

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

November 9, 2023-6:00 PM

Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

BOE Present

Anthony Ferrara, Matthew Lando, Cara Lajewski, Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara, and Erica Sinicropi

BOE Absent

Deborah Corsner and Michael Mirras

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Heather Zellers, Jodie Verkey, Karissa Blamble and Kevin Korzeniewski

Joseph McNamara called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum of the Board of Education was present; the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board of Education Vacancy

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to appoint Heather Zellers to the vacant seat on the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education as of November 9, 2023 through May 21, 2024.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Heather Zellers.

Approval of Agenda

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addendum(s) as listed.

Revise under XI. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

2. Winter Coaching Appointments-Revisions

Wrestling-Non-Paid Assistant	Adam Jones	Non-Paid
Indoor Track Non-Paid Varsity Assistant	Don Densmore	Non-Paid
Indoor Track Non-Paid Varsity Assistant	Scott Porter	Non-Paid

3. Civil Service Appointments

Remove:

~~a. Name: Calvin Stuck~~

~~Civil Service Position: School Bus Driver~~

~~Effective: 11/20/2023~~

~~Probationary Period: 11/20/2023 - 11/19/2024~~

~~Hours/day: 5.0~~

~~Hourly Rate: \$27.50~~

ADD under XIII. New Business

~~E. Awarding of Land Surveying Services Contract~~

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes

October 25, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated October 25, 2023

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

Curriculum & Instruction

- Literacy
 - Literacy Team – Evaluating writing curriculum & resources
 - Using benchmark data to drive groupings and instruction (Oct. training)
 - Lit series PD: Applying multi-tiered system of support to promote reading outcomes; Word recognition: Phonological awareness
 - Guided reading groups in full swing
- Met with grant leads (Hennessey Lustica & Stephanie Betts) to discuss district needs and option for support through grant funding
- Interviews continue for open positions and co-located therapist position (School Psych., Tech.; Spec. Ed.)
- Design and collaboration with Northeast College on a potential Anatomy & Physiology course

Assessment

iReady- Diagnostic K-8 (Reading & Math)

Social/Emotional Learning student surveys through Panorama K-8

Presented at the NYS Assessment training on CBT experiences & systems

Professional Development

- After School PD Sessions- Leading & Learning Sessions- 11 sessions so far
- Teacher-Led Sessions on a variety of teacher determined topics
- Mindfulness Strategies, Make & Take Guided Reading Word Work, Number Talks Math Skill Development; Self-Care and Positive Thinking
 - 9-Session Series on Literacy Instruction
 - 3-Session Series on Instructional Technology
 - Artificial Intelligence for Educators
 - Canva & Google Tools for Student Creation
 - Canva Design School
 - 1-Session Series on Effective Ways to Enhance Classroom Management
- Better Lessons (Virtual, instructional one on one coaching)
 - 4 teachers
 - 5 meetings so far
- Title IX training as Title IX Co-coordinator
- Personalized Learning Conference (BOCES)- Planning Comm. Member
 - Jared Federman & Breana Mullen presented

Learning Groups

- MTSS
 - K-12 Alignment meeting
 - Shared SEL survey & achievement data across building
- Mentor Program- 1st meeting occurred
 - Excitement & enthusiasm
 - mentees
 - instruction, communication, assimilation, support, community
- ELL teachers- Karissa is mentoring to provide extra support as we are so blessed to have 2
- District Curriculum Council
- Instructional Technology Integration support
- MTSS- Updates & Impacts
- Development of department/team goals
- Artificial Intelligence Awareness
- Academic Course Handbook revisions
- NYS Standards implementation
- Course additions
- Reflected on teacher leadership

Literacy Team

- Writing focus
- Evaluation of practices, materials, rubrics

District Steering Committee

- Digital Content List
- AI

School Improvement Goals

Athletic Director

Kevin Korzeniewski, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

Varsity Cheerleading

Two students registered to cheer with Geneva on a merged team. Both quit 2 weeks into the season.

Geneva asked that we not merge in the winter because the girls quit.

Cross Country

All students who participated had a great season, continuously besting their previous times. Great improvements were made by all the runners who competed in Saturday's sectional meet at Letchworth State Park. Modified numbers (2) are still a concern. Female numbers are still very low. In the league meet, Matt Mahoney finished 11th and Devin James finished 23rd.

Modified League Meet

8/58 Kaeva Johnson 14:44 35/58 Trey Drury

Varsity Sectional Meet Boys 6 out of 15, Girls DNP

9/77 Mahoney, Matt 17:26 44/70 Dombrowski, Lillian 25:41

16/77 Devin James 17:56 60/70 Grace Lott 28:51

28/77 Avi James 18:38

42/77 Trevor Jones 19:35

61/ 77 JP Medina 21:03

62/77 Logan Pettingil 21:12

71/77 Drew Palmer 22:37

Golf

Numbers continue to be strong the addition of a full-time JV team this year will help the success of the program. The varsity team finished first in the FL West. The overall record was 13-1 and Coach Trish Brewer was named coach of the year. *The team will play in Team Sectionals May 22- June 1st*

1st Team All-Stars- Harrison Wirth, Griffin Hillmire

2nd Team All-Stars- Matt Bogart

Co-player of the year- Harrison Wirth

Football

The football team returned to a regular 11-man roster and joined the newly formed Wayne Finger Lakes Independent League. The final roster with JV call-ups was over 30 players. The modified team carried 32 student-athletes. The team finished 1-7 but the culture and climate remained very positive. They finished in seventh place in our new 8-team league. The league was a huge success with all schools involved. The championship game will be played on Bracht field this Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

WFLI All League: League meeting will happen the week of 11/13/2023

Boys' Soccer

The varsity boys had an amazing season. They finished with 1 league loss and shared an FL East Co-Championship with Wayne, who they beat for the first time in several years. Coach Peter Doell was named FL East coach of the year, as well as Section V Class B coach of the year. The team lost a heartbreaking game in the semifinal game to Bishop Kearney.

1st Team All-League

Jariel Ubiles Carson Montoney Elijah Doell

2nd Team All-League

Jake Prayne Mason Buckley Riley King

Honorable Mention

Anthony Luffman Cullen Herron

Section V Class B All-Tournament Team

Jariel Ubiles Mason Buckley

Section V All-Star Team

Jariel Ubiles

Finger Lakes Exceptional Senior All-Stars

Karter Ticconi Mason Buckley Jariel Ubiles Jake Prayne Carson Montoney

Girls' Soccer

The varsity team finished 3rd in the Finger Lakes East and for the second straight year hosted the Finger Lakes East tournament championship game. This is the only sport to offer a league tournament at the end of the season. The girls lost in the Sectional Final game in Penn Yan after a fantastic finish to the season. The team finished 2nd in sectionals to the NYSPHSAA #1 ranked Class B Haverling Rams in the sectional finals. This team played 4/16 games against state-ranked opponents, a very impressive feat.

1st Team All-League

Laren McDermott Peyton Verkey

2nd Team All-League

Myah Herron Kamryn Zellers

Honorable Mention

Maddy Verkey Chelsea Korzeniewski

Section V Class B2 All-Tournament Team

Kyah Lajewski Lauren McDermott Peyton Verkey

Exceptional Senior Game

Lauren McDermott Madelyn Verkey Sophie Palladino

Jackie Sinicropi

Tennis

The girls' tennis team had a very strong season. They had over 10 girls participate on the team and performed very well in the Finger Lakes West league. The team finished 9-5 overall and lost in the 2nd round of sectionals.

Section V Class B1 Sectional Results

Kirsten Lajewski finished in the top 6 of 24 entries.

FL West 1st Team All-League

Kirsten Lajewski

Volleyball

The team finished in 4th place in the FL West and was seeded #6 in the Class B tournament. A highlight that was enjoyed by the program was their success in a dig pink volleyball match that raised over \$1900 in the fight against cancer. The girls lost in the Sectional semifinal game to the eventual champion Livonia Bulldogs.

1st Team All-League

Lilly Nicholson

2nd Team All-League

Kylee Kolbash Leah Urquhart

Honorable Mention

Stephanie Mirras

Section V All-Tournament Team

Lilly Nicholson

Section V All Stars

TBD

Exceptional Seniors No game

Caroline Buck Mariah Karalunas Stephanie Mirras Leah Urquhart

Director of Special Programs Report

Karissa Blamble reported on the following:

Special Education Reports and Grants:

The state uses a variety of Special Education Data assessments to monitor districts in the form of indicators. These indicators are assigned in a cyclic fashion. This year our State Performance Indicator is 12 (Early Childhood Transition): Percent of children referred by Early Intervention prior to age 3, who are found eligible for CPSE, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.

Professional Growth:

CSE teams continue to work on our shared goals throughout the year. Check-ins with department leaders have been a great way for teams to receive important updates, share input and work towards our goals.

1. Incorporating more specific and measurable information, aligning them with student goals, using objective observations and data and including student/parent voice.
2. Ensure students have the appropriate supports/services and are able to hit the ground running. It is paramount that transition and preparatory activities take place so the student's IEP/ELL Plan can be employed immediately by teachers and services providers

CSE/CPSE/504 Meeting Parent Participation:

Parents/guardians continue to have the option to join virtually if they choose. Parent participation was 84% for all formal CSE and 504 meetings.

TIES – Together Including Every Student-Update

The interview committee met and a candidate has been selected and hired by Starbridge. The candidate is currently being trained and we have set our initial meeting next week.

Title III Consortium and Grant Update:

The district continues to work with a consortium (Midlakes, Newark CSD, Canandaigua CSD) to access our Title III funds which are used to fund supplemental support and materials for our ELLs and their families. Our ELL teachers have already attended meetings and taken advantage of professional development opportunities with the consortium.

Comprehensive ELL/MLL Education Plan (CEEP):

The Comprehensive ELL/MLL Education Plan (CEEP) is complete. This is a plan enforced by Commissioner's regulations, 154-2[b]) to meet the educational needs of English Language Learners (ELLs)/Multilingual Learners (MLLs). The plan outlines how we are addressing the needs of ELLs/MLLs and describe our plan for providing grade-appropriate, linguistically and academically rigorous instruction to this population of students.

Annual Orientation for English Language Learners:

The district's annual ELL orientation was held on November 2nd. We invited all families of ELLs. At this event, we shared information on the usual topics: School Personnel, ELL Process-Screening/Identification, ENL Program Goals/Objectives, Common Core Learning Standards, NYS Testing Assessment and Exit Criteria, and Learning Strategies for the Home.

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

Matthew Lando reported that the committee had met on Tuesday and discussed the following:

- Upcoming marketing and campaign for the project
- Newsletter to be mailed out the Monday after Thanksgiving
- Postcard with pie chart and how the capital project will be funded.
- All material will be presented in flyer and posting and in the public's hands before the vote on Dec. 12.
- The next Facilities Committee meeting will be Nov. 29 to review designs.
- The public meeting on the Capital Project is Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023.

Anthony Ferrara reported that the committee met with the design group on Wednesday.

- Shannon Davis from HUNT worked with the Elementary Education principals. Both principals were pleased with the designs.

- Hunt and Campus toured the MS technology department.

Information Warrants

10/01/2023 – 10/31/2023

Warrant #28 (A)	\$	19,628.60
Warrant #31 (A)	\$	59,162.94
Warrant #12 (C)	\$	10,305.54
Warrant #13 (F)	\$	794.66
Warrant #14 (F)	\$	1,461.40

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

- The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) will be sent to the state after board approval.
- There are two support staff resignations on the agenda tonight as well as a retirement.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- The Finger Lakes Times had a nice article about the Capital Project.
- The Veteran's Day Assembly at Frank Knight was attended by the Superintendent and Denise Lorenzetti. The staff at the school did a great job honoring the community veterans.

The MA play-The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time- is this coming weekend.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara reported on the following:

- Asked Board members on how they would like the direction of advocacy efforts to go.
- November 27, 2023-Four County SBA Professional Development-"Love your Libraries".
- November 13, 2023-NYSSBA will be hosting an Educational Virtual Summit.

BOE Member Comments

Cara Lajewski welcomed Heather Zellers back to the Board and thanked her for creating time in her schedule to be on the Board of Education.

Denise Lorenzetti reported that she took part in the active shooter session at the NYSSBA convention.

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 10, 2023 - No School-Veteran's Day
 Nov. 11, 2023-4 County SBA Legislative Committee Mtg.
 Nov. 22-24, 2023 – No School-Thanksgiving Recess
 Nov. 27, 2023-4 County SBA Professional Development Mtg.

Consent Agenda Retirements/Resignations/Terminations SFEA-Retirement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following instructional resignation for the purpose of retirement, and to grant them any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Name: Peter Perine

Position: Teaching Assistant

Effective: the end of the day on 12/31/2023

SFEA-Resignation

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

Instructional resignation:

Name: Katelyn Cedeno

Position: Spanish Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 12/01/2023

SFSSA-Retirement

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: Roger Spano
Civil Service Position: Custodian
Effective: the end of the day on 01/31/2024

SFSSA Resignation

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

Name: Tiana Biery
Civil Service Position: Bus Monitor
Cashier/FSH

Effective: 10/31/2023

Substitute Resignation

Name: Albert J Schaffer
Substitute Position: Per Diem Building Substitute
Effective: 10/ 31/2023

Appointments

Professional Appointments

Winter Coaching Appointments

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

Sport/Position	Employee	Stipend
Girls Basketball -Varsity Coach	Matt Verkey	\$4,901.45
Girls Basketball -JV Coach	Corey Foster	\$3,436.26
Girls Basketball -Modified Coach	Jessica Lambert	\$2,211.99
Girls Basketball –Paid Assistant	Ashley Leederman	\$2,000.00
Girls Basketball –Non-Paid Assistant	Hannah Brown Trice	Non-Paid
Girls Basketball –Non-Paid Assistant	Heidi Miller	Non-Paid
Girls Basketball –Non-Paid Assistant	Tony Ryrko	Non-Paid
Boys Basketball -Varsity Coach	Pat Prayne	\$4,901.45
Boys Basketball -Varsity Paid Assistant	Rhett Ticconi	\$2,000.00
Boys Basketball -JV Coach	Charlie Foster	\$3,436.26
Boys Basketball –Non-Paid JV Assistant	David Baker	Non-Paid
Bowling-Varsity Coach	Deanna Connolly	\$3,669.79
Wrestling-Varsity Coach	Dale Pemberton	\$4,901.45
Wrestling-Non-Paid Assistant	Adam Jones	Non-Paid
Indoor Track Varsity Coach	Scott Redding	\$3,669.79
Indoor Track Modified Coach	Marnie Impastato	\$2,211.99

Civil Service Appointments

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: Shelby Spinner-Weston
Civil Service Position: Cashier/FSH
Effective: 10/30/2023
Probationary Period: 10/30/2023 -10/29/2024
Hours/day: 3.75
Hourly Rate: \$16.00

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: Albert J. Schaffer

Civil Service Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 11/01/2023

Name: Tiana Biery
Civil Service Position: Substitute Bus Monitor
Effective: 11/01/2023

Election Inspectors-Capital Project Referendum
Dec. 12, 2023

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Election Inspectors for the Dec. 12, 2023 Capital Project Referendum (\$15.00/hour):

Ted Novak Patricia Novak
Fred Capozzi Denise Capozzi

Probationary to Permanent
None at this time

CSE Minutes

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

10/10/2023, 10/11/2023, 10/12/2023, 10/16/2023 (2), 10/16/2023(3), 10/16/2023(4), 10/16/2023(5),
10/16/2023(6), 10/16/2023(7), 10/17/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/19/2023,
10/20/2023, 10/23/2023(1), 10/23/2023(2), 10/24/2023, 10/25/2023

Gifts and Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following gifts or donations:

Donor	Amount	Account	Used for
TOPS in Education	\$58.83	A 2110-450-01-0000	PBIS Supplies

Transportation Requests
Outside Group Transportation Requests

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following outside group's use of school buses as presented:

Outside Group	Date(s)	Purpose
It's A Wonderful Run 5K	Saturday- December 9, 2023	Transport 5K runners from Mynderse Academy student parking lot to the Gould Hotel, downtown Seneca Falls

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

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
None at this time.

New Business
2022-2023 External Audit Corrective Action Plan

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to accept the Corrective Action Plan relating to findings or recommendations made during the 2022-2023 External Audit for the Financial Statement and Management Letter, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy
1st Reading

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy 1740-RELATIONSHIPS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS
Policy 4772-GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Policy 5130-COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE
Policy 5300.55-CORPORAL PUNISHMENT
Policy 5695-STUDENTS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
Policy 6710-PURCHASING AUTHORITY

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2nd Reading

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2nd and final reading of the following policies:

Policy 2210-BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Policy 2382-BROADCASTING AND RECORDING OF BOARD MEETINGS
Policy 5040- PRAYER IN SCHOOLS STUDENT RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION
Policy 5225-STUDENT PERSONAL EXPRESSION

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

SFCSD OMH Group Contract 2023 – 2024

(Funded by the Stop Violence Grant)

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Contract between the Seneca Falls Central School and Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc. (bereavement support groups).

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

SFSSA MOA

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Seneca Falls Support Staff Association as presented:

SFSSA MOA-Compensation for Mandatory Training for 10 Month Employees

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Awarding of Land Surveying Services Contract

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that after the evaluation of all successful applicant bids and the recommendation from the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Board of Education Facilities Committee, the Board of Education awards the contract for Land Surveying Services to Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect, D.P.C. (HUNT).

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Budget Workshop

Reserve Fund Narrative Part 1

James Bruni reviewed the following:

Capital Building Reserve:

- The Board of Education approved a resolution to establish a Capital Building Reserve for ten years, expiring in 2032.
- For future building enhancements, the capital reserve would need about \$6,375,000 to prepare for a potential \$37,500,000 project in 2029 or 2030(with a referendum in late 2027 or 2028). This would

require an estimated additional \$1,200,000 + interest in FY25, FY 26 and FY 27 to cover future projects.

- A 2029 or 2030 capital project takes advantage of the proposed local share drop in 2030 to stabilize the local share of projects.

Capital Bus Reserve:

- The Capital Bus Reserve was established to purchase buses without having to bond and eliminate interest payment on loans.
- With the 2027 zero-emission vehicle mandate from NYS looming, the district will be increasing its bus purchases from 3-5 vehicles in the next three years. Current zero-emission buses cost \$475,000 per bus.

Executive Session

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:03 pm to discuss the details of employment of a particular person.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

The regular meeting resumed at 7:10 pm

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried