

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
September 12, 2024-6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara, Cara Lajewski, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, and Erica Sinicropi

BOE Absent

Joseph McNamara and Heather Zellers

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Faith Lewis, Kevin Rhinehart, Amy Hibbard, Janet Clendenen, Karissa Blamble, and Carrie Heffron. Ariel Denny, Amanda Fleig, Lauren Passalacqua, Ashley Leederman, Jared Federman, Elizabeth Jones, and Kelley Grieco and family members present for tenure recognition. New employees present: Emma St. Martin (Psychologist), Kathryn Mosca (Psychologist), Julie Trembley (Spanish), Mark Solan (Social Studies), and Michelle Quigley (School Bus Driver).

Michael Mirras called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum of the Board of Education was present; the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Agenda

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the agenda with addendums listed.

ADD under X. Consent Agenda

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

B. Appointments

3. 2024-2025 Coaching

Hannah Brown-Trice	Varsity Girls Soccer-Paid Assistant	\$2,000
Sarah Levis	Modified Volleyball NON- Paid Assistant	n/a

4. 2024-2025 Bus Driver/Monitor Bidding

Bus Monitors	
Judy Fairbanks	4.0

5. Civil Service Appointments-Change Brianna Cuny start date to **09/17/24**

7. Substitute Appointments

a. Name: **Jacob Anderson**

Position: Math Teacher-Long Term Substitute (Level I)

ADD under XII. New Business

A. Tenure

1. **Hande McDonald**-School Social Worker

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

Aug 8, 2024

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated August 8, 2024

Matthew Lando 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

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for July 2024

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Student Liaison

Searah Reardon introduced herself to the community as the new student Board member. Searah is the first student Board member. Her hobbies include writing, Girl Scouts, mental health advocacy to name a few.

Searah is also Senior Class Vice President, active in Student Council and the yearbook committee.

Search is excited to be on the Board and is looking forward to learning and the experience.

Retirees

Deborah Mead and Steve Dougherty were not present for the meeting. Their respective building principals recognized their years of service.

Tenure

Ariel Denny, Amanda Fleig, Lauren Passalacqua, Ashley Leederman, Jared Federman, Elizabeth Jones, and Kelley Grieco and family members present for tenure recognition.

New Employees present:

Emma St. Martin (Psychologist), Kathryn Mosca (Psychologist), Julie Trembley (Spanish), Mark Solan (Social Studies), and Michelle Quigley (School Bus Driver).

Public Comment

For anyone interested in addressing the Board, please review the Public Comment statement below.

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 committee has met Sept. 10. The July NYSSBA updates were reviewed. The first policy reading will be on the next board agenda (Sept. 25). Almost all the updates are based on current law.

A cell phone policy will be discussed at a future committee meeting as well as a few regulations that need to be updated.

Information

Warrants 08/01/2024-08/30/2024

Warrant A (11)	\$ 24,066.04
Warrant A (14)	\$435,531.64
Warrant C (4)	\$ 726.22
Warrant C (5)	\$ 189.10
Warrant F (4)	\$ 6,500.00
Warrant F (5)	\$ 513.84
Warrant H (#)	\$ 742.14

Student Board Member

Search Reardon reported that students would be setting up for the pep rally and homecoming this weekend. The MA football game was today; soccer game scheduled for Friday (13th) and a volley ball game is scheduled for Saturday morning.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

The school tax bills went out late. The Star exemption in Fayette changed by NYS. The school tax bills were mailed Sept. 3, 2024. The district has been received a number of phone calls. Information is on the school website with a phone # to call with questions. Michael Mirras asked is the district could waive the late fee. James Bruni stated that the State does not allow it.

The external audit is coming up. A meeting will be scheduled possibly at the end of September.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

The district had a great opening day of school.

Welcomed the new student liaison, Searah Reardon. Dr. Reed has been meeting with Searah frequently. Dr. Reed thank the many business that sent donation (school supplies, food pantry items, etc.)

Informed the district that the Board will review the confidential emergency plan next BOE agenda during executive session.

Dr. Reed will meet with CSO's to get feedback on ho their district gather information regarding GPA rankings.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reminded the board members of the two upcoming Four County SBA events:

October 3, 2024- 4- General Membership Meeting (NYS Regent Adriane Hale)

November 25, 2024- General Membership Meeting (Brian Fessler, NYSSBA Director of Governmental Relations

BOE Member Comments

Matthew Lando wanted to thank Brian Heitmann for the great job he, and his crew did, in preparing the concession stand for the opening of sports. New floor, paint, new cooler are just some of the upgrades. The stand looks great and it is appreciated.

Matthew Lando also stated that he was disappointed that there would be no organized fundraising by the school for the 2025 Costa Rica trip.

Anthony Ferrara commended Dr. Reed, faculty and staff on a great first day opening of school.

Important dates to Remember

September 14, 2024-Homecoming

September 25, 2024-BOE Meeting

September 26, 2024-Open House MA & SFMS

October 3, 2024- 4-County SBA General Membership Meeting (NYS Regent Adriane Hale)

October 10, 2024-BOE Meeting

October 24, 2024-BOE Meeting

November 2, 2024- Board Meeting/Workshop

November 25, 2024- 4-County SBA General Membership Meeting (Brain Fessler, NYSSBA Director of Governmental Relations

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following instructional resignations:

Name: Stephanie Moll

Position: Literacy Coach/Reading Teacher

Effective: end of the day on ~~09/25/2024~~ **09/26/2024** (Corrected at the 9/26/2024 BOE meeting)

Name: Alexis Becker

Position: Art Teacher

Effective: end of the day on ~~09/25/2024~~ **09/22/2024** (Corrected at the 9/26/2024 BOE meeting)

Name: Virginia Brady

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: end of the day on 09/13/2024

Name: Grace Harter

Position: Reading Teacher-Long Term Substitute (Level I)

Effective: 08/29/2024

SFSSA

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

Name: Holly Stackus

Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 08/23/2024

Name: Molly Burnham
Position: School Bus Driver
Effective: 08/30/2024

Appointments
Professional Appointment(s)

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: Emma St. Martin
Position: School Psychologist
Certification: School Psychologist (Provisional)
Tenure: School Psychologist
Probation: 08/23/2024-08/22/2028

Name: Dr. Shereasa Braxton
Position: Reading Teacher
Certification: Generalist in Middle Childhood Education (Initial Certification)
Tenure: Generalist in Middle Childhood Education
Effective date: 09/13/2024
Probation: 09/13/2024 to 09/12/2028
Base Salary: ~~\$57,407~~ **\$51,407** (Corrected at the 9/26/2024 BOE meeting)

Name: Christine Petrocci
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Nursery, Kind. Gr. 1-6 (Permanent Certification)
Tenure: Teaching Assistant
Effective date: 09/03/2024
Probation: 09/03/2024 to 09/02/2027
Base Salary: \$27,159

Name: Holly Stackus
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant III
Tenure: Teaching Assistant
Effective date: 08/28/2024
Probation: 08/28/2024 to 08/27/2027
Base Salary: \$22,519.40

2024-2025 Annual Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves following annual appointments for the 2024-2025 school year.

Position	Employee	Stipend
Teacher Mentor	Mary Lee	\$350.00
Teacher Mentor	Meghan Barbay	\$350.00
College & Career Coordinator	Amanda Fleig	\$3,100
HS Musical Co-Director	Margaret Little	\$774

HS Musical Co-Director	Rhonda Jasper	\$774
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2024-2025 Coaching

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following coaches (All appointments are conditional until paperwork is completed and fingerprints are cleared).

Employee	Position	Stipend
Hannah Brown -Trice	Varsity Girls Soccer-Paid Assistant	\$2000
Sarah Levis	Modified Volleyball NON- Paid Assistant	n/a

2024-2025 Bus Driver/Monitor Bidding

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following bus driver and bus monitor hours for the 2024-2025 school year.

Bus Drivers	Hours
Mabel Roffe	5.25
Mary Ridley	5.0
Linda Bush	5.5
Jim Fairbanks	5.5
Carolyn Breese	5.5
Mary True	7.25
Gerald Knox	6.0
Jeff DeLong	5.25 (M-Th.) & 5.0 (Fri.)
Shawn Burns	5.0
James Marley	5.0
Robert Wood	5.5
Tonja Ticconi	5.0
Ronald Donk	6.00 (M-Th.) & 5.0 (Fri.)
Peter Soscia	5.5 (M-Th.) & 5.0 (Fri.)
Michelle Quigley	5.0
Open Route	Vacant
Floater Position	Vacant
Bus Monitors	
Sonya Jesmer	5.75
Deanna Monaghan	5.25
Kathy Arsenault	4.25
Jeaneth Dellefave	4.75
Dustin Bennett	4.0
Jada Buck	4.0
Samantha Jesmer	4.0
Judy Fairbanks	4.0
Stephen Tillinghast	2.0

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: James Biccum
 Position: School Bus Driver
 Effective: 09/04/2024
 Probationary Period: 09/04/2024 through 09/03/2025
 Hours/day: 6.0
 Hourly Rate: \$28.19 (Option A)

Name: Brianna Cuny

Position: Typist (10 month)
Effective: 09/17/2024
Probationary Period: 09/17/2024 through 09/16/2025
Hours/day: 7.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Name: Meaghan Hagadorn
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/03/2024 (retro)
Probationary Period: 09/03/2024 through 03/02/2025
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Name: Jenna Strong
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/03/2024 (retro)
Probationary Period: 09/03/2024 through 09/02/2025
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Name: Aionna Johnson
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/13/2024
Probationary Period: 09/13/2024 through 09/12/2025
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Name: Mary Fulkerson
Position: Cashier/FSH
Effective: 08/26/2024 (retro)
Probationary Period: 08/26/2024 through 08/25/2025
Hours/day: 3.75
Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Change in in Hours

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following change in hours is approved:

Name: Jeaneth Dellefave
Civil Service Position: Cashier/FSH
Increase in hours: 2.75 to 3.25
Effective: 09/05/2024

Substitute Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following long term substitute appointment:

Name: Jacob Anderson
Position: Math Teacher-Long Term Substitute (Level I)
Effective: 08/28/2024
Salary: \$44,200 (Step I)

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
Stephen Tillinghast	Bus Monitor	09/01/2024

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

07/15/2024, 07/24/2015, 08/01/2024, 08/09/2024, 08/12/2024, 08/13/2024, 08/15/2024, 08/19/2024, 08/26/2024, 08/27/2024, 08/28/2024, 09/03/2024

Gifts and Donations

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

Donor	Amount	Account	
Ohioyle, Inc.	\$52.00	A2110-450-04-PBIS	PBIS Supplies

2024-2025 Transportation Requests

None at this time

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following overnight trip request, pending compliance with Board of Education Policy #4531-Field Trips and Excursions:

2025 Senior Trip

April 30-May 2, 2025
Woodloch Pine Resorts
Hawley, Pennsylvania

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

Tenure

Hande McDonald-School Social Worker

Michael Mirras asked for a motion 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 Hande McDonald, Baldwinsville, NY, Professional Certificate in School Social Work, permitting her to teach in the public schools of New York State, to tenure in School Social Work, effective September 1, 2024.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following Contracts, Agreements and MOA's:

SFEA MOA-Additional Instructional Assignments

Independent Contractor -James Marley (Consultant TIES: Together Involving Every Student)

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-2nd Reading

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second and final reading of the following policies:

Policy 4772-Graduation Ceremonies

Policy 4773-Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

Policy 5500-Student Records
Regulation 5500-Student Records
Policy 5550-Student Privacy
Regulation 8635- Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session
No motion

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm.
Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk