

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 16, 2023 Board of Education Meeting
BOE Meeting/Frank Knight Roundtable
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. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Janet Clendenen, Stephanie Moll, Darla Shumway, Jennifer Morrell, Becky Allan, Jessica Lambert, Debbie Mead, Stephanie Lando, Carleen Mull, Jennifer Brown, Christine Tompkins, Hande MacDonald, Paula Coffey, Lisa Furletti, Lizzie Miller and Holly Stackus (FK PTO) and other Frank Knight Elementary teachers.

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 as listed.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes

February 2, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated February 2, 2023.

Joell Murney-Karsten made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
January 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2023.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
January 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for January 2023.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
Frank Knight Elementary School Roundtable

Lisa Furletti was present to introduce Lizzie Miller and Holly Stackus, Frank Knight PTO Co-Chairs and to recognize them for all the work they do for the Frank Knight School.

Stephanie Moll was present along with two students, to discuss the school's literacy initiative.

Darla Shumway and Jennifer Morrell, Pre-K teachers, were present with their teaching assistants, Becky Allen and Jessica Lambert, to report to the Board about the Pre-K program, which is in its first year. Darla and Jennifer reported to the Board what the day of a Pre-K student would look like.

Debbie Mead and Stephanie Lando presented on the Knight School for Parents & Children. The program started in 2003 to familiarize students and families with Frank Knight School.

Carleen Mull and Jennifer Brown presented on MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) at Frank Knight.

Christine Thompkins and Hande McDonald, Social Workers, presented on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports).

Morgan D'Eredita and Gwyneth Breeze-Rycko presented on Promoting Cultural Diversity-Community Speakers in Classrooms.

Paula Coffey presented the Little Free Library (Take a book. Share a book.) initiative. Paula's goal is to bring a Little Free Library to the elementary campuses. Thomas Rowley, MA student, will build two little libraries as his Eagle Scout project; one for Frank Knight and one for Cady Stanton.

Paula also reported to the Board that FoodLink is changing their process after this year. Paula is hoping to turn the BackPack Program into a school based pantry.

Janet Clendenen, Principal, presented the Frank Knight report to the Board. Some of the items reviewed were: Literacy Initiatives; Frank Knight School Improvement Goals; Benchmarking Assessment Data; iReady Reading results and iReady Math results; Zones of Regulation (framework that develops awareness of feelings, energy and alertness while exploring a variety of tools and strategies for regulation, prosocial skills, self-care and overall wellness); and mental health needs.

The Frank Knight Principal also wanted to thank and congratulate Theresa Stevens who retired as the secretary at Frank Knight Elementary School. Theresa had over 31+ years with the school district.

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 committee met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the following:

- The district received proposal from seven construction management firms and was able to whittle the proposals down to five.
- Interviews will be held on March 1, 2023
- There will be a walk-through on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 with the engineers. The goal is to prioritize and group what needs to be done in the next capital project.

Information

Stephanie Moll-Gr. 2 Teacher LOA (Admin. Internship) Eff. 09/01/2023
Lisa Lawler-Teacher Aide LOA eff. 02/17/2023

Business Administrator Report

James Bruni informed the Board that the town of Seneca Falls will be holding a Town Equalization Meeting on February 28, 2023 at the Community Center. The town assessments are currently at 77%.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed wanted to thank a number of people after the district’s recent loss of a teacher-Mary Ouderkirk. Dr. Reed thanked the Seneca Falls Police Department for their immediate response and support. Dr. Reed thanked Principal Amy Hibbard for her leadership. She also thanked Christine Tompkins, Susan Moulton and Deanna Clemenson for their support on Saturday to faculty and staff. Dr. Reed thanked the counselor, maintenance department, Waterloo Central School District for providing therapy dogs to students, New Field elementary School and the community in general who has reached out with support and help. Dr. Reed said that the school community is tight and they will get through this together. Dr. Reed stated that she is proud to be part of this community.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara updated the Board on some upcoming meetings.

- February 28, 2023-Four County Professional Development Meeting with Matt Frahm.
- March 24, 2023-Four County, in conjunction with Rural School Association, “Meeting of the Minds” (Safety & Mental Health Issues).
- March 25, 2023-Monroe County School Boards Association is hosting an in-person *Prospective School Board Candidate Seminar*. The event will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Rochester.
- Wednesday, April 26, 2023 is the date the Board will vote on the WFL BOCES Administrative Budget.

Important Dates to Remember

February 20-24, 2023 Winter Break
February 27, 2023-DEI Committee at 4:00 pm
DSC Committee at 5:15 pm
February 28, 2023-4County SBA-Professional Development Meeting
March 2, 2023-Safety Committee at 3:30 pm
March 17, 2023-Superintendent Conference Day
March 24, 2023-4 County SBA-Meeting of the Minds

Consent Agenda
Retirements/Resignations
SFEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation:

Name: Julet Dinan
Position: Physical therapist
Effective Date: 07/21/2023

SFSSA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation:

Name: Tiffany Nye White
Position: Bus Driver
Effective Date: 02/06/2023

Appointments
Professional Appointments
None at this time
Civil Service Appointment

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

Name: Lisa Lawler
Civil Service Position: Typist
Effective Date: 02/17/2023
Probationary period: 02/17/2023 through 02/16/2024
Hourly Rate: \$15.42
Hours per day: 7.0

Name: Kathryn Morreale
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide
Effective Date: 02/09/2023
Probationary period: 02/09/2023 through 02/08/2024
Hourly Rate: \$14.89
Hours per day: 6.0

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: Tiffany White Nye
Civil Service Position: Bus Driver
Effective: 02/07/2023

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
Tracy Bennett	Sr. FSH	02/22/2023
Deanna Monaghan	School Monitor	02/29/2023

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes:
01/17/2023, 01/19/2023, 01/23/2023, 01/24/2023, 01/06/2023, 01/27/2023, 01/30/2023

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	
Cady Stanton PTO	\$1,121.24	A(2705)	Purchase portable PA system for ECS school building
NYS Five Points Correction Facility-Employee Benefit Fund	\$1000.00	A(2705)	School lunches
Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.	\$32.93	A2020-450-04-0000	Misc. supplies for Gr. 9-12
Frank Knight PTO	\$299.00	A2020-400-02-0000	Smith Opera House “Pete the Cat” (Arts in Education)

Transportation Requests

None at this time.

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.
Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
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 Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following people listed as election inspectors for the May 16, 2023 budget vote/election.

Election Inspector	May 16, 2023 Budget/Election Vote	Hourly Rate
Fred Capozzi	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$14.54
Denise Capozzi	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$14.54
Ted Novak	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$14.54
Patricia Novak	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$14.54

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

2023-2024 Budget Workshop

Dr. Michelle Reed and James Bruni reviewed the anticipated 2023-2024 revenues, state aid projections, and tax cap considerations.

Executive Session

Negotiations

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss negotiations.

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

Monica Kuney. District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 8:34 pm.

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.
Michael Mirras made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara, Board President

Adjourn