

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
January 20, 2022-6:00 PM  
Transportation Center  
Masks Are Required In All School Buildings

BOE Members Present

Mrs. Deborah Corsner, Mr. Jeffery Hartwell, Mrs. Linda Jones, Mrs. Cara Lajewski, Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten, Mr. Michael Mirras, Mr. William Reigel

BOE Members Absent: Mr. Joseph McNamara and Mrs. Heather Zellers

Others Present:

Mr. Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, Sgt. Michael Poole, SRO, Mrs. Jodie Verkey, Mrs. Faith Lewis, MA Principal and family, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Reese and Dr. Joseph Fantigrossi

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 the addendum as listed:

**ADD** under IX. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

3. Substitute Appointments

a. Name: Andrea Dow

Position: Substitute Teacher

Substitute Teaching Assistant

C. CSE Minutes 01/06/2022

**ADD** under XI. New Business

C. Revised Extra-Classroom Audit Corrective Action Plan

D. Surplus Equipment

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes-January 6, 2022

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dates January 6, 2022, Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hartwell.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognition

Tenure

Both Faith Lewis, MA Principal and Barbara Reese, Physics Teacher were recognized by Mr. Clingerman for achieving tenure in the district. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Reese started in the same school year.

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

The Committee met on Jan. 11, 2022. The committee reviewed the following:

Policy 1230 – Public Comment at Board Meetings

- Minor typo corrections.
- For Public Comment, the committee agreed to go with cards for public comment sign in.

Policy 9150-Appropriate Staff-Student Relation is still pending.

- Currently only administrators can communicate to students through parents square.
- Teachers and coaches do not have access to communicate with students, only parents.
- The policy will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.
- The next meeting is on Feb 1, 2022 at 8:00 am.

Information

Warrants

11/01/2021- 11/30/2021

Warrant # 29 (A)	\$ 43,472.61
Warrant # 30 (A)	\$ 29446.69
Warrant # 32 (A)	\$ 415,752.03
Warrant # 15 (C)	\$ 1,231.02
Warrant # 16 (C)	\$ 9,178.75
Warrant # 17 (C)	\$ 75.87
Warrant # 6 (F)	\$ 96.47
Warrant # 7 (F)	\$ 8,860.17
Warrant # 17 (H)	\$ 379,167.20

Warrant # 18 (H)	\$ 43,273.95
Warrant # 19 (H)	\$ 22,459.00
<u>12/01/2021-12/31/2021</u>	
Warrant # 34 (A)	\$1,004,136.24
Warrant # 35 (A)	\$ 32,997.21
Warrant # 37 (A)	\$ 197,304.41
Warrant # 38 (A)	\$ 9,740.00
Warrant # 40 (A)	\$ 14,240.83
Warrant # 38 (A)	\$ 613,708.82
Warrant # 40 (A)	\$ 970,621.37
Warrant # 18 (C)	\$ 40,361.81
Warrant # 19 (C)	\$ 6,040.16
Warrant # 20 (C)	\$ 5,476.78
Warrant # 21 (C)	\$ 16,353.82
Warrant # 8 (F)	\$ 20,113.45
Warrant # 9 (F)	\$ 164.16
Warrant # 10 (F)	\$ 723.91
Warrant # 20 (H)	\$ 42,910.00
Warrant # 21 (H)	\$ 160,574.75
Warrant # 22 (H)	\$ 148,891.61

Dr. Joseph Fantigrossi-Seneca County Community Schools Coordinator

Dr. Fantigrossi has been an educator for 26 years, with the last eight years spent in intervention with a focus on trauma. Dr. Fantigrossi is the Coordinator of Seneca County Community Schools.

In his role as coordinator, Dr. Fantigrossi has secured a US DOJ School Safety Grant for the county schools (\$567,000) , NYS Systems of Care Grant (\$25,000), has submitted the proposal for the GRHF (Greater Rochester Health Foundation) Grant and is currently working on the proposal for the Presbyterian Mental Health Ministry Grant.

Dr. Fantigrossi explained to the Board the concept of Community Schools is to take a holistic approach to youth development. Parents/family and the community need to come together to meet the needs of a child. Coordinated frameworks used are culturally responsive, trauma informed, community engagement, evidenced based practices, restorative practices and multi-tiered system of supports.

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Bruni reviewed the following:

Debt Service Update:

In June 2022, the BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) of \$14,715,000 will come due. The payment will be \$542,350 (principal) and \$171,675 (interest). The \$542,350 payment is \$381,233 (July 2021) + \$71,675 (June 2022). \$514,651 was budgeted in 2021. It came in under budget by \$131,418 and the interest rate came in lower. The excess amount was added to the principal to keep the local share even.

E-Rate Update:

WFL BOCES has a grant to purchase Chrome books. The district has applied for the next refresh to replace chrome books for staff at the high school and middle school. The district received \$46,000 which comes out to roughly \$400 per chrome book.

Data Security Update

The company that the district used for data security was hacked. Mr. Bruni reassured the Board that nothing in the Seneca Falls CSD was hacked or corrupted. Mr. Bruni stated that the district will be moving to a secure log-in system. The system will be implemented slow starting with the administrators.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman reported the following:

COVID Update:

Mr. Clingerman updated the Board on COVID numbers and notable changes. If a student or employee is asymptomatic the quarantine has been reduced to 5 days from 10 days. Athletes who come back from quarantine cannot participate in sports until day 10. If participating in state competitions, athletes must be fully vaccinated. Contact tracing continues for the school district, but not outside of the district.

2022 Costa Rica Trip

Mr. Clingerman informed the Board that travel to Costa Rica has elevated to Level 3. Level 3 is "reconsider travel". Mr. Clingerman will be looking into it further and will report back to the Board.

2<sup>nd</sup> Test Kit Distribution

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Test Kit Distribution took place on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the high school bus loop. 1259 kits were handed out to families

Mr. Clingerman thanked the Board again for the opportunity they gave him to be part of the Seneca Falls School District.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski reminded the Board members of the Four County SBA virtual meeting. There is no cost so the members can sign themselves up. Mrs. Lajewski stated that the NYSSBA Conference and Lobby Day were also approaching.

BOE Member Comments

Mrs. Murney-Karsten requested that an amendment be made to the consent agenda.

Amend Consent Agenda

Mrs. Murney-Karsten, seconded by Mrs. Jones, made the motion to amend the A-1 resolution under the Consent Agenda as follows:

Resignation/Retirement  
Superintendent

To accept, *with great regret*, the resignation of Jeramy Clingerman, Superintendent of Schools, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2022.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Consent Agenda  
Resignation/Retirement  
Superintendent

To accept, with regret, the resignation of Jeramy Clingerman, Superintendent of Schools, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2022.

SFEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following irrevocable instructional resignations, for purposes of retirement, and to grant them any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Name: David Major  
Position: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher  
Effective date of retirement: June 30, 2022

Name: Christine Petrocci  
Position: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher  
Effective date of retirement: June 30, 2022

SFSSA

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby accept the following resignation(s):

Name: Nancy VerVooreldonk  
Position: School Monitor  
Effective: 01/10/2022

Appointments  
Professional Appointments-None at this time.  
Civil Service Appointments

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: Erica Cieri  
Position: Bus Monitor  
Effective: 01/10/2022  
Probation: 01/10/2022 through 01/09/2023  
Hours/day: 1.0  
Hourly Rate of Pay: \$14.25

Substitute Appointment  
Name: Andrea Dow  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
Substitute Teaching Assistant  
NYSED: Uncertified  
Effective: 01/21/2022

CSE Minutes  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes:  
09/07/2021, 09/30/2021, 12/20/2021, 12/20/2021 (2), 12/21/2021, 01/06/2022

Gifts & Donations-None at this time.  
Probationary to Permanent- None at this time.  
Transportation Request-None at this time.

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.  
Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business  
Correction-January 6, 2022 Minutes

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that the Board of Education approve the correction of the following Dec. 16, 2021 appointment to reflect the correct hourly rate:

Name: Aimee Bennett  
Position: School Bus Driver (Option A)  
Effective: 01/03/2021  
Hourly Rate of Pay: ~~\$19.77~~ **\$27.18**

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Corsner  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business  
Policy  
Second Reading

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board of Education approves the second and final reading of the following policy

Policy 1230-Public Comment at Board Meetings  
Policy 8505-Charging School Meals and Prohibition against Shaming  
Mr. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2022 Senior Class Trip

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the 2022 Senior Class trip from (April 29-May 1, 2022) as presented pending compliance with Board of Education Policy #8460.

Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Jones.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Revised Extra-Classroom Audit Corrective Action Plan

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the revised Extra-Classroom Audit Corrective Action Plan of the Seneca Falls Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2021 as recommended by the Audit Committee in conjunction with the Administrator of Business & Operations.

Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Surplus Equipment

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 #6900

Harvey Portable Exhaust System (Cat. No. L3509)  
Rotary 500 lbs. Wheel Lift System

Mrs. Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hartwell.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Budget Workshop

Mr. Bruni, Administrator of Business & Operations, started the review of the District's WFL BOCES services. Mr. Bruni focused on the WFL BOCES (Special Education and Itinerant Services) budget and the transportation budget.

WFL BOCES

There is an anticipated increase of 2.33% for special education programs for the district and a 4.92% increase in itinerant services.

70% of the entire BOCES budget focuses on special education and itinerant (OT, Deaf/Visual Interpreter) programs.

Transportation

Overall contractual and supply code spending has increased by 4.5% from last school year; Supply expenses have decreased ABOUT \$19,000 due to downsizing from transition; Contractual costs have increased \$31,500 due to bus body work and gas and diesel fuel; Utilities for the new facility have increased compared to last year; a budget adjustment will be made for the next school year.

Executive Session-Negotiations and Personnel Matter and Matters Leading to the Employment of a Particular Person. (Contingent upon adoption of a motion during the public portion of the meeting in accordance with Section 105 of the Public Officers Law).

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:22 pm to discuss negotiations, a personnel matter and matters leading to the employment of a particular person.

Mr. Reigel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mirras.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 9:10 pm.

Seneca Falls Education Association (SFEA) MOA

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the SFEA regarding Teaching Assistant and Nurse Negotiations, effective Sept. 1, 2021.

**Mrs. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Corsner. (Corrected at Feb. 3, 2022 BOE Mtg.)**

**Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1 Motion carried**

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Cara Lajewski, Board President