

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 May 9, 2024 BOE Meeting/Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Budget
 6:00 pm

BOE Present

Cara Lajewski, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, Erica Sinicropi and Heather Zellers

BOE Absent

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara and Joseph McNamara

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, and Kevin Korzeniewski

Michael Mirras called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of the Board of Education was present; the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Hearing

2024-2025 School Budget

Dr. Reed and James Bruni reviewed the 2024-2025 proposed school budget.

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.

The 2024-25 Seneca Falls CSD Budget Supports & Maintains:

- Improve literacy instruction with a continued focus in the Science of Reading and addition of a literacy coach.
- PD to meet individual and varied needs of all students through engagement and empowerment strategies as well as creating a culturally responsive learning environment.
- Greater awareness of student mental health needs and trauma-informed instructional practices Social emotional learning and support into classroom curriculum
- Digital diagnostic tools and assessments to assess student strengths & deficiencies in order to implement research-based interventions
- Panorama platform to track, provide and monitor academic, attendance, behavioral, and social-emotional interventions
- Growth of MTSS- Tier 1 instruction as well as Tier 2 & 3 interventions to meet students where they are (MTSS Coordinator and MTSS Coaches)
- Learning opportunities that meet individual student needs (i.e. accelerated courses, AP and Gemini courses, New Visions, FLTCC programs, AIS, Credit Recovery, after-school clubs)
- Expand counseling services within and outside of school day (i.e. *Family Counseling Services of FL, Seneca County Community Counseling, Glove House School-Based Program*)
- Counseling services that include awareness and connections to careers/jobs and outside agencies (*Mynderse Academy Career & College Fair*)
- Accessible and accurate information for students, staff, parents and community members regarding the use & monitoring of social media
- Positive, appropriate and responsible use of technology/media through Digital Citizenship

Budget Components

- Program Budget: The salaries and benefits of all instructional employees, textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.
- Capital Budget: Operations and maintenance costs, including custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, and utilities.
- Administrative Budget: The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, school board-related costs, tax collection, legal services.

<u>State Aid Information</u>	<u>24-25 Estimated Aid</u>	<u>% change from 23-24</u>
Foundation Aid	\$13,681,271.00	0.5%
**BOCES Aid (78.4%)	\$ 1,702,72.00	5.3%
Hardware, Library, Textbook Aid	\$ 124,087.00	-1.4%
**Building Aid	\$ 2,386,376.00	-9.1%
**Transportation Aid (90%)	\$ 1,981,620.00	9.0%
**Private/Public Excess Cost Aid	\$ 1,002,443.00	-4.2%
Total Aid	\$20,878,519	0.1 % Increase

Proposed 2% Tax Levy Increase Out of Maximum Tax Cap 3.4%

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the following addendums:

ADD under X. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

1. Professional Appointments

c. Name: Emma St. Martin

Position: School Psychologist

Certification: School Psychologist (Certification)

Tenure: School Psychologist

Effective date: 07/01/2024

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

Salary: \$50,328

2. Civil Service Appointments

a. Name: Karolyn Gaydosh

Civil Service Position: Senior Typist

Effective: 05/20/2024

Probationary Period: 05/20/2024 to 05/19/2025

Hours/day: 7

Hourly Rate: \$19.00

b. Name: Madison Doyle

Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 05/10/2024

Probationary Period: 05/10/2024 to 05/09/2025

Hours/day: 6

Hourly Rate: \$16.00

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes

April 24, 2024

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated April 24, 2024.

Erica Sinicropi made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
March 2024

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2024

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Dr. Reed presented Denise Lorenzetti with a NYSSBA recognition certificate for her service and hours she puts in for advocacy and training.

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
Warrants

04/01/2024-04/30/2024

Warrant #85 (A)	\$ 68,505.52
Warrant #86 (A)	\$450,315.24
Warrant #38 (F)	\$ 5,032.10
Warrant #39 (F)	\$ 11,514.64
Warrant # 6 (H)	\$ 10,533.33

Business Administrator Report

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported the following:

- The Seneca Falls Central School District Strategic Plan ends this school year. A new plan is being worked on that will run through June 2027.
- Literacy Initiative: Teachers have been participating in professional development to bring them up to date.
- School Community Connections: The district continues to work with outside organizations.
- Received money from the Bonafiglia Family foundation that will be used for literacy.
- Safety/Wellness Committee meeting report:
Updates on Workplace Violence Policy
Day Automation-reviewed potential future changes
Committee members worked on a “scoreboard” for the Wellness Policy
- MA Career Day -Friday, May 10th.
- Thanked the Board for the Teacher Appreciation Week snacks for staff; very much appreciated.

BOE Vice-President Comments

Michael Mirras reminded the members for some upcoming events for Four County SBA:

May 16, 2024 -4 County SBA Annual Meeting-with Zach Arenz (2024 NYS Teacher of the Year).

May 20, 2024-4County SBA Board of Directors Meeting

BOE Member Comments

Heather Zellers recommended anyone that could attend the annual meeting should-Zach Arenz is an amazing speaker.

Denise Lorenzetti reported that she read for Reading Week at Frank Knight School for the first time and she loved it. Other Board members who participated in, or would be participating in reading week, are Michael Mirras, Cara Lajewski, Erica Sinicropi and Matthew Lando

Important Dates to Remember

May 11, 2024-Four County SBA Legislative Meeting (9:00 am)

May 16, 2024- Four County SBA Annual Meeting

May 21, 2024-Annual Meeting (Budget Vote/Election)

May 24, 2024-No School for students & 10-month employees
Senior Ball

May 27, 2024-Memorial Day Holiday

Consent Agenda
Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

SFAA

None at this time

SFEA

None at this time

SFSSA

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

Name: Nicole Westfall
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 04/30/2024

Name: Jennifer Haas
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 05/17/2024

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: Emily Porretta
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification: Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6 (Initial Certification)
Tenure: Special Education
Effective date: 07/01/2024
Probation: 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2028
Salary: Continue on SFEA salary schedule

Name: Ashley Chrisman
Position: Elementary Education Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6 (Initial Certification)
Tenure: Elementary Education
Effective date: 07/01/2024
Probation: 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2028
Salary: \$44,200.00

Name: Emma St. Martin
Position: School Psychologist
Certification: School Psychologist *(Pending)*
Tenure: School Psychologist
Effective date: 07/01/2024
Probation: Pending Certification
Salary: \$50,328

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: Karolyn Gaydosh
Civil Service Position: Senior Typist
Effective: 05/20/2024
Probationary Period: 05/20/2024 to 05/19/2025
Hours/day: 7
Hourly Rate: \$19.00

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Hourly Rate: \$16.00

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: Amberlynn Jones
Position: Substitute Gr. 2 Teacher (LTS Level I)
Certification: Uncertified
Effective date: 2024-2025 school year
Salary: \$44,200.00

Name: Jaydon Ryrko
Position: Substitute Teacher, Substitute Teaching Assistant (Gr. K-5)
Certification: Uncertified
Effective date: 05/10/2024

Name: Tamma Hartman
Position: Substitute School Monitor
Effective date: 05/10/2024

Name: Robert Wood
Position: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective date: 05/09/2024

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
Amy Jennings	Teacher Aide	06/04/2024
Samantha Jesmer	Bus Monitor	06/02/2024

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 01/02/2024, 04/09/2024, 04/10/2024, 04/11/2024, 04/15/2024(1), 04/15/2024(2), 04/16/2024, 04/17/2024, 04/18/2024(1), 04/18/2024(2),

Gifts and Donations

None at this time
2024-2025 Transportation Request(s)

None at this time.

Overnight Conference Request(s)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following overnight conference requests:

New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) 65th Annual Summer Conference

July 6-July 10, 2024 in Saratoga, NY
Attendees: Michelle Dyson, Transportation Director
Aimee Bennett, School Bus Dispatcher

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

2024-2025 School Psychologist Intern Roberts Wesleyan University MOA

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the MOA between the Seneca Falls Central School District and Roberts Wesleyan University as presented for the 2024-2025 school year.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Heather Zellers

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

SFSSA MOA

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following SFSSA MOA:

SFSSA MOA-Medicaid Billing Assistant

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Subcontract Agreement with Seneca County Public Health (SCPH) (NYSDOH Grant)

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the required annual Subcontract Agreement between the Seneca Falls Central School District and Seneca County Public Health (SCPH) as presented for June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Insurance Reserve Resolution

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education approves the following resolution to establish an Insurance Reserve Fund:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law Section 6-n authorizes school districts to create an insurance reserve fund, the purpose of which is to pay for certain losses, claims, actions or judgments, as defined pursuant to that provision including uninsured losses, as well as expert or professional services in connection with the investigation, adjustment or settlement of claims, actions or judgments; and

WHEREAS, the sources of monies that may be legally appropriated for such insurance reserve fund include budgetary appropriations, amounts from any other General Municipal reserve fund subject to permissive referendum, and such other funds as the Board of Education may legally appropriate, with the funding of such insurance reserve fund in any fiscal year not to exceed the greater of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) or Five Percent (5%) of the District's total annual budget for that year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, pursuant to Section 6-n of the New York General Municipal Law, hereby establishes an Insurance Reserve Fund to be known as the "SFCSA Insurance Reserve Fund"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs that an amount equal to Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) be appropriated from unassigned fund balance of the General Fund and transferred to the Insurance Reserve Fund; and the Board of Education further directs that such funds shall be deposited, invested, and accounted for in the manner specified in New York General Municipal Law Section 6-n.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Surplus Maintenance Department

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to dispose of following Maintenance Department surplus items as listed through sale, donation, disposal or auction according to Board Policy #6900:

Past Theatre Lights, replaced through the Capital Project

- 8 CHROMA-Q Lights
- 10 Neeva Lights
- 6 Elation Lights
- 1 Altman Light
- 8 ETC Lights
- 7 Phillips Strand Lights
- 11 SSRC Lights

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session
Superintendent Evaluation

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 pm to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

The regular meeting resumed at 6:49 pm.

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried