HP	
1	Display	LG	
1	Laptop	Dell	00144-531-539
1	Laptop	Dell	00144-531-530
1	Doc Camera	SMART	
1	Screen		
1	Wireless Slate	SMART	
1	DVD/VCR		
22	Chrome books	HP- 11G5	
9	Ipads	Apple	
53	Chrome books	HP- 14G3	
1	Monitor	HP	
1	Monitor	Dell	
2	Apple	Iphone 6S	

Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by 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

Seneca Falls CSD 2020-2021 Professional Development Plan

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the Seneca Falls CSD 2020-2021 Professional Development Plan as presented. Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten.

	<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

School Health Service Contracts

Auburn Enlarged City School District 2020-2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 contract for health services for Seneca Falls Central School District students attending school within the Auburn Enlarged City School District.

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

	<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

North Rose Wolcott School District 2020-2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that the Board of Education approve the invoice for health services for North Rose Wolcott School District students attending school within the Seneca Falls Central School District.

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

	<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

Public Comment

Mrs. Wylie asked if there would be extra teachers in the elementary levels. Mr. Clingerman reported that some staff would be utilized differently. Some other concerns that Mrs. Wylie had were that if the district was looking to make changes, there should be clear expectations; temperature checks; getting all the kids off the bus and into school to name a few. Mrs. Wylie suggested the district should choose to have dedicated teachers-switching students around could be harmful.

Mr. Clingerman reported that the district does not have to do testing; the district is required to have a plan. The plan heavily involves the school physician and the health department. If a high-risk student were identified, the student would be sent to their physician.

Someone asked through the live stream if distance learners would continue to receive services. Mr. Clingerman said yes.

Mr. Mirras asked about the student drop offs at the Middle School and how it was practical for students to enter the building at 7:30 and expect to start their first class at 7:35 am. Mr. Rhinehart explained that students would not be using lockers this year. The students enter the building and go directly to their classroom.

Another question from the virtual audience was if high school students would be able to leave for lunch. Mr. Clingerman stated that at this time students would not be able to leave the buildings for lunch. Principals will be limiting the number of persons entering and leaving the building during the school day. The goal is to keep people who do not need to be in the buildings out of the buildings.

Mr. Clingerman explained that if a student starts school in-person and decides they would like to do distance learning, it is an easy move; but if a student starts the school year distance learning and wants to return to in-person, it may not be an easy move with all the state requirements regarding social distancing. With all the state requirements, the district cannot accommodate every student in the district for in-person instruction.

Mrs. Wylie asked if there would be an increase of police officers this year. Mr. Clingerman said he is currently working with the School Resource Officer.

Mrs. Wylie also asked if there was a high number of parents for the hybrid model (of returning to school). Mr. Clingerman said about 78%. The parents that wanted the hybrid model now have to choose between in person learning or distance learning. The survey that parents took was not a choice of how they wanted their child to learn this year but a preference. The hybrid model is not an option right now but it could be if the State orders it.

Mrs. Zellers said that her viewpoint was a little different. She viewed it like a math equation-with multiple variables. Mrs. Zellers said there were too many variables. Mrs. Zellers also questioned how the Board could vote on the opening plan when the State has not even approved the District's plan. Mrs. Zellers said that the in-person model does not account for all students. Mrs. Zellers stated that she does not like the idea of a child being placed on a waiting list if they decide they want to be in the building instead of distance learning.

Mrs. Zellers has concerns with construction workers, substitutes coming in and out of the building, rolling closures. Mrs. Zellers stated that there is too much stress and strain for everyone. Mrs. Zellers also added that she felt the district does not have answers to many gaps.

Mrs. Jones asked what tipped the scales to the in-person model instead of the hybrid model. Mr. Clingerman said that the goal was to get as many students back to school as possible to meet the needs of the students.

Mr. Clingerman also stated that the goal was to get as many students back to school as the district could accommodate in order to meet the emotional and social needs of the students (while meeting all the mandated requirements) Five days a week, some students will struggle

Mr. Mirras asked if it was too soon to make the decision to bring back students

Mrs. Zellers added that the Board does not even know if the opening plan is approved. The Board moved the meeting from August 13 to August 20 so the decision could be made after the plan was approved.

Mr. Clingerman stated that the opening plan does not need Board action for approval. Most district are just saying: this is what we are doing. Mr. Clingerman wanted to bring it to the Board. As far as the State not approving the plan yet, he could not control the timeline. The District received guidance from the state in mid-July, which gave the district less than two weeks to come up with a plan.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten said that the hybrid model has not been flushed out. What if it is ordered by the State? Mr. Clingerman said the scheduling piece would be the challenge to have the plan ready for Sept. 8. A hybrid plan was created but the district did not schedule students in it.

Mr. McNamara then asked why the Board was going through this if the plan did not need Board approval. Mr. McNamara was struggling with the dangers they might be putting the students in. Mr. McNamara realizes the saying "you never know what's going to happen tomorrow or the next day". Mr. McNamara just felt he had to say something because he feels that some people may be feeling it.

Mr. Clingerman said he brought the opening plan before the Board because he felt the Board should be on the same page as Administration.

Mr. McNamara stated that in person school was not working in most places that has started it.

Mr. Clingerman explained that he and the Administration team dove into distance learning plan first; then worked through the hybrid plan and finally the in-person plan. As a team, they all felt that if they could bring the students back safely, then that is what we should do.

Mr. McNamara commended the district for handling the distance learning back in the spring. Mr. McNamara stated that the district has done lot of good for example the hot spots created for distance learning. Mr. McNamara said that the Board does not usually vote on something the first night. Mr. McNamara thanked Mr. Clingerman and the Administration team for all their hard work.

Mrs. Lajewski reminded the Board that they did receive the presentation about a month ago. Mrs. Lajewski stated that if the opening plan were only "all in", she would say hold off on approving the plan. However, since distance learning is a choice for some, she can support the plan. Some students just do not work well with distance learning. This plan offers them a preference/choice.

Mr. McNamara thanked the Board for listening to his comments.

Mr. Mirras shared that he had heard from three different families in three different situations. This opening plan accommodated all three families. It may feel like it is a bit rushed, but Mr. Mirras said he is comfortable supporting the plan as long as it is monitored.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten agreed with Mr. Mirras, that the plan needs constant reassessment by the district to accommodate families as best as we can in both directions (in-person and distance learning) in regards to mental health issues and service students cannot get through distance learning. If it is monitored, she will support the plan.

Mrs. Corsner is also in favor of the in-person model. Mrs. Corsner's only concern is that there is a way to get students back into the school building if distance learning is not working out for them. She does not feel that they should be told they could not come back. Mrs. Corsner asked what could be done.

Mr. Clingerman said that if a student wanted to come back in person after choosing distance learning, it would depend on the grade level. The parents would have to make the request in writing. They could come back in a couple of days, weeks or would have to wait for space to open up. The District must follow the State guidelines. Each situation would need to be looked at. Everything is driven by the requirement to social distance.

Opening School Plan and Instructional Learning Models for the Start of the 2020-21 School Year

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that whereas the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department established guidelines for reopening school districts during the State's Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, the guidelines expect the school district to prioritize a return for all students to in-person instruction;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the established guidelines, the Seneca Falls Central School District has formulated a school reopening plan that was submitted to the NYS Department of Health (DOH), the New York State Education Department (NYSED), and published to the Seneca Falls community on July 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the plan prioritizes in-person instruction as per NYS guidelines and offers three programming options: a full return to school (in-person), hybrid or distance learning;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the in-person learning model is hereby acknowledged and accepted with the understanding that either of the other two programming options may be implemented based on an Executive Order at the State or County level, or health and safety concerns within the District.

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by 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 8	No 1	Abstain: 0	Motion carried	

Executive Session

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:11 pm to discuss a particular personnel matter.

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by 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	

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 8:42 pm.

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

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

	<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

Cara Lajewski, President