

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 2, 2023 Board of Education Meeting
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room
6:00 pm

BOE 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, Karen Wylie and Jennifer Wick

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 agenda with the addendum as listed.

Add under consent:

F. Termination

Name: Jacqueline Pethybridge

Joell Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes

January 19, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated January 19, 2023.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

None at this time.

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

None at this time

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.

Jennifer Wick and Karen Wylie were present to speak on the Senior Banners.

Information

Melissa Koepke, 5th Grade-LOA

Elizabeth Tanner, Math Teacher-LOA

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

Clarified the MOA's on the agenda regarding the Rural Mental Health Professional Expansion Program. The MOA's are with the partnerships the district has for the grant. The district is the lead agency for the grant program.

ROCDog, Inc. MOA is a grant to bring therapy dogs in to the district on five dates. Parents will be notified. There is no cost to the district.

Attended DEI training at WFL BOCES on Jan. 31 with four teachers, Dr. Breana Mullen and Denise Lorenzetti. Next session is Feb. 28. Denise Lorenzetti found the training a great opportunity to collaborate with other districts and maybe implement some of other district strategies in our own district.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara thanked Deborah Corsner for supporting and representing the district at Four County meetings.

BOE Member Comments

Deborah Corsner reported that she attended the January 31 –Business & STEM Education Partnerships - Professional Development Meeting with CNS.

Important Dates to Remember

February 10, 2023-Virtual Capital Conference

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

February 16, 2023-BOE Meeting/FK Roundtable

February 20-24, 2023-Winter Break

February 27, 2023-DEI Committee at 4:00 pm

DSC Committee at 5:15 pm

March 2, 2023-Safety Committee at 3:30 pm.

March 24, 2023-4 County SBA-Meeting of the Minds

Consent Agenda

Probationary to Permanent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the probationary to permanent appointment of the following employee(s):

Employee	Position	Effective
Dustin Bennett	Bus Monitor	02/18/2023

CSE Minutes

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

10/21/2022, 01/04/2023, 01/05/2023, 01/06/2023, 01/10/2023, 01/12/2023 (1), 01/12/2023 (2), 01/13/2023

Gifts and Donations

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

Donor	Amount	Account	
Anthony Ferrara	\$20.00	A(2705)	Memorial contributions in memory of Marlene LoTurco-Frank Knight Reading Program
Scott & Rosalia McCormick	\$50.00	A(2705)	Memorial contributions in memory of Marlene LoTurco-Frank Knight Reading Program
Delores Hubbard	\$25.00	A(2705)	Memorial contributions in memory of Marlene LoTurco-Frank Knight Reading Program
Summit Federal Credit Union	\$145.00	A(2705)	K-12 miscellaneous supplies

Transportation Requests

None at this time

Termination

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby terminate the following employee:

Name: Jacqueline Pethybridge
Civil Service Position: Bus Driver
Effective date: Jan. 26, 2023

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

Old Business
None at this time

New Business
Policy-2nd Reading

Joseph McNamara 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 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
Regulation-6830- Expense Reimbursement regulation
Policy 9645- Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy)

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

Sports Participation
Boys Lacrosse Romulus CSD

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion 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 combining modified boys lacrosse;

Be it therefore resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve up to ten (10) Romulus students participate in the district modified boys lacrosse program;

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 modified boys lacrosse program for the spring of 2023 (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.

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

Girls Lacrosse-Romulus CSD

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion 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 combining modified girls and varsity girls lacrosse;

Be it therefore resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve up to ten (10) Romulus students total participate in the district modified girls and varsity girl's lacrosse program;

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 modified girls and varsity girls lacrosse program for the spring of 2023 (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.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Memorandum of Agreements

Rural Mental Health Professional Expansion Program MOAs

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following memorandum of agreements for Seneca Falls Central School District, lead agent for the Rural Mental Health Professional Expansion Program:

MOA-Seneca Falls CSD and University of Rochester Warner School of Education

MOA-Seneca Falls CSD and Medaille University

MOA-Seneca Falls CSD and the New York State School Counselor Association

MOA-Seneca Falls CSD and Peaceful Schools

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

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

ROCDog, Inc.

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following memorandum of agreement for Seneca Falls Central School District:

MOA-Seneca Falls CSD and ROCDog, Inc.

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 School Year Budget Vote

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves that the public hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Operations Center

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Time and Location of Annual Budget Vote on May 16, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following location and time for the Annual Budget vote to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023:

Operations Center

2 Butler Avenue

Seneca Falls, NY

Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Seneca County Board of Elections

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Seneca Falls Central School District, and the Seneca County Board of Elections for the use of an Image-cast voting machine and services provided on May 16, 2023.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2023-2024 Budget Workshop Dr. Michelle Reed and James Bruni

James Bruni reviewed Understanding State Aid (Foundation Aid Factors) and the Initial Tax Cap with the Board

Budget = State Aid + Tax Levy + Miscellaneous (revenues)

Foundation Aid Formula:

Total Foundation Aid = Adjusted Foundation Amt. X Expected Minimum Local contribution X Total Aidable Foundation Pupil Units

There has been a 9.4% increase in the poverty census from 2000 to 2021.

20% increase from 2007 to 2023 in Free & Reduced Price Lunches.

Combined Wealth Ratio (CWR) is a measure of a district's wealth taken into account both full valuation of the district's real property and income of residents of the district (SFCSD CWR=0.535).

The Town of Seneca Falls is currently at a 77% equalization rate for assessments.

Executive Session
SFAA Negotiations

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to enter into executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss SFAA negotiations.

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 7:21 pm.

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Michael Mirras made the motion, seconded by Joell Murney-Karsten.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara, Board President