

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
March 23, 2023 Board of Education Meeting/SF Middle School 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, Kevin Rhinehart, Kevin Korzeniewski, Nicole Spitzer, Dana Colvin, Meghan Barbay, John Cronin. Mary Lee, Amylin Marley, Ryan Ross, Simon Crandall, Joey McLean, Mylee Hager, Noah Butler,

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.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.

Yes    9            No        0            Abstain        0            Motion carried

Approve or Amend  
Board of Education Minutes  
March 9, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated March 9, 2023.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Joell Murney-Karsten.

Yes    9            No        0            Abstain        0            Motion carried

Treasurer's Report  
None at this time.

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report  
February 2023

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

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes    9            No        0            Abstain        0            Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations  
SF Middle School Roundtable

The following teachers and students presented at the Seneca Falls Middle School Roundtable:

John Cronin and Meghan Barbay (Reading)

- 2022-2023-Continue to reflect on and implement revamped Curriculum; Continue to implement program changes in unison with the Literacy Team; Further define criteria and screening measures for students receiving Title I services at SFMS.
- Next year: Purposefully schedule students receiving Title I services to the best of our ability to reach as many students who need support as possible; Engage in even more professional development about phonics instruction and active reading
- Beyond: Enhanced screening measures and teacher knowledge will allow us to effectively instruct students
- and allow them to succeed academically and in society; Continue to think about how to engage students and the community in literacy-rich events and activities

The district has implemented Fountas & Pinnell reading testing benchmarking system. The testing offers "more" and "better" data. Both students and staff adjust to the testing (arguably more challenging comprehension questions). The district continues to implement reading review recommendations (e.g. selecting a new testing program, further align curriculum to reading anchor standards, etc.).

Nicole Spitzer (Gr. 6 Social Studies)

MTSS Strategies - Teacher and Student Led

- We meet as a grade level 2x a month on Mondays to discuss students and strategies with our MTSS (multi-tiered support system) Coach, Kristen Poole.
- Also meet regularly during planning periods and after school if additional conversation is needed.

Nicole reviewed:

- Social Studies Content Areas (Geography/Map skills, Stone Age, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient India, Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Middle Ages, Renaissance)
- Ways students learn vocabulary using Gimkit (a classroom game-show platform where students compete by answering questions on their electronic devices).

Dana Colvin (Family & Consumers)

Star Club

- Students Teaching, Acceptance, and Respect
- Meets once a month with Dana Colvin, Jordan Emerson, and Michele Joseph (Seneca County Counselor)
- Club is for Grades 6-12

Rise Club

- Sarah Smolinski from Seneca County runs the meetings
- The club meets once a month with Dana Colvin, Jordan Emerson, and Michele Joseph
- Promotes Resilience & Inclusions for Students Everywhere
- The club is for all Seneca County Students Grades 6-12

Cookie Lab and parties

Melissa Morrin (Gr. 7)

The principal shared a video done by Melissa Morrin and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Students Simon Crandall, Joey Mclean and Mylee Hager

- Simon Crandall shared information regarding Character (Blue Bucks, Blue Cart and Blue Rewards);
- Joey Mclean shared information regarding academics (advances classes, reading lab, 10<sup>th</sup> period);
- Mylee Hager shared information regarding Engagement (team building, field trips, fun nights).

Amylin Marley (Gr. 8 ELA)

- Reviewed NYS Next Generation State Standards for English: Reading (Literacy Text and Information text), Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language.
- Students are building up their Writing portfolio.

Ryan Ross (Gr. 8 Science)

- Reported that students are working on the following topics: Properties of Matter, Forces and Motion, Energy and Waves, Weather and Human Impact on the Environment
- State Test Review (Topics from 6th, 7th & 8th Grades)

Mary Lee (Gr. 7 Math) presented on MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) and PBIS (

- 2018-2019-PBIS-creating BLUE expectations
- 2019-2020-First year of implementation of PBIS and MTSS Tier 1 and Tier 2
- 2020-2021-COVID hit-remote learning
- 2021-2022-Transition year-re-implemented PBIS and MTSS (Tier 1 & 2). Shift in mindset as student needs increased post-pandemic.
- 2022-2023-What can we do to be proactive and targeted with more support?

MTSS Updates

- Increased Support: 4 Coaches, Assistant Principal,
- Coordinator of Intervention and Student Services
- Consistent Monday Team Meetings with MTSS Agenda Item

Kevin Rhinehart presented goals and shared data on the Middle School,

2023-2024 Budget Presentation

James Bruni reviewed the following with the Board:

- The proposed budget by function (expenses by function, and expenses by object).
- Any further increases in State Aid will eliminate the use of reserves.
- The district newsletter regarding the 2023-2024 budget/election is currently being drafted and will be sent out to residents by the end of April.

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

None at this time

Information

Jamie Oberdorf-LOA (return date of 03/30/2023)

Warrants

02/01/2023 – 02/28/2023

Warrant #63 (A)	\$ 753,194.16
Warrant #64 (A)	\$ 408,239.55
Warrant #68 (A)	\$ 38,399.55
Warrant #69 (A)	\$ 387,242.77
Warrant #24 (C)	\$ 17,381.05
Warrant #25 (C)	\$ 4,927.45
Warrant #26 (C)	\$ 550.80
Warrant #27 (C)	\$ 12,907.45
Warrant #20 (F)	\$ 1,351.44
Warrant #21 (F)	\$ 3,368.41
Warrant #22 (F)	\$ 23,064.68
Warrant #23 (F)	\$ 20,718.75
Warrant #23 (H)	\$ 135,922.31
Warrant #23 (H)	\$ 10,519.05

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed invited members of the Board of Education to attend the Superintendent/Board of education luncheon and tour of the Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center on April 14, 2023. Lunch will be prepared by the culinary students and the Board members will then take a guided tour led by students. Dr. Reed reported that the Superintendent Day on March 17 was a success. Middle School teachers were trained on youth mental health. The training will help teachers identify students that may be in need and help provide resources for them. All teachers in the district will be trained.

BOE President Report

The Board President informed the members that he will be sending information to them regarding the Superintendent evaluation and what the next steps will be.

Important Dates to Remember

March 23 & 24, 2023-Parent-Teacher Conferences (1/2 day K-5)  
March 24, 2023- 4 County SBA-Meeting of the Minds  
March 27, 2023-Benefits Committee 7:30 am  
March 28, 2023-Chorus Concert (HS) Gr. 3-5 and Gr. 6-12  
April 11, 2023-Facilities Committee Mtg-8:00 am  
April 13, 2023-BOE Meeting

Consent Agenda

Retirements/Resignations

SFEA

None at this time

SFSSA

None at this time

Appointments

Professional Appointments

None at this time

2022-2023 Coaching

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following appointments for the 2022-2023 school year.

Employee	Coaching Position	Stipend
Trish Brewer	Modified Track & Field	\$2,190.09
Marnie Impastato	Modified Track & Field PAID Assist.	\$2,000.00
Justin Mahoney	Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$2,190.09
Joe Jacuzzi	Modified Boys Tennis Coach	\$2,190.09

Civil Service Appointment

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: Cassidy Adams  
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: 03/24/2023  
Probationary period: 03/24/2023 through 03/23/2024  
Hourly Rate: \$14.89  
Hours per day: 6

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: Donna Baildon  
Civil Service Position: Food Service Helper  
Effective: 03/24/2023

Name: Kelly Taylor  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
NYS Certification: Uncertified  
Effective: 03/24/2023

Probationary to Permanent

None at this time

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE minutes:  
11/28/2022, 01/23/2023, 02/27/2023, 02/28/2023, 03/01/2023, 03/02/2023

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	
Lois & Laura Dugo	\$75.00	A(2705)	Memorial contributions in memory of Marlene LoTurco to be used for the Frank Knight Reading Program
Kristina Strait & Sanaz Rezazadeh	\$100.00	A(2705)	Memorial contributions in memory of Marlene LoTurco to be used for the Frank Knight Reading Program
Nancy & Charles Elliott	\$100.00	A2110-450-01-0000	Memorial contributions in memory of Mary Ouderkirk to be used for the Cady Stanton

Transportation Requests

None at this time.

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

March 9, 2023 Revision

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to revise Donna Matthews effective retirement date, per her request, from June 30, 2023 to June 29, 2023.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

March 9, 2023 Corrections

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to correct the following hours per day as listed for Jada Buck.

Name: Jada Buck

Civil Service Position: School Monitor

Effective Date: 03/03/2023 (retro)

Probationary period: 03/03/2023 through 03/02/2024

Hourly Rate: \$14.54

Hours per day: ~~6.0~~ **2.0**

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

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

Propositions-May 16, 2023 Annual Meeting (Budget Vote/Election)

2023-2024 Budget Proposition

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 16, 2023 vote:

PROPOSITION 1

2023-2024 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-six million, twenty-four thousand, seven-hundred fifty dollars (\$36,024,750.00) in the 2023-2024 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.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2023-2024 Purchase of Buses Proposition

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 16, 2023 vote:

PROPOSITION 2

2023-2024 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 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 2023-2024 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" and/or the unassigned fund balance, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 16, 2023 vote:

PROPOSITION 3

Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

Shall the sum of three hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$352,000.00) 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?

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

Property Tax Report Card

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Seneca Falls Central School District Property Tax Report Card as presented.

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

Community Schools Mental Health Director

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to appoint Hennessey Lustica, PhD, LMHC as Community Schools Mental Health Director, effective April 1. 2023. This position is grant funded.

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

Pre-Referendum Construction Management Agreement  
Campus Construction Management Group

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the Pre-Referendum Construction Management Services Agreement to Campus Construction Management Group, Inc.

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

Conference Request

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve Nicholas Hebert, Elementary Education teacher, attend the Elevate New England 2023 Conference, July 31-Aug. 2, 2023.

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

Executive Session  
None at this time

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.  
Michael Mirras made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk