

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 19, 2023 Board of Education Meeting/Elizabeth Cady Stanton School Roundtable
Elizabeth Cady Stanton School
6:00 PM

BOE Members Present

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara Cara Lajewski, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara, Michael Mirras, Joell Murney-Karsten, Heather Zellers

BOE Members Absent
None

Others Present

Dr. Reed, James Bruni, Amy Hibbard, Teachers: Stacey Alessio, Emily Porretta, Elizabeth Jones, Jessica Passalacqua, Scott Sciera, Lauren Passalacqua, and Maeghan Westmiller, Anthony Noone, Natalie Hare, Anthony Noone and Melissa Woodard; Students: Michael Lambert, Harper Tanner, Randi Polite Irelynn Flahavan and Maddox McCully

Joseph McNamara 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

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the revised agenda as listed.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes
January 5, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated January 5, 2023.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Joell Murney-Karsten.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
December 2022

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2022.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
December 2022

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for December 2022.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
Elizabeth Cady Stanton School Roundtable

Amy Hibbard, ECS Principal welcomed the Board of Education and everyone in attendance to the roundtable.

The principal stated that she had three intentions for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Be your best whatever your role and do your best every day;
- We are a team. We support each other. We are not competitors.
- There is no such thing as a bad kid-just angry, hurt, tired, scared, confused, impulsive ones expressing their feelings and needs the only way they know how. We owe it to every single one of them to remember that.

The principal stated that there are two golden rules the school goes by: be safe and be kind.

The principal shared a video of how to be the "I" in Kind.

Tonight's roundtable focus was going to be on literacy.

Lauren Passalacqua and Maeghan Westmiller (Reading Teachers) shared information regarding the Fontas & Pinnell Benchmark system and explained the procedure assessment.

Scott Sciera (4th Gr. Teacher) was present and shared information regarding Foundational Literacy Skills. Mr. Sciera also shared a Foundational Skills rap video of his students.

Stacey Alessio and Emily Porretta (5th Gr. Teachers) were present along with their students, Michael Lambert, Harper Tanner, Randi Polite, Irelynn Flahavan, and Maddox McCully, to share information regarding Guided Reading Lessons.

Jessica Passalacqua and Elizabeth Jones (3rd Gr. Teachers) were present and shared information regarding Literacy Centers which consist of whole group ready lessons.

Amy Hibbard shared the Elizabeth Cady Stanton School Improvement Plan, student achievement and what's ahead for the school.

"It's impossible to do everything perfectly, but we do the best we can."

Public Comment

The Seneca Falls Board of Education welcomes public comment. Speakers may comment on matters related to agenda items specifically or district matters generally. No speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than three (3) minutes. Public comments will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. All speakers and observers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene language, defamatory statements, threats of violence, statements advocating racial, religious, or other forms of prejudice will not be tolerated. In the unlikely event the meeting becomes unruly, the board will recess the meeting and return once order has been restored.

Persons addressing the Board of Education during public comment should not expect to engage in discussion with the Board. The Board will not permit any comments involving specific individual personnel or students.

Questions and comments from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be referred to the Superintendent. Persons wishing to have matters included on the agenda shall contact the Superintendent in accordance with Policy 2342, Agenda Preparation.

Committee Reports Facilities Committee

Michael Mirras reported that the facilities committee met on January 9, 2023 and discussed the following regarding the upcoming capital project:

Reviewed the roles and responsibilities;

How communication was going to happen; phone numbers were exchanged;

The RFP for the construction management firm;

When and if other consulting services would be necessary;

The size and scope of the project (\$20-24 million dollars);

Timeline of the project, fieldwork, and facilities assessment;

December 5, 2023 is the potential date for a capital project vote.

Policy Committee

Cara Lajewski reported that the policy committee met on January 9, 2023; she emailed the following notes to the board members regarding the policies discussed:

Policy 4321.12: Use of Time-out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives

- Addition of "Time-Out Rooms" section in our policy to provide for any student moving into our district with an IEP. Discussion around the state definitions for "time out" and "time out room" and behavioral intervention plans.
- Use of aversives is not permitted for our district (only those districts having a student-specific exception from SED in place by June 30, 2007 may still have one in place.)
- Additional provision for communication to parents
- Regulation 4321.12 Use of Time Out Rooms: Update to communication piece

Policy 4327: Homebound Instruction

- NYSSBA added differentiation between disciplinary and medical reasons for homebound instruction
- The addition of homebound instruction being approved by the superintendent
- increase in hours required by SED for homebound instruction
- process for approval of homebound instruction, steps by parents, steps by district

Policy 6830: Expense Reimbursement

- Clarification on personal expenses, reimbursable expenses and procedures for staff to follow for reimbursement

Policy 9645: Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

- Additional terms of “wrongful conduct”
- Additional pathways for reporting and investigation

For next policy committee meeting:

Policy 8121.1: Opioid Overdose Prevention

- To review our policy in accordance with update suggestions from Seneca County Department of Health

Information
Warrants

11/01/2022- 11/30/2022

Warrant #35 (A)	\$ 670,604.17
Warrant #36 (A)	\$ 21,160.33
Warrant #37 (A)	\$ 327,024.95
Warrant #40 (A)	\$ 14,791.40
Warrant #15 (C)	\$ 20,792.46
Warrant #16 (C)	\$ 33,187.28
Warrant #17 (C)	\$ 18,542.51
Warrant #10 (F)	\$ 681.00
Warrant #11 (F)	\$ 567.62
Warrant #12 (F)	\$ 2,544.31

12/01/2022- 12/31/2022

Warrant #41 (A)	\$1,061,212.09
Warrant #44 (A)	\$ 25,355.02
Warrant #45 (A)	\$ 25,231.66
Warrant #46 (A)	\$ 10,930.00
Warrant #49 (A)	\$ 15,206.43
Warrant #50 (A)	\$ 6,494.07
Warrant #18 (C)	\$ 15,631.79
Warrant #19 (C)	\$ 1,451.55
Warrant #13 (F)	\$ 2,259.00
Warrant #14 (F)	\$ 1,167.66
Warrant #15 (F)	\$ 3,484.31

Business Administrator Report

James Bruni handed out information regarding a 2023 insurance proposal Cyber Liability and reviewed it with the Board.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported that she and Faith Lewis visited Northeast College during the week. They were able to see the new cadaver lab. Dr. Reed has scheduled another meeting with the college to discuss possible undergraduate courses for MA students.

Dr. Reed also informed the Board that she had nominated Noah Smith for the Superintendent Award at WFL BOCES.

BOE President Report

Mr. McNamara reminded the Board members of the upcoming virtual lobby day (Feb. 10, 2023) and the in-person lobby day on February 15, 2023.

Important Dates to Remember

January 19, 2023-BOE Meeting/ECS Roundtable (cafeteria)

January 20-21, 2023-Middle School Play

January 28, 2023- Jr. /Sr. High- All County Music Festival

January 24-27, 2023-Regents Exams

January 31, 2023- 4 County SBA Professional Development “Business and STEM Education Partnerships”

February 2, 2023-BOE Meeting

February 10, 2023-Virtual Capital Conference.

February 15, 2023-Capital Conference and Lobby Day for 2023

February 20-24, 2023 Winter Break

Consent Agenda
Retirements/Resignations

None at this time

Appointments
Professional Appointments
None at this time.

Civil Service Appointment
None at this time.

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: Chloe Morrell
Civil Service Position: Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teaching Assistant
NYS Certification: Uncertified
Effective: Pending NYSED fingerprinting approval

Name: Amanda Barclay
Civil Service Position: Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teaching Assistant
NYS Certification: Uncertified
Effective: Pending NYSED fingerprinting approval

Probationary to Permanent
None at this time

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes:
12/19/2022, 12/20/2022

Gifts and Donations

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following gifts or donations:

Donor	Total Amount	Account	
SF Education Foundation	\$3,000	A(2705)	Purchase equipment for Seneca Falls CSD Athletic Program
Clix Portrait Studios.	\$618.21		MA (Gr. 9-12) Miscellaneous Supplies/Materials
See attached list	\$330.00	A(2705)	Memorial contributions in memory of Marlene LoTurco to be used for the Frank Knight Reading Program
Tops in Education	\$76.69	A(2705)	ECS PBIS Supplies
Tops in Education	\$84.56	A(2705)	MA Miscellaneous Supplies/Materials

Transportation Requests
None at this time.

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
None at this time
New Business

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 4321-Use of Time Out Rooms and Physical Restrains
Regulation 4321.12- Use of Time Out Rooms Regulation
Policy 4327-Homebound Instruction
Policy 6830-Expense Reimbursement
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Policy 9645- Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy)

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Create Positions (2)

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to create the following positions:
2-Typist (FTE 1.0)-12 months

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2023-2024 Budget Workshop

Dr. Michelle Reed and James Bruni reviewed the BOCES budget and transportation budget with the Board. James Bruni thanked the Director of Special Programs for assisting him in the projections for the next school year.

Executive Session

Personnel

Superintendent Mid-Year Review

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss the Superintendent's mid-year review.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 9:05 pm.

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara, Board President