

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 4, 2023 BOE Meeting/Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Budget
6:00 pm

BOE Present

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

BOE Members Absent

Heather Zellers

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Karissa Blamble, Faith Lewis, Dr. Breana Mullen, Kevin Rhinehart, Amy Hibbard, Janet Clendenen and Stephanie Lyon-Lawrence.

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.

Public Hearing
2023-2024 School Budget

Dr. Michelle Reed and James Bruni presented the 2023-2024 budget to the Board of Education.

The Program Budget: (\$27,579,790.00)

The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

The Capital Budget: (\$4,980,087.00)

Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

The Administrative Budget: (\$3,464,873.00)

The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrators, clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, legal services.

Tax Levy: \$14,120,683.00
Revenues: \$21,904,067.00
Total Budget: \$36,024,750.00

There will be a proposition to purchase three school buses using the Capital Bus Reserve fund and/or unassigned funds balance.
The last proposition seeks authorization to raise \$352,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library.

The mission of the Seneca Falls Central School District is to provide quality educational opportunities and experiences for all students in a safe and positive environment that promotes academic excellence.

Approval of Agenda

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

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes
None at this time

Treasurer's Report

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2023.
Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Joell Murney-Karsten.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
Administrators Reports
Mynderse Academy

Faith Lewis reported on the following

- Enrollment: 370
 - 9th Grade 95
 - 10th Grade 94
 - 11th Grade 97
 - 12th Grade 84
- Updated the Board on the 3rd quarter Academic Data
- 2023 summer school projections
- May Celebrations:
- May 1 was Decision Day for senior. Congratulations to all of the decisions our seniors have made about where they're going and what they are doing after graduation.

- Senior Class trip to Woodloch pines was a success. The Class was well represented on the trip.
- Mynderse Academy students went to see the Red Wings in action and learn about careers in sports.
- Upcoming events:
 - Teacher Appreciation Week! - Mon, May 8th - Fri, May 12th!
 - Tennis Senior Night - Wed, May 10th @ 4:00 p.m.
 - Softball Senior Night - Thurs, May 11th @ 4:15 p.m.
 - Junior Prom - Sat, May 13th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - School Budget Vote - Tues May 16th
 - Girls LAX Senior Night - Tues, May 16th @ 4:30 p.m.
 - Career & College Fair - Thurs, May 18th @ 8:30 -10:30 a.m.
 - Baseball Senior Night - Thurs, May 18th @ 4:00 p.m.
 - Pageant of Bands - Fri, May 19th - Saturday, May 20th
 - Senior Ball & Bash - Fri, May 26th @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Band Concert - Wed, May 31st @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Chorus Concert - Thurs, June 8th @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Senior Parade & Picnic - Fri, June 9th
 - Yearbook Day - Tues, June 13th
 - MA Academic & Sports Awards Ceremony! - Tues, June 13th @ 6:00 p.m.
 - Regents & Final Exams - Wed, June 14th - Thurs, June 22nd
 - Mynderse Academy Commencement Ceremony - Fri, June 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.

Seneca Falls Middle School

Kevin Rhinehart reported on the following:

- Enrollment: 277 students as of 5/2/23
 - Grade 6 92 students
 - Grade 7 97 students
 - Grade 8 88 students
- NYS Assessments
- NYS assessments were administered to all students ELA took place on Monday, April 20 and 21st and Math took place on Monday, May 2nd and 3rd. I would like to thank everyone involved in helping make the assessments run smoothly.
- 2022-23 ELA Administration Data -Grade Refusals % of students
 - Grade 6- 0 refusals 100%
 - Grade 7- 4 refusals 96 %
 - Grade 8- 7 refusals 93 %
- Total 11- refusals 96%
- Grade 8 Science and 7th grade accelerated students will take the Science assessment on Monday, June 5, 2023. The lab portion of the assessment will be administered the week before.
- 5th-grade students (by classes) will be touring the MS in May. Tours will include showing students where classrooms are located and meeting their 6th-grade teachers. Students will complete the tour with a presentation from Mr. Rhinehart.
- 8th-grade students will be visiting Frank Knight School on Tuesday, May 9th from 2:00-2:30 reading to students in various classrooms.
- Next week Teacher Appreciation Week- SFMS will take the opportunity to recognize the faculty and staff at SFMS. SFMS PTO will be providing a luncheon for MS faculty next week.
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Frank Knight Elementary School

Janet Clendenen reported on the following:

- Enrollment: 293 students
 - Pre-K 36 students
 - Grade K 73 students
 - Grade 1 81 students
 - Grade 2 103 students
- Building Information:
- Read Across America: Faculty and staff engaged students in various literacy activities on Thursday, March 2 for Read Across America Day.
- BLUE Updates:
- *Pie Day: Classroom representatives from each of the 18 homerooms enjoyed the opportunity to 'pie' a staff member for our building reward on Wednesday, March 29. Classrooms were also given pie supplies to enjoy classroom pie activities. All students were given a Moon Pie as a special treat for this unique B.L.U.E. Reward Day.
- *Movie Day: Students earned the privilege to watch a movie at Mynderse Academy.
- Academy after filling our building bucket in April. Thank you to Mynderse Academy for hosting us and to the Transportation Dept. for providing us with timely transportation. All students and faculty/staff were also invited to choose their own special treat through the cafeteria line on Thursday, April 27. Thank you to Christine Tompkins for all of her time and effort organizing this special event.
- Superintendent's Conference Day: Thank you to the BOE for supporting building specific Professional Development. PD at Frank Knight focused on work related to the district literacy initiative (word work and comprehension). A special thank you to Carleen Mull, Catherine Sargent,

and Jaclyn Barker for designing a session that was engaging and informative. Other staff members were also provided with the opportunity to participate in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences: Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences occurred on March 23 and March 24. We had 94% of our students represented at conferences. The breakdown for In-Person, Phone, and Zoom conferences are: In-person 67%, 18%, 15%
- Kindergarten Registration: We hosted registration on March 29 and March 30. We had 29 families attend.
- UPK Registration Update: We were excited to fill our 36 available slots for UPK. We currently have a waitlist.
- REV Theatre: The productions by the Rev Theatre continue to be a source of excitement for our students. Students enjoy participating in the classroom workshops and watching the grade level productions.
- Lyons National Bank Visits: On Friday, April 28, Molly Telarico and Emily Hilimire from Lyons National Bank visited all first grade classrooms to introduce students to the importance of saving money.
- PTO News:
- Roller Skating Parties: Thank you to our PTO for organizing and to Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary for hosting our Frank Knight students.
- Pre-K Magic Show: Our Pre-K students were treated to a special Magic Show on Wednesday, March 8. The PTO did a great job creating special tickets and providing families with a Trix treat.
- Ice Cream Social: On Wednesday, April 19 the PTO sponsored an Ice Cream Social for all Frank Knight students and families. We were very excited to have over 300 people attend. Students and their families were treated to an ice cream sundae and coloring sheet while socializing with other Frank Knight families. A huge thank you to all of the PTO, Mynderse Academy and Frank Knight faculty/staff volunteers who made this fun event possible.
- Teacher Appreciation Week/Day: The PTO was very generous and provided daily gifts for all faculty and staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. They will also be providing lunch for all faculty and staff on Friday, May 5.
- Upcoming Events/Activities:
 - May 8-12 Reading Week 2023!
 - Rev Theater
 - Field Trips
 - Bingo for Books

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Amy Hibbard reported on the following:

- Enrollment: 257 students
 - Grade 3 88 students
 - Grade 4 87 students
 - Grade 5 82 students
- On March 16, the second annual Family L.E.A.D. (Learn, Explore and Discover) Night was held! The gym, hallways and classrooms held over 15 stations where families could play games, make crafts, pedal a bike to make a healthy milkshake, climb the rock wall, get a Safe Child ID, create stem projects and more! Thank you to our community partners for helping to make this happen: the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Seneca Green Club, the SF Library and the SFPD. Also thank you to our many teacher volunteers
- Music: Some of the Cady Stanton students participated in the "Music in our Schools Month" celebrations at the district band and choral concerts. "It's Raining Tacos" by our Stanton Singers was a big hit! Also, congratulations to the grade 5 All County representatives who auditioned and practiced for weeks to prepare for the concert. Participants included: Hailey U., Harper t., Ava G., Adrianna B., Nate B., Irelynn F., and Parker R
- Sergeant Poole will be finishing up the 10-week DARE curriculum with fifth graders and students will begin working on their DARE essay soon. DARE graduates and award winners will be recognized at fifth grade graduation. This year, the county is hosting a DARE Picnic at Seneca Lake State Park in June. We greatly appreciate the partnership of the SFPD and Seneca County Sheriff's office.
- On March 21, the PTO held a Family Paint Night and the turnout was great! Anna LaRocca led the session and everyone was able to paint a spring scene with a rabbit and flowers.
- On March 28, Cady Stanton celebrated their month-long reading challenge of "Reading Takes You Places". Students completed their genre passports to try to win some fabulous book baskets and we all participated in a Disney/Dress like a Tourist Day! Students took virtual field trips, read a Disney story while having a Disney snack, learned to draw a Disney character and more!
- Cady Stanton students met their school wide BLUE Challenge and celebrated with a camping theme day. Students listened to stories in tents, made their own binoculars, sang campfire songs and enjoyed s'mores trail mix.
- The ELA and Math assessments were successfully administered. Thank you to Jodie, Jim and the technology department for helping the CBT for 4th and 5th graders to run so smoothly! Additionally, thank you to the staff who helped administer numerous make-ups in the week following the assessments.
- Nine Cady Stanton students were recognized at the Antonio Varacalli day on April 15 for their essays about a hero who made a difference in their life and/or community. We are thankful that the It's a Wonderful Life committee has included us in this annual event.

- Thank you to reading teachers Lauren Passalacqua and Kate Smithler who provided outstanding professional development during our March conference day. Workshops on foundational skills and comprehension strategies were well-received by all!
- Thank you to the PTO who recognized the Cady Stanton staff with an appreciation luncheon today. The PTO will also be paying for busing for our students to attend field trips this spring: grade 3 to the Strong National Museum of Play, grade 4 to the Rose Hill Mansion & Becker House for taking tea and to the Genesee Country Museum and grade 5 to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse.
- Spring Concerts will take place for 3rd graders (May 25), 4th & 5th graders (May 24) and ECS band students (June 6).
- 2nd grade classes will make their annual visit to Cady Stanton during the beginning of June. 5th grade classes will be visiting the Middle School at the end of May. Thank you to the 2nd grade team and Mr. Rhinehart for working with us to schedule these important visits
- The Girls on the Run program started in the beginning of April. There are 37 girls and 12 coaches participating. The girls are dedicated and excited in preparation for their 5K on June 4 in Syracuse.
- June Events:
 - Stanton Stars: June 15 (to celebrate our 3rd & 4th graders and families)
 - Field Days: June 16
 - Grade 5 Graduation & Awards: June 21

Special Education

Karissa Blamble reported on the following:

- Planning and Preparation:
The special education district wide program and service preparation has continued. District/building leadership and teachers have begun to meet to discuss our adjustments for all special education services based on the needs of our 2023-24 student cohorts. Additionally, the CSE department has planned summer professional development based on their department goals which include increasing communication methods and opportunities within the district and increasing their use of data to drive their instructional decision-making and development of goals for students.
- CSE/CPSE/504 Meeting Parent Participation:
The CSE department has been conducting in-person meetings this year. Parents/guardians continue to have the option to join virtually (by phone or video conference) if they choose. Overall participation was 82% during the most recent monitoring period. This spring the CSE office held all of our final CPSE annual review meetings in person and gained 100% participation!
- Appreciation
As we celebrate our appreciation for teachers, this week and next, Karissa Blamble would like to share a thank you to our educators for their dedication and for the compassion they share with our students every day. She would also like to also thank her fellow colleagues, district and building leaders (educators at heart) for their continued support and partnership which allows so many students to access instructional opportunities at all of our schools.

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 on the following:

Facilities committee met on May 2 with HUNT and Campus Management. Reviewed the Middle School roof. The roof is not in bad condition. Some spots need to be tended to. The committee will be meeting with roofing companies next Wednesday (May 10, 2023) for roofing proposals. The committee hopes to get another 20 years out of the roof with repair of spots.

Reviewed with Hint engineer the secure entries for Frank Knight and Elizabeth Cady Stanton schools. The district has received two proposals for each building. The committee has some concerns with the Middle School gym entrance that will be looked at.

Board member Matthew Lando had some questions regarding the Middle School roof repair. He asked if it would be a complete tear off. He asked if there was an EPDM on there now. Michael Mirras explained that less than 1% of the roof needs work. A complete tear off would cost \$12 million. The committee will be meeting with various manufacturer representatives to gather more information. The repair of the roof is tied into the Capital Project and will need to go through a bid process.

Policy Committee

Cara Lajewski reported that there are policies on tonight's agenda to be approved for their first reading. If any Board member has any questions regarding the policies, they can reach out to Cara, Denise Lorenzetti or Michael Mirras.

Scholarship Committee

Joell Murney-Karsten reported that the Scholarship Committee had met on May 1, 2023 with Cory Whitlock from JP Morgan. There is a motion on tonight's agenda recommending the number of Fredenburgh Scholarships to give out to the class of 2023. The recommendation is similar to last year. While the scholarship is not doing horrible, the trends is that it may not likely continue to do so per JP Morgan. The recommendation is \$1500 per year for 10 recipients (\$750 per semester). There may be a one-time payout of \$535 in December; that would be \$109 over the RMD (required minimum distribution) for 2023.

Information
Business Administrator Report

James Bruni handed out to the Board members the anticipated state aid run numbers.

WFL BCES aid was the only one to change. The predicted amount was \$2 million dollars from the Governor, but received the district received only \$1.7 million dollars.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed thanked James Bruni for all his work on the 2023-2024 school budget.
Principals were recognized this past Monday.
The math assessments will begin for Grade 3-8 and AP exams will also begin this week for high school students.
Dr. Reed recognized Deborah Corsner for her hours devoted to training and professional development through NYSSBA.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara reminded the Board about the Annual Four County SBA meeting at Club 86,

Important Dates to Remember

May 13, 2023-Junior Prom
May 16, 2023-Budget Vote/Election (Noon -8:00 pm, Operations Center)
May 19-20, 2023-Pageant of Bands
May 23, 2023-4-County SBA Annual Meeting-Club 86
May 26, 2023-Senior Ball

Consent Agenda
Retirements/Resignations
None at this time

Appointments
Professional Appointments
None at this time

2023-2024 Summer Learning Camp

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following appointments for the 2023-2024 Summer Learning Camp

Employee	Position
Carey LaVoie	Teacher (3 rd Gr.)
Natalie Hare	Teacher (4th Gr.)
Emily Porretta	Teacher (5th Gr.)
Deanna Clemenson	RN
Zoe Adams	Substitute
Mary Porretta	Teacher Aide
Brianna Jones	Teacher Aide
Sylvia Morgan	Teacher Aide

2022-2023 Coaching Appointment

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
Jason Hunt	JV Baseball-UNPAID Assistant	n/a

Civil Service Appointments
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:
04/11/2023, 04/13/2023 (1), 04/13/2023 (2)

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	
United Way of Seneca County	\$200.00	A2020-450-04-0000	Substance-free graduation events

Transportation Requests

None at this time.

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

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

Policy

1st Reading

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 0115-Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Policy 4321.5-Confidentiality and Access to IEPs, Individualized Education Services Programs and Service Plans

Policy 4765-Online Courses and Independent Study

Policy 5151-Homeless Children

Policy 5710-School Safety and Educational Climate Reporting

Policy 8130-School Safety Plans and Teams

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2023 Fredenburgh Scholarships

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to award ten (10) Fredenburgh Scholarships to the 2023 Mynderse Academy graduating class in the amount of \$1,500 per year (\$750 a semester) for four years.

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

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session

Superintendent Evaluation

& Negotiations

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation and SFAA negotiations at 7:56 pm

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 8:18 pm.

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara, Board President