

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 6, 2024 BOE Meeting- 6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Training Room
2 Butler Avenue

BOE Present

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara, Matthew Lando, Cara Lajewski, Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara, and Heather Zellers

BOE Absent

Michael Mirras and Erica Sinicropi

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, and Faith Lewis

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 with the following addendums:

ADD under VI. Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations:

B. MA Report-Faith Lewis

ADD under X. Consent:

A. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

3. SFSSA Resignations

c. Name: Michelle Dyson

Position: Transportation Dispatcher

Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/06/2024

d. Name: Aimee Bennett

Position: School Bus Driver

Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/06/2024

B. Appointments

3. 2023-2024 Coaching Appointments

Major, Ryan	Modified Baseball Head Coach	\$2,211.99
Densmore, Don	Varsity Boys Track and Field Coach	\$3,669.79
Johnston, Cullen	Varsity Track Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00

4. Civil Service Appointments

a. Name: Jenna Haas

Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide

5. Substitute Appointments:

c. Name: Michael Bogart

Position: Substitute Teacher-Grades K-8

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes

February 15, 2024

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated February 15, 2024.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
January 2024

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following Treasurer's Report for January 2024.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Reports as listed:

November 2023

December 2023

January 2024

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
Target District Accountability Status-Dr. Reed and Jodie Verkey

Dr. Reed and Jodie Verkey presented the Target Designation and District Comprehensive Improvement Plan to the Board.

DCIP Process Development-First Step:

- Gathered data related to categories/subgroups identified and performance/chronic absenteeism rates over three years
- Formatted data to be user friendly for increased understanding
- Identified District Steering Committee as primary stakeholder group
- Identified 8 meeting dates between DSC, Admin Mtgs., and DEI Committee to complete the plan

Priorities or Goals-Second Step:

Administration met to preliminarily identify three goals (stakeholder approval dependent):

- Improving attendance rates for all students, fostering a culture of consistent attendance to maximize learning opportunities and academic success.
- Establishing an inclusive, nurturing environment that embraces diversity, equity, and empathy, ultimately contributing to increased academic success for all students.
- Providing professional development to enhance literacy instruction, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and ensuring that all students develop strong literacy skills for academic success.

Timeline:

- February 14-Admininstration meeting was held.
- March 18-Meet with DEI and District Steering Committee to discuss possible goals, strategies and resources needed.
- April-Schedule a District Steering Committee meeting.
- May 20-meet with District Steering Committee to continue to work on goals, strategies and resources.
- May 31-Digital Review (sent to group for final comments).
- June 5-Admininstrations meeting-finalize document for July submission.
- June 6-Board of Education approval for plan.
- July 31, 2024 –deadline for submission of the Target Designation and District Comprehensive Improvement Plan to the state.

MA Report-Faith Lewis

Faith Lewis reported on the following:
 BLUE Student celebrations were held. Students had pizza lunches, ice cream socials, breakfast and spring cookie decorating will be coming up.
 Blue Cards are sent to every student quarterly. Seven hundred blue cards were sent out as of March 5, 2024.
 The Blue Store is opening on Monday March 11, 2024. Students will be able to use their “devil dollars” for store items.
 The store has enough funding for this school year. Mynderse Academy received a percentage back from when high school pictures are taken.
 Reminded the Board that the “Hunchback of Notre Dame” play was this upcoming weekend.

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 on the Facilities Committee meeting that was held on
 The scoreboards in the Middle School gym will be replaced. The old scoreboards may be placed in the high school gym.
 The Middle School elevator passed all safety checks.
 There would be a significant cost and structural changes to move the column in the MS back entrance near the gym. The gym doors and officials shower room will be reconfigured to traffic away.
 There is currently not enough funding in the capital project for air conditioning or electrical power in the MS gym.

Information

Matt Bienvenue-LOA-Administrative Internship (2024-2025)
 Robert Wood-LOA-School Bus Driver (03/07/2024-03/06/2025)

Warrants

<u>02/01/2024-02/29/2024</u>	
Warrant #63 (A)	\$ 706,095.77
Warrant #64 (A)	\$ 251,926.37
Warrant #65 (A)	\$ 26,070.68
Warrant #24 (C)	\$ 18,951.09
Warrant #25 (C)	\$ 5,429.06
Warrant #26 (C)	\$ 105.52
Warrant #26 (F)	\$ 26,825.00
Warrant #27 (F)	\$ 7,849.33
Warrant #28 (F)	\$ 35,839.06

Business Administrator Report

James Bruni reported the following:
 Reviewed the five (5) year “Device Refresh Plan”. Discussed creating a capital reserve for the plan. In order to establish a capital reserve plan, it would need to be put out to vote by the public.

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Recognized and congratulated Karter Ticconi, for being selected for the Superintendent Recognition Award for Seneca Falls Central School District. Dr. Reed attended the annual dinner on March 7 along with other district superintendents. The award is given to one senior (from each of the 25 districts) who epitomizes Honesty, Compassion, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Resiliency and Industriousness.
- Attended the NYSSCOSS Winter Institute on March 3-5. Theme was “Cultivating a Culture of Excellence for ALL Students”. Dr. Reed will share information and books that she brought back with the leadership team.
- Friday, March 15 is a Superintendent Conference Day-no school for students. Staff will be working on Workplace violence, Literacy, and MTSS.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara reported on the following:

- NYSSBA gave an update on State Advocacy -happening now through April 1. The resolution process is in the making.
- Denise Lorenzetti’s report she sent to Four County SBA was excellent.
- March 19, 2024-4-County SBA Board of Director
- March 22, 2024-4 County SBA 2nd Annual Spring Conference

Important Dates to Remember

March 8-10, 2024-MA Musical Play “Hunchback of Notre Dame”
March 15, 2024-Professional Development Day (No school)
March 19, 2024-4-County SBA Board of Director’s Mtg.
March 21, 2024-BOE Meeting
March 21 & 22, 2024-Parent/Teacher Conferences (FK & CS-1/2 days for students)
March 22, 2024-4 County SBA 2nd Annual Spring Conference
March 29-April 8, 2024-Spring Recess-No school (10 month employees)

Consent Agenda
Retirements/Resignations/Terminations
SFAA

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

Name: Dr. Breana Mullen
Position: Assistant Principal
Effective Date: the end of the day on 03/21/2024

SFSSA

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

Name: Meaghan Hagadorn
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/08/2024

Name: Anne Ireland
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/08/2024

Name: Michelle Dyson
Position: Transportation Dispatcher
Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/06/2024

Name: Aimee Bennett
Position: School Bus Driver
Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/06/2024

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: Julie Miller
Position: Spanish Teacher
Certification: Spanish Education
Tenure: Spanish Education
Effective date: 04/09/2024
Probation: 04/09/2024 through 04/08/2028

Base Salary: \$49,765 (to be pro-rated based on start date)

Teacher-Mentor

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Teacher-Mentor appointment for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mentor		Stipend
Elizabeth Tanner	Eff. 02/12/2024	\$157.50

2023-2024 Coaching Appointments

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

Employee	Coaching Position	Stipend
	LACROSSE	
Caraher, Joe	Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach	\$3,669.79
Stevens, James	Boys Varsity Paid Assistant Lacrosse	\$2,000.00
Mahoney, Justin	Boys Modified A Lacrosse Head Coach	\$2,211.99
Kurdziolek, Michael	Boys Modified A Lacrosse Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00
Foster, Corey	Girls Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach	\$3,669.79
Kohberger, Bill	Girls Varsity Lacrosse Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00
Bogart, Emily	Girls Modified A Lacrosse Head Coach	\$2,211.99
	SOFTBALL	
Johnson, Ron	Softball Varsity Head Coach	\$3,669.79
Jones, Adam	Softball Varsity Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00
Leederman, Ashley	JV Softball Head Coach	\$2,478.06
Bilancini, Jackie	Modified Softball Head Coach	\$2,211.99
	BASEBALL	
Foster, Charlie	Varsity Baseball Head Coach	\$3,669.79
Kent, Dan	Varsity Baseball Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00
Burlew, Matt	Varsity Baseball NON-Paid Assistant	Non-Paid
Rarick, Nathan	JV Baseball Head Coach	\$2,478.06
Major, Ryan	Modified Baseball Head Coach	\$2,211.99
	TRACK & FIELD	
Densmore, Don	Varsity Boys Track and Field Coach	\$3,669.79
Esposito, Sharon	Varsity Girls Track and Field Coach	\$3,669.79
Johnston, Cullen	Varsity Track Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00
	TENNIS	
Redding, Scott	Varsity Boys Tennis Head Coach	\$3,669.79
Jacuzzo, Joe	Modified Boys Tennis Head Coach	\$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: Robert Wood
Civil Service Position: Typist
Effective Date: 03/07/2024
Probationary period: 03/07/2024 through 03/06/2025
Hourly Rate: \$17.00
Hours per day: 7.0

Name: Jenna Haas
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide
Effective Date: 03/11/2024
Probationary period: 03/11/2024 through 03/10/2025
Hourly Rate: \$16.00
Hours per day: 6.0

Substitute Appointments:

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

Name: Mykaela Turner
Civil Service Position: Substitute Bus Monitor
Effective: 03/07/2024

Name: Dyan Kenkel
Civil Service Position: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: 03/07/2024

Name: Michael Bogart
Position: Substitute Teacher-Grades K-8
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 03/07/2024

Probationary to Permanent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the probationary to permanent appointment of the following employee(s):

Employee	Position	Effective
Michelle Dyson	Transportation Supervisor	03/07/2024
Aimee Bennett	Transportation Dispatcher	03/07/2024

Reduction in Hours

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following reduction of hours as listed:

Employee	Position	Current Hrs.	New Hrs.	Effective
Robert Wood	AV Technician	3.0	1.0	03/07/2024

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes:
01/30/2024, 02/02/202(1), 02/02/2024(2), 02/05/2024, 02/06/2024(1), 02/06/2024(2), 02/07/2024, 02/08/2024, 02/09/2024, 02/13/2024, 02/14/2024(1), 02/14/2024(2), 02/15/2024, 02/16/2024

Gifts and Donations

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

Donor	Amount	Account	
Ohiopyle Inc.	\$7.14	A2110-450-04-PBIS	Misc. supplies/materials

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 Matthew Lando.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
Revision to 2023-2024 Winter Coaching

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to revise the following November 9, 2023 Board of Education coaching appointment as follows:

Consent Agenda
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

Wrestling Non Paid Assistant	Adam Jones	Non Paid \$2,000
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Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business
2024-2025 School Calendar

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Seneca Falls Central School District calendar as presented.
Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Establishment of the Seneca Falls Community Band Award

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board of Education approves the establishment of the following annual award:

Seneca Falls Community Band Award

- Amount of Award: \$100.00
- Award will be presented at the final band concert of the year.
- Money will be held by the donor (Seneca Falls Community Band)
- Criteria:

- Given to a sophomore or junior student of the Mynderse Academy Band who thoroughly enjoys being an instrumental music student;
 - The recipient understands the importance of being a team member of the group and demonstrate that by seeing the value of attending lessons and being present at rehearsals;
 - The recipient may not necessarily be the first chair in their section, but are a role model to others on how to be a positive member of an ensemble and contribute to the band in a meaningful way, whether it is noticeably or quietly done;
 - Most importantly, they love making music.
- Selection Process: Recipient will be chosen by the Mynderse Academy Instrumental Music Director.
- Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.
- Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-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 4327-Homebound Instruction
Policy 6700-Purchasing
Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

HUNT EAS Agreement

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Seneca Falls Central School District and Hunt Engineers, Architects & Surveyors for the architectural and engineering services fee for the Capital Project Design.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2024-2025 Budget Workshop
None at this time

Executive Session
None at this time

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.
Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk