

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 26, 2023 Board of Education Meeting/MA Roundtable
Mynderse Academy Library
6:00 pm

BOE Present

Anthony Ferrara, Cara Lajewski, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara, Michael Mirras
(arrived 6:30 pm) Heather Zellers

BOE Members Absent

Deborah Corsner, Joell Murney-Karsten

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Faith Lewis, Dr. Breana Mullen, Deena Swenson, Matthew Bienvenue,
Jared Federman, Amanda Fleig, Kellie Ward, Zion Mills & Tulsi Trivedi.

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 Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes

April 13, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated April 13, 2023.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
None at this time.

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
March 2023

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

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
MA Roundtable

Kellie Ward was present to report on Credit Recovery.

- Credit recovery is new this year.
- "Our Room"-there is no cookie cutter approach. Each student has their individual approach to success.
- "Progress over Perfection"-everyone's success is different. As long as each student is moving forward, working hard, and putting in the effort, that is what matters.
- "Success over Completion"-goal is to meet each students where they are and not where we (district) want them to be. Students take ownership of their accomplishments and learning.
- Kellie makes sure to speak to each and every student in Credit Recovery. There are rewards for successes and talks when there is an issue.
- The Credit Recovery Room is a safe space for students.

Zion Mills & Tulsi Trivedi were present and spoke on their Food & Culture Class

- Students learn about a country's culture and food.
- Some areas the students have studies are Latin America, the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe and Western Europe.
- Some foods the student made were Homemade Mozzarella Cheese, Mint Chocolate Chip Gelato, Tzatziki, Arepas de Queso, Chicken Piccata, Cannoli and Pan de Muerto to name a few.

Tulsi Trivedi spoke regarding Child Development

- Students in Child Development class make visits on Wednesdays to Pre-K at Frank Knight

- Students plan activities in their Child Development class and bring the activities to Pre-K.

Jared Federman & Tulsi Trivedi spoke on the Business Math class and the “Game of Life Project”.

The purpose of the “Game of Life Project” is to:

- Learn authentic budgeting skills
- Learn to use spreadsheets
- Build awareness of insurance
- “Experience” stressful unexpected life events on a budget
- Managing a budget with dependents
- Reflect on the monthly budget.
- Students are given “twists” every month to simulate unexpected events (e.g. a runaway shopping cart hits your car and dents it. Pay to fix the dent for \$125 or keep the dent?)
- Students record their savings and medical costs every month.

Amanda Fleig was present to report on Library Updates & Wellness

- April 23-29, 2023 is National Library Week.
- New to the library are the Tower Garden, board games, Therapy Dog visits, and the Innovative Table. NYS Driver Permit Tests are now offered by Library Media Specialist.
- Has worked with the following classes: Global 9 (Research Project), Family Consumer Science (Canya Project/Food Labs), Health Classes (Social Media), and ELA (Jstor, Persuasive Essays).
- June 1, 2023 is Wellness Day for FLASHP Coordinators. Amanda Fleig and Lindsay Willson will be presenting at the workshop.

Matthew Bienvenue was present to speak about the Seal of Civic Readiness.

- The Seal of Civic Readiness is a credential from NYS.
- Promotes community service
- 10 seniors are eligible this year.
- Beginning in 7th Grade-all students have the opportunity to earn the seal if they put the work in for it.
- A student will need to write an essay at the end of the program.
- The seal will be on the diploma.
- In order to obtain the Seal of Civic Readiness, a student must complete all requirements for a New York State local or Regents diploma and earn a total of six points with at least two points in Civic Knowledge and at least two points in Civic Participation.

Matthew Bienvenue & Deena Swenson - MTSS at Mynderse

- Matthew Beinvenue, Deena Swenson, Guy Turchetti and Bethany Boyes each have a grade level.
- MTSS Coordinators attend district wide meetings;
- MTSS is fairly new at the high school. The Seneca Falls Middle School has been very generous in helping the four coordinators in the high school.
- MTSS is put together somewhat different than in the elementary levels; it’s a different mindset in at the high school level.
- MTSS Coordinators would like to incorporate more “blue” language at the high school level.
- There is a Resiliency Conference in May in Syracuse NY.
- Training will be held this summer.
- Matt and Deena thanked Jamie Oberdorf, MTSS Coordinator. Jamie has been wonderful

Mrs. Faith Lewis & Dr. Breana Mullen - SIP and Goal Update

- Current enrollment:
 - Grade 9 95
 - Grade 10 94
 - Grade 11 97
 - Grade 12 84
- Goal 1: Decrease the rate of chronic absenteeism for all students (20% or less)
 - What was done: sent letters home, made phone calls home, held meeting and home visits.
 - Working to find barriers to assist students on overcoming them.
 - Held attendance groups for 6 weeks
 - Will start the 2023-2024 school year with attendance groups.
- Goal 2-Increase graduation rate to 90%
- Goal 3-Continue to enhance a positive and safe school environment by decreasing negative behaviors as measured by a 15% reduction of behavioral referrals.

- Upcoming important dates:
 - Senior trip-April 28-30, 2023
 - Junior Prim-May 13, 2023
 - Senior Ball-May 26, 2023
 - Senior Picnic/Parade-June 9, 2023
 - Yearbook Day-June 13, 2023
 - Graduation: June 23, 2023

Michael Mirras arrived during the roundtable (6:30 pm).

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 Scholarship Committee Information Warrants 03/01/2023 – 03/31/2023

Warrant #72 (A)	\$ 582,028.15
Warrant #73 (A)	\$ 38,939.11
Warrant #76 (A)	\$ 10,451.99
Warrant #77 (A)	\$ 395,641.08
Warrant #80 (A)	\$ 25,039.41
Warrant #28 (C)	\$ 9,706.67
Warrant #29 (C)	\$ 135.00
Warrant #31 (C)	\$ 4,322.87
Warrant #32 (C)	\$ 1,267.95
Warrant #24 (F)	\$ 93.75
Warrant #25 (F)	\$ 502.95
Warrant #26 (F)	\$ 1,503.26
Warrant #27 (F)	\$ 67.88
Warrant #28 (F)	\$ 22,271.61

Business Administrator Report

James Bruni reported on the following:

- Explained to the Board the budget transfer that was on tonight's agenda.
- Also explained the increase in bus trip rates.
- Reported that the budget notice for the public was complete and would be mailed out after the budget hearing on May 4th.
- A district truck was auctioned off; money received will help offset the cost of the new truck purchased.
- The pre-audit started. This audit usually starts in the summer but the state started earlier this year.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- The Tech & Career Center luncheon and tour were coming up. She asked that those Board members attending arrive early for parking. MA students are excited that Board members are coming.
- The district is the lead agency for the Mental Health Demonstration Grant which is \$6 million dollars over the next five years. Thirty eight (38) student interns have applied. The district will be interviewing in the next two weeks.
- ELA Assessments have been held. There is a high level of participation. Math assessments begin next week.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara stated that there would be no budget work session at tonight's meeting as the NYS budget has not passed as of this date.

Reminded the Board members that the Four County SBA Annual meeting was May 23, 2023 and that there was still time to sign up for it.

BOE Member Comments

Important Dates to Remember

April 27, 2023-Policy Committee Meeting

May 4, 2023-BOE Meeting/Public Hearing-2023-2024 Budget

May 14, 2023-Dr. Ramos-Retirement (4:00 pm)

May 16, 2023-Budget/Election Vote

May 23, 2023-Four County SBA Annual Meeting (Club 86)

Consent Agenda

Retirements/Resignations

SFEA

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

Name: Hillary Bevens

Position: Science Education Teacher (Chemistry)

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

SFSSA

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

Name: Rory Kelley

Position: Senior Custodian

Effective date: end of the business day on July 7, 2023

Name: Linda Ferrara

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective date: end of the business day on June 23, 2023

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignations.

Name: Morgan Doane

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective date: April 10, 2023

Name: Jessica Foulkrod

Position: Bus Driver

Effective date: April 12, 2023

Appointments

Professional Appointments

The Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the

recommendation of Dr. Michelle Reed, Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints the following: (*Probation dates are tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law sections 2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time*)

Name: Miranda Tyler

Position: ENL Teacher

Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages-Professional Certificate

Tenure: ENL Education

Effective date: 07/01/2023

Probation: 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2027

Base Salary: \$49,765

Name: Amy Torruella

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Certification: Social Studies (Gr. 7-12) -Professional Certification

Tenure: Social Studies Education

Effective date: 07/01/2023

Probation: 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2027

Base Salary: \$47,019

Name: Maeghan Westmiller

Position: Long Term Substitute Reading Teacher 2023-2024

Certification: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6 Initial Certification

Effective: 07/01/2023

Base Salary: \$43,600

2022-2023 Annual Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following 2022-2023 Annual Appointment:

Position	Employee	Stipend
Color Guard	Alexa Parsons	\$658

Civil Service Appointment-None at this time.

Substitute Appointments –None at this time.

Probationary to Permanent –None at this time.

CSE Minutes

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

03/23/2023, 03/27/2023, 03/28/2023, 03/29/2023, 03/30/2023, 03/31/2023, 04/10/2023

Gifts and Donations

None at this time

2023-2024

Transportation Requests

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following requests for transportation for the 2023-2024 school year.

1-Student	St. Francis-St. Stephen School, 17 Elmwood Ave., Geneva, NY
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Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

Mental Health Demonstration Project Agreement

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreements between the Seneca Falls Central School District and the following school districts who are participating in the Rural Mental Health Professionals Expansion Program:

MOA-Geneva City School District
MOA-Gorham-Middlesex Central School District (Marcus Whitman)
MOA-Marion Central School District
MOA-Palmyra Macedon Central School District
MOA-Romulus Central School District
MOA-South Seneca Central School District
MOA-Waterloo Central School District
MOA-Williamson Central School District
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Peaceful Resolutions for Living, Inc.
(d/b/a Peaceful Schools)

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the agreement between the Seneca Falls Central School District and Peaceful Resolutions for Living, Inc. (d/b/a Peaceful Schools) to provide contracted services to the Seneca Falls Central School District; to oversee the successful implementation of the Mental Health Coordinator work plan and responsibilities as part of the Rural School Mental Health Demonstration Grant. Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Budget Transfer

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to abide by the NYSED Plan for Reducing Food Service Excess Fund Balance, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$92,000 from Fund Account C-599 to Fund Account C2860-20-00-0000 to cover Food Service equipment purchases.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Election of Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education Members

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Bob Ohman to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2023.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Linda Eygnor to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2023.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Michael Ellis to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2023.

Michael Mirras made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2023-2024 WFL BOCES Administrative Budget

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 tentative administrative budget (Part 1) of the Wayne-Finger Lakes

Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of three million, six-hundred fifty-six thousand, five-hundred dollars (\$3,656,500.00)

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Four County School Board Association

Four County School Board Association Election of Officers

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Joseph McNamara, Seneca Falls Central School District, as President for the Four County School Boards Association for a one-year term effective July 1, 2023.

Michael Mirras made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1 Motion carried

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Cara Lajewski	X		
Matthew Lando	X		
Joseph McNamara			X
Anthony Ferrara	X		
Michael Mirras	X		
Denise Lorenzetti	X		
Heather Zellers	X		

Deborah Corsner (absent)

Joell Murney-Karsten (absent)

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Carrie Resch, Wayne Central School District, as Vice-President for the Four County School Boards Association for a one-year term effective July 1, 2023.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Four County School Board Association Banking

Four County School Board Association Banking Depository

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Reliant Community Credit Union as depository for Four County School Boards Association starting July 1, 2023.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Signatories on Bank Accounts

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for each of the following as signatories on Four County School Board Association bank accounts starting July 1, 2023:

Executive Director: Stephen P. Miskell, Ed. D

Treasurer-Beth Thomas, Canandaigua CSD

President- Joe McNamara, Seneca Falls CSD

Vice-President-Carrie Resch, Wayne CSD

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1 Motion carried

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Cara Lajewski	X		
Matthew Lando	X		
Joseph McNamara			X
Anthony Ferrara	X		
Michael Mirras	X		
Denise Lorenzetti	X		
Heather Zellers	X		

Deborah Corsner (absent)
Joell Murney-Karsten (absent)

Executive Session
Negotiations

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:14 pm to discuss negotiations.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

Adjourn

The regular meeting resumed at 8:36 pm.

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Michael Mirras made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara, Board President