

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 21, 2024 BOE Meeting- 6:00 PM

Robert McKeveny Training Room

2 Butler Avenue

BOE Present

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara, Cara Lajewski, Denise Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, Joseph McNamara, and Erica Sinicropi

BOE Absent

Matthew Lando and Heather Zellers

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Kevin Rhinehart and Kevin Korzeniewski

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 X. Consent Agenda

A. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

3. SFSSA-Resignation

c. Name: Karen Pollino

Position: Sr. Typist

Effective: the end of the day on 04/01/2024

B. Appointments

1. Professional Appointments

a. Name: Mark Solan

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Certification: Social Studies 7-12

Tenure: Social Studies Education

Effective date: 07/01/2024

Probation: 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2028

Base Salary: \$52,123.

3. Civil Service Appointments

REMOVE:

a. ~~Name: Sierra Trickler~~

~~Civil Service Position: School Bus Driver~~

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board of Education Minutes

March 6, 2024

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated March 6, 2024.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 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

Kevin Rhinehart-SFMS Report

Band and Chorus

Thirteen 6th grade students performed in Elementary All County Band and Chorus Concerts which was held in Marcus Whitman.

The 6th grade band students who participated were:

Flute - Katelyn Abbe, Clarinet - Hailey Urquhart, Oboe - Randi Polite, French Horn - Harper Tanner,

Trumpet - Parker Reinwald, Percussion - Maddox McCully

Chorus Students

Sage Olschewske, Franchesca McCormack, Irelynn Flahavan, Khloe VanCleeef, Nate Bower, Ezra Cruz, Hannah Helmicki

Concerts

- On Wednesday, March 13th the 5-12 spring band concert was held in the MS gymnasium.
- The 6th grade band played The Rainbow Connection and Happy (Despicable Me 2).
- The 7/8 grade band played Disney on Parade and Captain Marvel (theme).
- Congratulations to all 5-12 band students and to Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Fitzgerald!
- On Wednesday, March 20 the spring chorus concert was held.
- Congratulations to all the musicians, Mrs. Balcer and Mrs. Luisi-Ellis

NAEP Assessments

On March 5, 2024 - approximately 50 students (8th grade) participated in the NAEP assessments. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is mandated by Congress to assess the educational achievement of U.S. students and monitor changes in those achievements.

NYS Assessments

On March 20th a parent informational meeting took place in the MS library to go over the NYS assessment administration procedure and dates.

- Grade 6 - 8 ELA will be administered on April 11 and 12, 2024
- Grade 8 Science will be administered on May 2, 2024 (also 7th grade accelerated science)
- Grade 6 - 8 Math will be administered on May 8 and 9, 2024
- Testing make-up window of May 17

SFMS Calendar of Events for June 2024

June 4	8th Grade Algebra Students —Regents exam
June 10	Middle School Academic Awards 6:00 pm (HS auditorium)
	Grade 7 to Taughannock State Park
June 11	7th Grade IReading Reading during ELA classes
	Spanish 7 Final in Spanish Classes
June 12	8th Grade Spanish Final
	7th Grade IReading Reading during ELA classes
	Spanish 7 Final in Spanish Classes
June 12	Vince Park Grade 6
June 13	Vince Park Grade 8 (Full Day) (regular classes 7 and 6)
	7th Grade IReading Reading during ELA classes
	Spanish 7 Final in Spanish Classes
June 14	Vince Park Grade 7 (Full Day) (regular classes 6)
June 14	8th Grade SeaBreeze (Full Day)
June 17	½ day MS students-iReady Math/finals
June 18	½ day MS students-iReady Reading/finals
June 19	No school
June 20	½ day MS students grade 6-8 final exams
June 21	½ day MS students grades 6-8 final exams
June 24	½ day MS students grades 6-8 final exams
June 25	½ day MS students (makeup exam) (June Jamboree)
June 25	8:00 am – 8th Grade Promotion rehearsal
June 25	6:00 pm –8th Grade Promotion
June 26	Teacher Last Day (Times TBD)

Kevin Korzeniewski-Athletic Director Report

2023/24 Athletics Winter BOE Report

Varsity Bowling

- 12 out of 15 student-athletes are first-time letter recipients.
- 3 girls were chosen for individual sectional competition at Roseland Bowl.

Girls

- 1st Team-Bella Burlew
- 2nd Team-Joey McLean, Skyler Connelly, RaeLynn Davis, Emily Riddle, Tulsi Trivedi

Boys

- 2nd Team-Jordan Smith, Zion Mills

- Honorable Mention -Cody Schultz

Boys Basketball

- 2nd team-Anthony Luffman
- Honorable Mention-Jake Prayne

Team Sectional Champions

- Class B1 All-Tournament Team
- MVP-Anthony Luffman
- Jack Brady, Alan Plummer, Jake Prayne
- Class B1 Sportsmanship Award: Rocco Palladino

Girls Basketball

- 1st Team-Peyton Verkey
- 2nd Team-Maddie Verkey
- 3rd Team-Chelsea Korzeniewski, Lauren McDermott
- Class B All-Tournament Team-Peyton Verkey

Ice Hockey

- Caden Geunot and Isaac Pundt participated.
- The team lost in the first round of the Class A tournament.
- Team Record: 5-11-4

Indoor Track & Field

- Sectional Champions: Jariel Ubiles, Devin James, Avi James, Matt Mahoney-4 x 800 relay team
- 1st Team-Jariel Ubiles, Devin James, Avi James, Matt Mahoney
- 3rd Team -Deven James 1000m

Wrestling

- 1st Team -Joe McDonald
- 2nd Team Jaylon Mikko
- Honorable Mention-Eion Fleming

Scholar-Athlete Teams and Individuals:

Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track & Field, Boys Bowling, Girls Bowling

Athletes receiving individual Scholar-Athlete awards:

RaeLynn Davis, Ryan Herman, Jordan Smith, Tulsi Trivedi, Cody Schultz, Chelsea Korzeniewski, Lauren McDermott, Ali Nigro, Sophie Palladino, Maddie Verkey, Peyton Verkey, Chase Fitzgerald, Dylan Tandle, Rocco Palladino, Xavier Balzer, Noah Butler, Brock Calabrese, Avi James, Deven James, Philip Love, Matthew Mahoney, Jose medina-Salmon, Carson Montoney, Drew Palmer, Kyan powers, Jariel Ubiles, Ryan VanVleck, Madelyn Barg, Melany Johnson, Serafina Lux, Arianne Mahoney, Riley McCleod, Cailette Sawtelle, Quan Cao.

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

Policy Committee

Cara Lajewski reported that the first reading of Policy 4850 was on the agenda. The committee continues to work on policies.

Information Warrants

02/01/2024-02/29/2024

Warrant #69 (A)	\$ 17,038.38
Warrant #70 (A)	\$ 480,348.01
Warrant #72 (A)	\$ 668,698.14
Warrant #27 (C)	\$ 12,360.40
Warrant #28 (C)	\$ 960.13
Warrant #30 (C)	\$ 618.68
Warrant #29 (F)	\$ 4,710.00
Warrant # 2 (H)	\$ 10,533.33
Warrant # 3 (H)	\$ 19,036.25

Business Administrator Report

James Bruni reported on the following:

- Informed the Board that the Capital Technology Reserve Fund resolution was on the agenda tonight. There is a two million dollar cap on the reserve plus interest for a ten year period. The resolution must go to the voters on May 21. The resolution will need to be in the legal notice as well.
- The next health insurance (Benefits) committee meeting is on March 27, 2024. A zoom link is available for committee members who cannot come in person.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed wanted to personally thank Geneva City School District who graciously sent our district 200 pairs of Bombas socks for our students.

Dr. Reed also reported on the following:

The district conference day was last Friday (Mar. 15th). Teachers focused on Aces, science, reading, and MTSS. It was a productive day.

Faculty and staff also worked on the Workplace Violence Workplace training (mandated).

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara reminded the Board that they will need to review the Superintendent Evaluation. He suggested bringing in someone to do a refresher for the Board.

BOE Member Comments

Deborah Corsner reported that she would be attending the Four County SBA Annual Spring Education Conference on Friday (Mar. 22)

Important Dates to Remember

March 22, 2024-4 County SBA 2nd Annual Spring Conference
March 29, 2024-Spring Recess Day-No School (all employees)
March 29-April 8, 2024-Spring Recess-No school (10 month employees)
April 11, 2024-BOE Meeting
April 24, 2024-BOE Meeting

Consent Agenda

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

SFAA

None at this time

SFEA

Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation from the following Seneca Falls Education Association employee:

Name: Kaitlyn Lutz

Position: School Psychologist

Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/13/2024

SFSSA

Resignation

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

Name: Judy Fairbanks

Position: School Bus Driver

Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/11/2024

Name: Kyle Dawley

Position: Custodian

Effective date: at the end of the day on 03/26/2024

Name: Karen Pollino

Position: Sr. Typist

Effective: the end of the day on 04/01/2024

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: Mark Solan

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Certification: Social Studies 7-12

Tenure: Social Studies Education

Effective date: 07/01/2024

Probation: 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2028

Base Salary: \$52,123

2023-2024 Coaching Appointments

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

Employee	Coaching Position	Stipend
Liam Caraher	Baseball Non-Paid Assistant	Non-Paid

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: Judy Fairbanks

Civil Service Position: School Bus Monitor

Effective Date: 03/12/2024

Probationary period: 03/12/2024 through 03/11/2025

Hourly Rate: \$16.61

Hours per day: 5.25

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: Amanda Stone

Position: Substitute Teacher, Substitute Teaching Assistant

NYSED Certification: Uncertified

Effective: 03/22/2024

Name: Abigail Palmer

Position: Substitute Teacher, Substitute Teaching Assistant

NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 03/22/2024

Name: James Clark
Position: Substitute Messenger
Effective: 03/22/2024

Name: Brittany Drahiem
Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: 03/22/2024

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
Rachel Cleere	Teacher Aide	03/09/2024

Extend Probationary Period

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves extending the probationary period for the following employee:

Employee	Position	Extend Probation
Cassidy Adams	Teacher Aide	From 03/23/2024 to 06/25/2024

CSE Minutes

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

02/26/2024, 02/27/2024, 02/28/2024, 02/29/2024, 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024

Gifts and Donations

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

Donor	Amount	Account	
Kredo, Inc.	\$582.80	A2110-450-02-0001	Kindergarten supplies/materials
Kredo, Inc.	\$789.50	A2110-450-02-0001	Grade 1 supplies/materials
Kredo, Inc.	\$335.50	A2110-450-02-0002	Grade 2 supplies/materials

Transportation Requests

None at this time.

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

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Corrections

2024-2025 School Calendar

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to correct the previously approved 2024-2025 school calendar as presented.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

Proposition to Authorization to Establish Capital Reserve Fund
for Technology Equipment & Infrastructure

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolution shall be put to the voters at the annual meeting on May 21, 2024:

Authorization to Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Equipment & Infrastructure

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County, New York, be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in accordance with New York Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the "Technology Equipment & Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund 2024". The fund shall be used to finance, in whole or in part, the purchase and installation of information technology equipment and supplies, audiovisual technology equipment and supplies, and safety and security technology equipment and supplies, including hardware, software, related networking infrastructure including improvements to existing infrastructure, related peripheral machinery and apparatus, and ancillary or related work required in connection thereto, all such costs being of a type eligible for financing under the Local Finance Law. The ultimate amount of such fund shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) plus accrued interest. The maximum term of the "Technology Equipment and Infrastructure Reserve Fund 2024" shall be ten (10) years but said reserve fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law. The source of money to be paid into such reserve fund shall include: (a) current and future unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund of the District as directed by the Board of Education; (b) any appropriations authorized by the voters; (c) transfers from other reserve funds of the District as authorized by law; (d) proceeds from the sale of obsolete equipment as directed by the Board of Education; (e) New York State aid as directed by the Board of Education; and (f) interest earnings.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-1st Reading

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

Policy 4850 ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS

Exhibit 4850 ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

HUNT EAS Agreement

Hazardous Materials Sampling, Testing & Design (lt 240304)

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to 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 Hazardous Materials Sampling, Testing & Design (lt 240304) fee for the Capital Project Design.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2024-2025 Budget Workshop

Budget Component	24-25 Budget (Delta from FY24)	Delta
NYS ERS (Support Staff)	ERS rates have stayed steady at 15%	\$34,506
NYS TRS (Instructional)	TRS rates increasing to 10.29%	\$49,002
Social Security (FICA)	Continuation of 7.65%	\$32,843
Workers Comp.	Total cost projected at \$220,000	\$40,000
Medical Insurance	Premium rates increasing BP 3.5%; HB 5%; HDHP 12%	
	BP 4%; HB 6%; HDHP 9.5%	\$98,877 (+2%)
Dental Insurance	Premium rates not rising (0%)	\$0
BOCES Budget	Reduction in CTE, Sp.Ed. Enrollment	\$247,256
Salaries	SFEA, SFSSA, SFAA	\$429,297
Total	Difference from 2023-24	\$931,781

Budget Summary Review

	2022-23	2023-24	Change	% Change
Appropriations	\$ 34,394,919	\$ 36,233,251	\$ 1,838,332	5.34%

Revenues	\$ 20,551,112	\$ 21,733,373	\$ 1,182,261	5.75%
Tax Levy	\$ 13,843,807	\$ 14,120,683	\$ 276,876	2.000%

January preliminary budget had a gap of \$379,195 *

	2022-23	2023-24	Change	% Change
Appropriations	\$ 34,394,919	\$ 36,024,750	\$ 1,629,831	4.74%
Revenues	\$ 20,551,112	\$ 21,904,067	\$ 1,568,269	7.71%
Tax Levy	\$ 13,843,807	\$ 14,120,683	\$ 276,876	2.000%

March budget is balanced with a reduction of over \$200,000 and increase in State Aid

The 2024-2025 budget resolution will be on the April 11, 2024 agenda.

Executive Session

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:36 pm to discuss the details of employment of particular persons.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 7:50 pm

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7: 50 pm.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Joseph McNamara, Board President