

2023-2024 SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

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.

Vision

Pride & Opportunity

REVISED

January 4, 2024 Board Meeting

6:00 PM

Public Meeting #13

Robert McKeveny Training Room
2 Butler Avenue

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Deborah Corsner

Anthony Ferrara

Cara Lajewski

Matthew Lando

Denise Lorenzetti

Joseph McNamara

Michael Mirras

Erica Sinicropi

Heather Zellers

Dr. Michelle Reed, Superintendent
James Bruni, Business Administrator

I. Meeting called to order

II. Quorum Check

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: to approve the agenda as with addendums as listed.

ADD under XII. New Business:

B. Appointments

2. Civil Service Appointments

b. Name: Lynn Rotz

Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide

c. Name: Brittany Draheim

Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide

E. Create Position

1-Typist (FTE 1.0)-12 months

F. Surplus-Maintenance Department

FORD F-250 Superduty with Straight Plow

V. Approve or Amend

A. Board of Education Minutes-December 14, 2023

MOTION: to approve the Board of Education minutes dated December 14, 2023

B. Treasurer's Report-November 2023

MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023

C. Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report-None at this time.

VI. Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

A. Elementary Principal Reports-Amy Hibbard and Janet Clendenen

VII. 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.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Policy Committee

IX. Information

A. Warrants

12/01/2023 -12/31/2023

Warrant A (47) \$635,092.35

Warrant C (18) \$ 25,124.39

Warrant F (20) \$ 405.48

B. Business Administrator

C. Superintendent Report

D. BOE President Report

E. BOE Member Comments

F. Important Dates to Remember

January 9, 2024-Facilities Committee Meeting (8:00 am)

January 15, 2024-Martin Luther King Day

January 18, 2024- SF Middle School Roundtable

January 23-26, 2024-Regents Examinations

February 1, 2024-BOE Meeting

February 2, 2024-Virtual Capital Conference

February 7, 2024-NYSSBA Lobby Day (Albany) for 2024

February 15, 2024-BOE Meeting

February 19-23, 2024-President Week Recess

X. Consent Agenda

A. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

1. SFEA

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:

a. Name: Stephen Dougherty

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2024

B. Appointments

1. 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 (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.)

a. Name: Virginia Brady

Position: Teaching Assistant

Certification: Level III Certificate

Tenure: Teaching Assistant

Effective date: 01/03/2024

Probationary Period: 01/03/2024 through 01/02/2027

Base Salary: \$23,927 (to be prorated Jan. 3-June 30, 2024)

2. 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).

- a. Name: Nina Leverone
Civil Service Position: Typist
Effective: 01/04/2024
Probationary Period: 01/04/2024 through 01/03/2025
Hours/day: 3.5
Hourly Rate: \$17.00
- b. Name: Lynn Rotz
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 01/05/2024
Probationary Period: 01/05/2024 through 01/04/2025
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.00
- c. Name: Brittany Draheim
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 01/08/2024
Probationary Period: 01/08/2024 through 01/07/2025
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.00

3. Substitute Appointments-None at this time.

4. Probationary to Permanent

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education hereby approves the following probationary to permanent appointment.

Employee	Position	Permanent Effective Date
James Clark	Bus Driver	01/06/2024

C. CSE Minutes

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

11/27/2023, 11/28/2023, 11/29/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/01/2023, 12/04/2023, 12/05/2023, 12/06/2023, 12/07/2023, 12/08/2023, 12/11/2023, 12/12/2023, 12/13/2023, 12/14/2023 (1), 12/14/2023 (2), 12/14/2023 (3), 12/19/2023

D. Gifts and Donations-None at this time

E. Transportation Requests-None at this time

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as listed.

XI. Old Business-None at this time.

XII. New Business

A. Tenure Appointment

- 1. Ariel Denny-Spanish Education

MOTION: RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of Dr. Michelle Reed., Superintendent of Schools, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Ariel Denny, Seneca Falls, NY, Professional Certificate in Spanish Education 7-12, permitting her to teach in the public schools of New York State, to tenure in Foreign Language Education effective January 19, 2024.

B. Policy-1st Reading

MOTION: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy 8520-Free and Reduced Price Meal Services
Policy 9260-Conditional Appointment-Student Safety

C. BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT")
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,500,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County, New York (the "School District" or "District") on December 12, 2023 approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education (the "Board") of the School District to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of additions, alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's school buildings and associated facilities, including improvements to the District's Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School, Frank Knight Elementary School and the Middle School, to enhance the safety, efficiency, and functionality of its schools and facilities, including site improvements for various school purposes, athletic complex improvements and other appurtenant and related improvements, and the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and technology improvements, and preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (collectively, the "Project"), all at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$24,750,000, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of \$4,250,000 from the District's existing "General Capital Reserve Fund" (said fund being established pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the District on May 17, 2022), and with the balance thereof, not to exceed \$20,500,000, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be offset by New York State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District as may be necessary (the "Proposition"); and

WHEREAS, the Board, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted on August 31, 2023, determined that (i) the actions to be undertaken as part of the Project constitute a "Type II" action within the meaning of SEQRA and, as such, (ii) no further actions under SEQRA need be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the School District now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the School District's serial bonds or bond anticipation notes to finance said appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all its members), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The School District is hereby authorized, in accordance with the Proposition, to (i) undertake the Project and (ii) issue up to \$20,500,000 principal amount of serial bonds (including, without limitation, statutory installment bonds) (the "Bonds"), or bond anticipation notes

in anticipation of the Bonds, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the estimated cost of the Project.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$24,750,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the expenditure of \$4,250,000 from the District's existing "General Capital Reserve Fund" (said fund being established pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the School District on May 17, 2022), and (ii) the issuance of up to \$20,500,000 in serial bonds of the School District authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 1 of this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, (iii) the payment of the principal of said bonds or bond anticipation notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable by the application of State aid, and, to the extent necessary, the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the School District.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to paragraph 97. of subsection a. of Section 11.00 the Law.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the School District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The School District shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the School District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the School District without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the School District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00, Section 62.10 and Section 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and all matters incidental thereto, and prescribing the terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the such bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the School District (the "President of the Board"). The delegation of authority to the President of the Board contained in this Section 6 shall include the authority to determine whether to issue and sell the bonds in a private sale to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (the "Dormitory Authority") in accordance with Section 57.00(a) of the Law. In connection with, and in order to effectuate any such private sale of bonds to the Dormitory Authority pursuant to Section 57.00(a) of the Law, the President of the Board is hereby further authorized to execute one or more loan agreements, financing agreements and/or any other agreements with or for the benefit of the Dormitory Authority, including

any amendments thereto and any instruments, certificates or other documents in connection therewith. Further, pursuant to subdivision b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to subdivision c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized by other bond resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the “weighted average period of probable usefulness” (within the meaning of subdivision a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the School District.

SECTION 7. The President of the Board is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary (i) to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and (ii) to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as “qualified tax-exempt bonds” in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The President of the Board is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the President of the Board sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments, certificates or to do any similar acts necessary or in the opinion of the President of the Board advisable to effect the issuance of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board.

SECTION 10. In the absence of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

SECTION 11. The validity of the Bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money; or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 12. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in the official newspaper(s) of the School District for legal notices, together with a notice of the School District in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

MOTION: to accept the Single Audit of the Seneca Falls Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2023, completed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

E. Create Positions (2)

MOTION: to create the following position:

1-Typist (FTE 1.0)-12 months

F. Surplus-Maintenance Department

MOTION: To dispose of following surplus item listed through sale, donation, disposal or auction according to Board Policy #6900:

2014 Ford F-250 Superduty with Straight Plow
VIN #: 1FTBF2B66EEA49234

XIII. Budget Workshop-Dr. Michelle Reed and James Bruni

XIV Executive Session- Details of the employment of particular persons.

(Contingent upon adoption of a motion during the public portion of the meeting in accordance with Section 105 of the Public Officers Law).

MOTION: to move into Executive Session to discuss the employment of particular persons.

XV. Adjourn

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting.