

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
July 20, 2023-6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

BOE Present

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

BOE Absent

Erica Sinicropi

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Shannon Davis and Gary Henry (Hunt Engineers, Architects, & Surveyors); Kevin Donahue (Campus Construction), Michael Shusda and Ben Maslona (Fiscal Advisors); Ted Novak, Jeff Hartwell and Bill Reigel

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.

Vice President nomination(s) and election

The District Clerk opened the floor for nominations for the Board of Education Vice-President. Deborah Corsner nominated Michael Mirras.

There were no additional nominations, a roll call was held.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Denise Lorenzetti	X		
Michael Mirras	X		
Joell Murney-Karsten	X		
Deborah Corsner	X		
Joseph McNamara	X		
Anthony Ferrara	X		
Matthew Lando	X		
Cara Lajewski	X		
Erica Sinicropi was absent.			

Michael Mirras is the 2023-2024 Vice-President of the Board of Education with eight (8) votes.

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Joell Murney-Karsten left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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
July 6, 2023

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion approve the Board of Education minutes dated July 6, 2023. Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
Capital Project Presentation

The representative from Hunt Engineers, Architects, & Surveyors, Campus Construction, and Fiscal Advisors were present to discuss the proposed Capital Project.

Proposed projects:

ECS Elementary School:

Main Office relocation; secure entry with small addition and associated site work.

FK Elementary School:

Main Office relocation; secure entry with small addition and associated site work; roof replacement (as budget allows).

SF Middle School:

STEM renovation in art and technology rooms; flooring replacement; general classroom renovations; athletic entry and cafeteria renovations; boiler and piping replacement; track resurfacing; and roof replacement (as budget allows).

Timeline:

August 31, 2023-Confirmation of proposed projects and budget. District designated SEQR Lead Agency.
October 12, 2023-BOE adopts SEQR resolution and referendum resolution.
October to December 2023-Public information campaign.

November 30, 2023-Public presentation
December 12, 2023-Referendum vote
December 14, 2023-Certify Vote
Beginning January 2024-Design phase and SED submission (6-7 months). SED review (5-6 months).
January 2025-Bid and award
Construction will start in 2025.

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

Business Administrator

James Bruni informed the Board that he would update them on the reserves in October after the External Audit.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

NYSED Office of Early Learning audited the District's UPK program in June. The District was asked if their UPK program could be featured in the Office of Early Learning's fall newsletter. Dr. Reed stated the district is flattered. The UPK Program has only completed its first year.

Shared the DATA newsletter with the Board. Students have improved with face to face instruction. There is more progress to make.

Fill the Bus Campaign is scheduled for Aug. 18th at the Canoga Fire Department from 11:00am to 1:00 pm

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BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara asked the Board members their thoughts on reviewing board goals. He asked that the members bring their thoughts to the next meeting. Denise Lorenzetti asked if there would be a BOE retreat for this. The only retreat planned at the moment is the one with the administrators.

BOE Member Comments

Cara Lajewski asked if the board would consider, when no one is present at the meeting, that the public comment section not be read. Michael Mirras agreed. The Board President stated that the public comment section is read because it was advised by NYSSBA. Michael Mirras suggested looking into it.

Important Dates to Remember

August 1, 2023-Facilities Committee Meeting (8:00 am)
August 3, 2023-BOE Meeting
August 17, 2023-Administrator/BOE Retreat-(5:00 pm -7:30 pm)
August 30 & 31, 2023-Opening day for staff
Oct. 26-28, 2023-NYSSBA Annual Convention (information to follow)

Consent Agenda

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

SFEA

None at this time

SFSSA

None at this time

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 (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: Mariah Gaither

Position: Science Teacher (Grade 7)
NYSED Certification: Pending
Tenure: Pending Certification
Effective date: 08/01/2023
Probation: Pending Certification
Base Salary: \$47,019

Name: Amberlyn Jones
Position: LTS Teacher (Gr. 2)
NYSED Certification: Pending
Effective date: 08/01/2023
Base Salary: \$43,600

Name: Holly Stackus
Position: Teaching Assistant Level I
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level Certificate
Tenure: Teaching Assistant
Probation: 07/14/2023 through 07/13/2027

2023-2024 Annual Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved following annual appointments for the 2023-2024 school year.

Position	Employee	Stipend
Fleet Coordinator	Chad Burnham	\$5,000

2023-2024 Teacher Mentors

Employee	Stipend
Matthew Bienvenue	\$350
Deborah Mead	\$350
Lisa Furletti (1)	\$350
Lisa Furletti (2)	\$350
Darla Shumway	\$350
Mel Morrin	\$350
Deanne Balcer	\$350
Carey LaVoie	\$350
Abigail Bourcy	\$350
Loni Terpolilli	Pd. Through BOCES

Civil Service Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following civil service position(s) (All appointments are conditional until paperwork is completed and fingerprints are cleared).

Name: Molly Sapio
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/24/2023 through 08/29/2023
Hours: 4hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.25

Substitute Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following substitute position(s) (All appointments are conditional until paperwork is completed and fingerprints are cleared):

Name: Andrea Dow
Position: Per Diem Building Substitute Teacher (Frank Knight)
Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 08/01/2023 through 06/30/2024

Name: Vincenta Porretta
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYS Certification: Nursery, Kind. Gr. 1-6 (Permanent certification)
Effective Date: 09/01/2023

Name: Amy B. Jennings
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYS Certification: Uncertified
Effective Date: 09/01/2023

Name: Elizabeth Miller
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYS Certification: Uncertified
Effective Date: 09/01/2023

Name: Beverly Piscitelli

Civil Service Position: Substitute Clerical, Substitute Teacher Aide, Substitute Cashier/FSH
Effective Date: 09/01/2023

Name: Elizabeth Miller
Civil Service Position: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: 09/01/2023

Name: Gary French
Civil Service Position: Substitute School Bus Driver
Effective Date: 08/01/2023

Probationary to Permanent
None at this time

Transportation Requests
None at this time

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes:
06/06/2023, 06/09/2023, 06/12/2023, 06/13/2023, 06/14/2023 (1), 06/14/2023 (2), 06/14/2023 (3), 06/15/2023, 06/16/2023 (1), 06/16/2023 (2), 06/20/2023, 06/21/2023, 06/23/2023, 06/28/2023, 07/05/2023

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	Used for
Seneca Falls Rotary	\$2,500	A2110-450-02-0000	UPK

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

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
None at this time

New Business
SFEA 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 Education Association as presented:

SFEA MOA- 2023-24 CSE Chair TOSA

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Creative Choices Childcare Lease Agreement

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 lease agreement between the District and Creative Choices Childcare as presented.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Stephanie Lyon-Lawrence
Independent Contract

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract between the District and Stephanie Lyon-Lawrence, Independent Contractor, as presented.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session
None at this time

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk