

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 22, 2021 Board of Education Meeting
Mynderse Academy Auditorium
6:00 PM

BOE Members Present:

Mr. Jeffery Hartwell, Mrs. Linda Jones, Mrs. Cara Lajewski, Mr. Joseph McNamara, Mr. Michael Mirras, Mr. William Reigel, Mrs. Heather Zellers

BOE Members Absent: Mrs. Deborah Corsner, Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten

Present:

Mr. Clingerman and Mr. Bruni

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 with addendums as listed.

IV. Approve or Amend-**Move approval of the July 8, 2021 BOE Minutes to under Old Business.**

ADD under VI. Information

A. **William Pullen-Custodian-LOA eff: 07/23/2021-12/31/2021**

B. **Michelle Dyson- School Bus Driver-LOA eff. 07/23/2021-07/22/2022**

ADD under VIII. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

2. Professional Appointments

b. **Name: Hannah Grazul**

Position: Living Environment Teacher

ADD under XI. Executive Session-Personnel Matter **and Real Property Matter**

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report-June 2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report ending June 30, 2021.

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

There was no Public Comment

Information

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Michelle Dyson- School Bus Driver- LOA eff. 07/23/2021-07/22/2022

NYSSBA Delegate-Mrs. Lajewski will be the delegate for NYSSBA

Business Administrator

Mr. Bruni reported that the new hires (support staff) are doing well. Mr. Bruni also stated that the Board would see a domino effect in positions as current employees move to senior positions.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman reported that a COVID vaccine clinic would be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 for student's ages 12-17 years old in the SF Middle School gymnasium from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Mr. Clingerman discussed the possibility of Building Level Substitutes. He stated that it is a struggle to find substitute teachers. If the Board decides to approve Building Level Substitute, they would need to be NYS Certified; would receive a daily rate with no benefits. Mrs. Jones asked if the building level substitute would work each day. Mr. Clingerman said yes. Mrs. Jones asked if the building level substitute could be assigned

to another school building if necessary. Mr. Clingerman said yes. Mrs. Jones also asked if there were any concerns regarding no benefits and getting substitutes. Mr. Clingerman explained that there is not an obligation to commit to the district other than per day. The same holds true for the District. The District will have no obligation to the building level substitutes.

Mr. Clingerman also reported that he, along with other superintendents, are awaiting guidance from NYSED for the opening of school. He thought the school districts would have it by now. Mr. Clingerman stated that the guidance would look different this year. Districts followed the Department of Health last school year and NYSED made changes accordingly. This year, NYSED will need to make some decisions on the opening of schools. District administrators have been busy working on it. They have been mocking up classrooms at both three feet and six feet. What will be required of the districts?

Mr. Clingerman reported that the bid for the parking near the tennis courts would be advertised soon. Mr. Clingerman proposed that the Board have a Special Board Meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 to award the bid for the parking. The meeting will be held in the Mynderse Academy auditorium.

August 17, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting

At this time, Mr. Mirras made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Board of Education conduct a special Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Mynderse Academy auditorium for the purpose of announcing the bid award for Site Work for the 2018 Capital Improvement Project: Parking Lots, and any other business deemed necessary.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Mr. Clingerman also reported that the scrubbing and base coat were completed on the tennis courts. The finishing material (paint) is four weeks behind schedule. Mr. Mirras asked if it was the district's choice of color that is behind schedule or the color of the material itself. Could the board not pick another color? Mr. Clingerman said he is waiting on that answer. He has asked if there is another color the district can get in sooner at no additional cost. Mr. Clingerman said he would keep the Board informed of what he finds out.

Mr. Mirras also stated that he had been approached by a community member regarding Pickle Ball. Pickle Ball has become quite popular in the community. Mr. Mirras asked if Pickle Ball lines be painted inside the tennis lines on the court. Mr. Clingerman said it would look into it.

Mr. Clingerman reported to the Board that seventeen of the eighteen varsity sports team would be recognized by the NYS Athletic Association for maintaining a GPA of 90% or higher for the 2020-2021 school year. The information will be put on the website and social media.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski reminded the Board that the annual NYSSBA conference would be in person this year. The conference will be held in New York City. Mrs. Lajewski asked the members to let her know if they would be interested in attending.

Mrs. Lajewski also informed the Board that she would be emailing the committees out to them.

BOE Member Comments

Mr. Mirras reported that the "It's A Wonderful Life Museum" is interested in renting out the Mynderse Academy gym and cafeteria for this year's event. Mr. Clingerman stated that because the district has not received guidance from the state yet that he would have to get back to him. The 75th Anniversary of the "It's A Wonderful Life" movie is this year and many people are expected to attend the weekend celebration, which will be held Dec. 8 through Dec. 12, 2021. Mr. Bruni stated that if the museum were to use the facilities, the cafeteria would need to be staffed by a cafeteria employee for insurance purposes.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee (on 7/13/2021)

Mr. Hartwell reported that the committee had met on July 13 had reviewed updated Policy 5300 Code of Conduct

Reviewed general wording edits.

The Dignity Act Coordinators have been added. A comment was added that they could be changed.

The District Office will review the letter sent to students to make sure it reflects the changes to the policy.

Mr. Clingerman is checking with Harris Beach to determine the wording of Marijuana if it is an illegal substance due to federal regulations. A suggestion was made to possibly make Marijuana a separate bullet.

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12. Possessing, consuming, selling, offering, manufacturing, distributing or exchanging alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, or being under the influence of either. "Illegal substances" include, but are not limited to, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, and any synthetic version thereof, whether specifically illegal or not, commonly referred to as "designer drugs" which are substances designed and synthesized to mimic the intended effects and usages of, which are chemically substantially similar to, illegal drugs, which may or may not be labeled for human consumption.

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Knowingly and unlawfully possesses marijuana in violation of Penal Law § 221.05. A single violation of § 221.05 will be a sufficient basis for filing a PINS petition.

Policies 4766 (Advanced Placement Dual Credit for College Courses and Enrichment Opportunities) and 0105 (Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity in Education) were handed out for review. Those policies will be on the Aug. 4th Board agenda for a first reading.

Consent Agenda

Retirements/Resignations

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby accept the following resignation for purposes of retirement.

Employee	Position	Effective Date
Scott Grove	Maintenance Mechanic	07/23/2021

Appointments

2021-2022 Annual Appointments

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby make the following appointments for the 2021-2022 school year.

Public Relations Co-Coordinator	Stacey Anderson	\$2,486
Public Relations Co-Coordinator	Darlene Johnson	\$1,066
Fiscal Manager	Julianna Fisher	No additional compensation

Frank Knight Elementary School

Position	Employee	Stipend
MTSS Coordinator	Carleen Mull	\$1,578
MTSS Case Manager	Christine Tompkins	\$598
MTSS Case Manager	Jennifer Brown	\$920
MTSS Case Manager	Gwyneth Breeze-Hrycko	\$920

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School

Position	Employee	Stipend
MTSS Coordinator	Kathryn Smithler	\$1,450
MTSS Coordinator	Jamie Oberdorf	\$1,256
MTSS Case Manager	Melissa Woodard	\$920
MTSS Case Manager	Tricia Goodenough	\$598
MTSS Case Manager	Elizabeth Jones	\$598

Seneca Falls Middle School

Position	Employee	Stipend
MTSS Coordinator	Laura Rundell	\$1,471
MTSS Case Manager	Melissa Morrin	\$813
MTSS Case Manager	Mary Lee	\$813
MTSS Case Manager	Libby Kuney	\$813

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: Jordan Emerson

Position: Physical Education Teacher

NYS Certification: Professional Certification

Tenure: Physical Education

Probation: 07/23/2021-07/24/2025

Effective Date: 2021-2022 school year

Base Salary: \$47,362

Name: Hannah Grazul

Position: Living Environment Teacher

NYS Certification: Biology 7-12 Emergency COVID 19

Tenure: Science Education

Probation: 08/01/2021-07/31/2025

Effective Date: 08/01/2021

Base Salary: \$42,500

Civil Service Appointments

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

Name: William Pullen

Civil Service Position: Senior Custodian

Effective Date: 07/23/2021

Probationary Period: 07/23/2021 through 12/31/2021

Hours: 8 hours

Hourly Rate: \$17.31

Name: Michelle Dyson

Civil Service Position: School Bus Dispatcher

Effective Date: 07/23/2021

Probationary Period: Provisional Appointment

Hours: 8 hours

Hourly Rate: \$18.74

Name: Nancy Luffman

Civil Service Position: Temporary Typist

Effective Date: 07/19/2021 through 08/31/2021

Hourly Rate: \$20.00

Name: Patricia Reynolds (*approving hourly rate only previously appointed on 6/24/2021*)
 Position: Summer Cashier/Food Service Worker
 Hourly Rate: \$12.66

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: Brian Heitmann
 Civil Service Position: Substitute School Bus Driver
 Effective Date: 07/23/2021

Name: Peter Sosia
 Civil Service Position: Substitute School Bus Driver
 Effective Date: After fingerprint Clearance

Name: Nancy Luffman
 Civil Service Position: Substitute Bus Dispatcher
 Effective Date: 07/19/2021
 Hourly Rate: \$20.00

Probationary to Permanent

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education hereby approves the following probationary to permanent appointment.

Employee	Position	Permanent Effective Date
Mary Jo Cook	School Monitor Cashier/FSH**	08/13/2021

****Corrected at the 08/17/2021 Special BOE Meeting.**

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

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Corrections

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to correct the following items approved at the July 8, 2021 Board of Education Re-Organizational meeting as listed:

Senior Class Advisor Stipends under Consent Agenda:

Mynderse Academy 2020-2021 Appointments

Position	Employee	Stipend
Senior Class Co-Advisor	Christina Crawford	\$1,146 \$2,292
Senior Class Co-Advisor	Heather Schantz	\$1,097 \$2,193

Insurance Company Correction Faithful Performance Blanket Bonds

C. Designations

1. Faithful Performance Blanket Bonds

~~The Eastern Shores~~ **Utica National** Insurance Company will provide a commercial crime insurance endorsement of \$1,000,000 for the positions of Superintendent, Business Official, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, **Internal Claims Auditor, Fiscal Manager, School Tax Collector**; an endorsement of \$100,000 each for all other employees.

Civil Service Appointment

- a. Name: Amanda Ashley
Civil Service Position: Senior Typist (FTE 1.0)-12 month
Effective Date: ~~07/09/2021~~ 07/12/2021
Probationary period: 07/12/2021-07/11/2022
Hourly Rate: \$13.38 (Step 9)
Hours per day: 7

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Board of Education Minutes-July 8, 2021

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated July 8, 2021

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

Medical Service Agreement- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Medical Service Agreement between the Seneca Falls Central School District and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital as presented.

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session-Personnel Matter and Real Property Matter

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:37 pm to discuss a personnel matter and a real property matter.

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 6:50 pm.

Mr. Mirras made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reigel, that, whereas, the Seneca Falls Central School District (the "*District*") desires to enter into negotiations with the owner(s) of that certain parcel of real property located at 89 Troy Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148 adjacent to the District's middle school parking lot located on Troy Street (the "*Premises*") for the potential acquisition of the Premises; and

Whereas, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education (the "*Board*") has determined that the feasibility of future development, use and/or development of the Premises, including the size and location, is consistent with long term plans of the District and that it is in the best interests of the District to explore the potential purchase of the Premises, and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board that:

1. The Board finds that the exploration of the acquisition of the premises is in the best interest of the District.
2. The Superintendent, and/or members of the Board, as appropriate or as otherwise required by law, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to commence negotiations with the owner(s) of the Premises for the potential purchase of the Premises and deliver such documents and take all such action on behalf of the District as may be deemed necessary, appropriate or advisable to carry out the intent or purposes of the foregoing resolutions including, but not limited to engaging with third parties to evaluate: (i) the marketability of title; (ii) the physical and environmental condition of the Premises; and (iii) the fair market value of the Premises.

3. The execution, delivery, performance by the Superintendent of Schools, and/or the members of the Board, as appropriate or otherwise required by law, for and on behalf of the District, of all such further instruments and documents required in connection with the acquisition of the Premises, each in form and substance approved by the Superintendent, and/or members of the Board, as appropriate or otherwise required by law, his or her signature thereon being conclusive evidence of such approval, are hereby in all respects approved, adopted, and authorized by and on behalf of the District.
4. Any and all acts, instruments and other writings previously performed or executed and delivered by the Superintendent and/or the members of the Board, for and on behalf of the District, in connection with the transaction contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, are in all respects, ratified, affirmed and approved.
5. The foregoing resolutions shall remain in full force and effect until a copy of a subsequent resolution revoking or amending them, duly certified by the proper officers of the Board, shall be made by the Board.
6. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Cara Lajewski, Board President