

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 7, 2022-6:00 PM
Transportation Center
MASKS RECOMMENDED IN ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS
BUT NOT REQUIRED

BOE Members Present

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

BOE Members Absent: Ms. Deborah Corsner, Mr. Michael Mirras, and Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten

Others Present: Mr. Jeramy Clingerman, Mr. James Bruni, Mrs. Anna Luisi-Ellis and Mrs. Jamie Oberdorf

Mrs. Lajewski called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 addendums as listed.

ADD under IX. Consent Agenda

A. Resignation/Retirement

2. SFEA

Name: Cassidy Carrafiello

Position: Teacher-Grade 2

3. SFSSA

Name: Lauri Picchi

Position: Teacher Aide

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

Mr. Clingerman informed the Board that Mrs. Blamble was unable to attend the meeting tonight to present. She will attend a future Board meeting to give the CSE report.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes

March 24, 2022

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated March 24, 2022

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

March 28, 2022

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated March 28, 2022

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Mr. Hartwell reported that the committee met on April 5, 2022 and reviewed the following:

Policy 4810- -Teaching About Controversial Issues

There is more work to be done on the policy before it is brought to the Board.

Policy 2160 -School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics

Any Board member that does business with/for the district must let the district (and Board) know.

Any Board member that serves on another non-for profit or charitable organization must inform the district and the Board. Board members will be required to fill out a form each year in July stating whether they have any conflicts.

Information:

Mrs. Jamie Oberdorf and Mrs. Anna Luisi-Ellis presented on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity). Mrs. Oberdorf and Mrs. Luisi-Ellis did a presentation for faculty and staff. They held a book study to share reflections and learnings.

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Bruni reported to the Board regarding district utility costs. Electric is up 5%; water and sewer is up 2% and gas is up 35%.

2022-2023 Budget Presentation

Mr. James Bruni, Business Administrator, presented the 2022-2023 budget to the Board (see attached).

Superintendent Report

Mr. Clingerman reported on the following:

- COVID-the district currently has 23 cases.
- DASA-shared the process for reporting; shared the numbers for 2020-2021 school year. In the 2017-2018 school year, the process changed to the current one. Incident reporting use to be referred to as VADIR (Violent & Disruptive Incident Reporting). The incident reporting process is now referred to as SSEC (School Safety and the Educational Climate).
- Mrs. Zellers indicated that at that time in 2017-2018, there was an increase in sexual harassment reports across the state. The process at that time was not working. Mrs. Zellers also indicated that the SSEC process would more likely be changing again to make it clearer.

BOE President Report

Mrs. Lajewski reminded Board members that she would be emailing out the menu for dinner selections for the special meetings.

Board Member Comments

- Mr. McNamara stated that the Board use to invite WFL BOCES students to a board meeting to report on their experience attending one of the program career pathways. Mr. McNamara would like invite students again. Mr. Hartwell asked if there were still tours of the different WFL BOCES schools available still. Mr. Clingerman reported that the tours stopped when COVID hit and they have not resumed.
- Mr. Hartwell also asked if the fiber cable between Frank Knight School and the SF Middle School was completed. Yes, it was.
- Mr. Hartwell also reported that there is a small area behind the middle school that appeared to have shifted and could be a tripping hazard. Mr. Clingerman will look into it and have it taken care of.

Consent Agenda

Resignation/Retirement

SFAA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation and grants her any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Administrator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Name: Jennifer Palmer

Position: School Psychologist

Effective date of resignation: June 30, 2022

SFEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation and grants her any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Name: Cassidy Carrafiello
Position: Teacher-Grade 2
Effective date of resignation: June 30, 2022

SFSSA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation and grants her any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Support Staff Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Name: Lauri Picchi
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective date of resignation: September 7, 2022

Appointments

Professional Appointments(s)-None at this time
Civil Service Appointment(s) –None at this time
Substitute Appointment(s) –None at this time

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes:

03/01/2022, 03/08/2022, 03/09/2022, 03/10/2022, 03/11/2022, 03/14/2022, 03/15/2022, 03/16/2022, 03/21/2022, 03/24/2022, 03/25/2022

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:
Next Gen Personal Finance	\$1,000	A2110-450-04-0100	Materials to meet the Grant Guidelines-Mission: 2025 Challenge

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 listed.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

There was no old business.

New Business

May 17, 2022 Propositions

2022-2023 Budget Proposition

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve placing the following proposition on the ballot for the May 17, 2022 vote:

PROPOSITION 1 - 2022-2023 Budget Proposition

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to expend the sum of thirty-four million, three-hundred ninety-four thousand, nine-hundred

nineteen dollars (\$34,394,919) in the 2022-2023 school year with such amount to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of such School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

General Capital Reserve Fund Proposition

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve placing the following proposition on the ballot for the May 17, 2022 vote:

PROPOSITION 2- General Capital Reserve Fund Proposition

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District is hereby authorized to and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, which shall be known as the "General Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, repairs, improvements, alterations, renovation, reconstruction, and protection of all school buildings including machinery, vehicles, equipment, apparatus, or furnishings required for the purposes of such buildings including playgrounds, recreation areas, parking areas, roadways, and sidewalks connected to such buildings, all as permitted by Local Finance Law. The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed eleven million, five-hundred thousand dollars (\$11,500,000) plus amounts earned on deposit on reserve funds. The probable existence of said reserve fund shall be ten (10) years, but the fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund shall be from an initial transfer of unexpended funds from the existing General Capital Reserve Fund which shall be liquidated in accordance with law by this Proposition, current and future unappropriated balance as directed by the Board of Education, amounts from budgetary appropriations, transfers from other reserve funds as authorized by law, New York State building aid as directed by the Board of Education, and interest earnings.. No monies can be expended from the General Capital Reserve Fund without voter approval.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses Proposition

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve placing the following proposition on the ballot for the May 17, 2022 vote:

PROPOSITION 3 - Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses Proposition

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, which shall be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses", for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase and replacement of vehicles for the transportation of District students, including all costs incidental to the acquisition thereof, as permitted by Local Finance Law. The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) plus amounts earned on deposit on reserve funds. The probable existence of said reserve fund shall be ten (10) years, but the fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund shall be from an initial transfer of unexpended funds from the existing Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses, which shall be liquidated in accordance with law by this Proposition, current and future unappropriated balance as directed by the Board of Education, amounts from budgetary appropriations, transfers from other reserve funds as authorized by law, New York State transportation aid as directed by the Board of Education, and interest earnings.. No monies can be expended from the General Capital Reserve Fund without voter approval.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2022-2023 Purchase of Buses Proposition

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve placing the following proposition on the ballot for the May 17, 2022 vote:

PROPOSITION 4 - 2022-2023 Purchase of Buses Proposition

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to purchase of three buses and two vans for the transportation of District students, for a sum of money not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00); said amount to be expended in the 2022-2023 fiscal year; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be withdrawn from the District's "Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses", in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to approve the following proposition to be placed on the ballot for the May 17, 2022 vote:

PROPOSITION 5 - Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

Shall the sum of three hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$337,000.00) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library?

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

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 Agreement as presented:

- SFEA MOA - TOSA Curriculum and Technology Support Specialist 2022 – 2023
- SFEA MOA- Child Rearing Leave for Unit Members who are not the Birth Parent 3-15-22

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

School Resource Officer Agreement

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Seneca Falls Central School District and the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department for School Resource Officer services for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Sports Participation Girls Lacrosse-Romulus CSD

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion that whereas the Seneca Falls Central School District and Romulus Central School District have met to ascertain the advantages of combining sports teams; and

Whereas Seneca Falls Central School District and Romulus Central School District have agreed on terms for merging Girls Lacrosse;

Be it therefore resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the merger of Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls Lacrosse;

Be it further resolved that the Seneca Falls Central School District will be the host school, following the Seneca Falls Central School District Coach's salary schedule and coaches handbook; and

Be it further resolved, that the students from each district will follow their own schools' Code of Conduct; and

Be it further resolved, that all of the costs associated with the girls lacrosse program for the spring of 2022 (such as supplies, field maintenance, officials, salaries, and transportation) will be based on a percentage of the athletes that participate from Seneca Falls CSD and Romulus CSD, and will be billed to Romulus Central School District.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session- SFAA Negotiations and the hiring of a particular person.

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss SFAA Negotiations and the hiring of a particular person at 7:40 pm

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 8:27 pm.

Adjourn

Mrs. Lajewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Cara Lajewski, Board President