

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 June 6, 2024 BOE Meeting
 Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room-6:00 pm

BOE Present

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

BOE Absent
None

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Karissa Blamble, Kevin Rhinehart, Janet Clendenen, Faith Lewis, Amy Hibbard, Kevin Korzeniewski, Carrie Heffron, Sophie Palladino, Madelyn Verkey, Boys Varsity Basketball Team and the Boys Varsity Track Team.

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 addendums as listed.

ADD under X. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

2. 2023-2024 Annual Appointments

Position	Employee	Stipend
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Joe Caraher	\$1,457.00
Fleet Coordinator	Robert Bennett	Pro-rated based on the 2023-2024 stipend

3. Civil Service Appointments

c. Name: Robert Bennett

Civil Service Position: Head Auto Mechanic

Effective: 06/17/2024

Probationary Period: 06/17/2024 through 06/16/2025

Hours/day: 8

Hourly Rate: \$26.34

ADD under XII. New Business

I. Fredenburgh Scholarship

J. Confidential List of Scholarship Recipients

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following Board of Education Minutes as listed:

1. May 9, 2024

2. May 21, 2024 Annual Meeting (vote)

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
March 2024

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2024

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
April 2024

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for April 2024

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Faith Lewis, MA Principal, recognized Sophie Palladino, Valedictorian and Madelyn Verkey, Salutatorian, Class of 2024.

Athletes-Track

Kevin Korzeniewski, Athletic Director, recognized the Boys Varsity Basketball Team and the Varsity Indoor Track Team.

Boys Varsity Basketball Team Sectional Champions

Chase Fitzgerald, Anthony Luffman, Rocco Palladino, Jacob Prayne, John Brady, Alan Plummer, Dylan Tandle, Aiden Levis, and Griffin Hilimire, along with Head Coach Pat Prayne, and Coaches Rhett Ticconi, Devin Anderson and Charlie Foster.

Varsity Indoor Track- 4x8 Relay Team Sectional Champions

Matthew Mahoney, Jariel Ubiles, Avinash James and Deven James along with Coach Scott Redding.

Administrators & Supervisors Reports

Cafeteria Report

Stephanie Lyon-Lawrence reported on the following:

The district had no findings on their CN Audit I

NON-CEP VS. CEP

Using Meals Counts from last year and this year: The district has served 14,403 more breakfasts and 21,934 more lunches since CEP

WFL BOCES Student Intern-Vanessa Sofo-interned at the district.

Local Foods for School Grant Money

Purchased \$27,062.91 worth of food from LOCAL Farmers:

- Rosenkrans (Beef)
- Upstate (Local Dairy Farmers)
- Schrader's (Beef)
- Finger Lakes Farm Fresh (Corn)
- Wise (Maple Syrup)
- West Wind Poultry (Eggs)
- Slate/Red Barn (Sausage/Hot Dogs)
- Headwaters Food Hub (Frozen Vegetables, Fresh Vegetables)

Farm to School Coordinator Chairperson

As Farm to School Coordinator Chairperson, the district's food director partook in the following:

- Six trips to Albany to lobby for Farm to School
- Worked with Ag and Markets and lobbied to reinstate 30% funds to its full value for CEP Schools
- Submitted 12 articles for publication on Farm to School efforts in NY Schools and Seneca Falls CSD
- Co-Sponsored a Farm to School Event in Syracuse with Ag and Markets in May
- Attended the NYS Farm Bureau Conference to speak with attendees on selling to NYS Schools
- Met with Commissioner Ball to discuss Farm to School in NYS
- Currently working with CCE, Ag and Markets and SED to bring our FIRST Farm to School Summit to New York State, in November of 2024.

Maintenance and Custodial Department

Brian Heitmann reported on the following:

- Maintenance Department
 - Phase 2 of Bracht Field Stadium pads complete
 - HVAC Glycol testing by NOCO to determine the efficiency and quality (tests through the NYSERDA grant program)
 - Replacement of 2 RTU's in the CS gym
 - Implemented MasterLibrary - new work order and asset management program
 - Phase 2 of Cafeteria table replacement done (CS & FK)
 - Upgraded appliances in teacher break rooms (fire code) • Replaced Middle School Library doors (safety concern)
 - Currently fully staffed
- Custodial Department

- New equipment has been implemented to cut down on the amount of wax product needed during summer cleaning.
- Fully staffed with summer help
- Switched districtwide chemical brands
- Close to being fully staffed for cleaners/custodians; still looking for 1 more evening shift in the High School and 1 more at CS for the evening shift.

Transportation Department

Michelle Dyson reported on the following:

- Department has 27 drivers and 9 monitors (+8 subs)
- Had 16 total routes during 2023-24
- Faced many driver shortages throughout the year, got through it with sub drivers and 4 in-house dual staff Had to implement emergency routes (combine routes) to combat the extreme driver shortage weeks Department handled 230 total bus referrals
- DOT (Department of Transportation) bus inspection passing rate = 100%
- Currently participating in Electric Vehicle (EV) bus survey to support potential movements in the future Researching a change in radio vendors from analog to digital which will increase range capabilities

Curriculum & Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

- Summer work proposals submitted by staff and reviewed with Building Principals
- Next Generation Learning Standards alignment
- MTSS K-12
- Curriculum mapping
- Curriculum adjustments
- Literacy PD -UPK-5 Science of Reading
- School Improvement Planning
- MTSS
- Writing portfolios
- Recruitment Fair attendance, interviewing and identifying supports for new hires
- Identifying instructional technology needs for 24-25
- Transitioning Administrative Interns
- AIS Plan revision for 24-25
- Professional Learning Plan revision for 24-25
- Individual Arts Assessment Pathway collaboration & submittal to NYSED
- District Steering Committee meetings- District Comp. Improvement Plan creation
- Supervision & guidance to MTSS Coordinator
- Implementation of PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) K-5
- Seal of Civic Readiness communication with students & tracking, submittal to NYSED
- Solidifying Northeast College partnership with course offered at HS level

Assessment

- NYS 3-8 Assessments
- Parent meeting offered- No parents attended
- Participation rates

Grade	ELA/Math
3	98%
4	99%
5	98%
6	100%
7	99%
8	98%

- Coding students appropriately in Nextera System
- Regents Exam scoring prep
- Field testing grades 3 & 7, Algebra & US History
- New Science Assessment grades 5 & 8
- Organizing TFI- (Tiered Fidelity Inventory) K-12 for K-12 MTSS meeting
- iReady diagnostic window #3

Professional Development

- After School PD Sessions for 24-25
 - Surveying teachers
 - Recruiting teachers to lead sessions
- MTSS support through Improving School Climate & Culture Grant
- BOCES support for DEI and MTSS work
- Mentor Program Meeting shifts- starting one on one meetings with Coordinator of Mentor Program every 6 weeks to increase support
- Matching new staff with mentors and communication for summer work together
- August Superintendent's Conference Day planning
- 24-25 Literacy Coach PD planning
- Planning New Teacher Orientation Day
- Coordination of ongoing PD for MTSS Coordinator and Literacy Coach

Mynderse Academy

Faith Lewis reported on the following:

Enrollment: 352 students

- (Entered District: 0 Left District: 2 → since March 2024)
- 9th grade: 88 10th grade: 86 11th grade: 88 12th grade: 90 Entered: 0 Entered: 1 Entered: 0 Entered: 0 Left: 0 Left: 0 Left: 2 Left: 1

Building News

- Senior Trip - April 19th-21st Seniors spent the weekend at Woodloch Pines making memories while making records getting out of the escape rooms, winning BINGO and Medals, eating amazing food, riding Go-Karts, playing paintball, and so much more,
- Junior Prom - May 4th Juniors and their guests enjoyed a night at the Seneca Falls Country dancing the night away.
- Senior Ball & Ball Bash - May 24th Seniors held the Ball and Ball Bash. Thank you to Mrs. Crawford & Ms. Schantz for all of their hard work putting the two events together. Seniors and their guests were able to enjoy great food, dancing, bingo, games, prizes, laser tag, and lots of laughs.

College & Career Fair - Mynderse hosted 50+ colleges, military, and trades in the gymnasium, allowing students the opportunity to talk with and explore areas of interest. Thank you Mrs. Fleig for organizing the event.

Amazing Art Show - Thank you Miss Becker, Mrs. Korba and all of the district art teachers for their hard work in displaying the amazing artwork our district students have created.

Band Concert - Thank you Mrs. FitzGerald for another amazing band concert and celebration of students who received music awards. Senior musicians were also celebrated with their favorite memories and some FunDip.

Decision Day - May 31st -seniors celebrated their post-secondary plans with cupcakes, sunglasses, Power of Peace

- 20 students and 3 staff members completed Level 2 of Power of Peace on May 20th and May 21st
- 9th Grade – 7; 10th Grade – 8; 11th Grade - 5
- Mr. Arterberry is slated to return for the 2024-2025 School Year offering 4 more Power of Peace Groups
- Level 2 students become co-facilitators with Mr. Arterberry next year.

Every Quarter:

- Blue Cards: every student is recognized with a blue postcard that goes home to families.

Every 5 Weeks:

- Academic: Passing all classes, with 70% or higher
- Behavior: 0 School Tool referrals (no major referrals)
- Attendance: 90% attendance with no more than 3 tardies

BLUE Grade Level Assembly: # of students who met each goal

- Goal 1: Decrease the rate of chronic absenteeism for all students (30%, reach goal of 25%). As of 5/10/24 MA Chronic Absenteeism is 30.9%
- Goal 2: Graduation rate of 95% of the currently enrolled students of the 20-21 Cohort.
- MA Seniors Passing All NEEDED Classes 87/96 = 91% 66/93 = 71% 84/90 = 93%
- Goal 3: Continue to enhance a positive and safe school environment by decreasing negative behaviors by a 15% reduction of behavioral referrals (246 referrals or less).
- 186 are Frequently Late to Class or Late to Class
 - 9th Graders - 47 students
 - 10th Graders - 36 students
 - 11th Graders - 31 students
 - 12th Graders - 18 students
 - 9th Graders - 388 referrals
 - 10th Graders - 99 referrals
 - 11th Graders - 89 referrals
 - 12th Graders - 46 referrals

Upcoming Dates

- June 5th - MA Chorus Concert
- June 7th - Senior Cap & Gown Parade and Picnic
- June 11th - FLTCC Completion Ceremony
- June 13th - Yearbook Day
- June 14-25th - Regents & Finals Exams
- June 28th - Graduation

Seneca Falls Middle School

SFMS Calendar of Events for June 2024

- June 3- Grade 6 Band and Chorus Grade 5 Band Concert
- June 4 -Grades 7 & 8 Band and Chorus Concert
- 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 and Music Final in Classes
 - Yearbooks handed out today!
- June 12
 - 8th Grade Spanish Final
 - 7th Grade IReading Reading during ELA classes
 - Spanish 7 and Music Final in Classes
 - Vince's Park Grade 6
- June 13
 - Vince's Park Grade 8 (Full Day) (regular classes 7 and 6) 7th Grade IReading Reading during ELA classes
 - Spanish 7 Final in Spanish Classes
 - ELA 8 Final 7:45-9:30
- June 14
 - Vince's Park Grade 7 (Full Day) (regular classes 6)
 - 8th Grade Writing Prompt 7:45-9:15
 - 8th Grade Sea Breeze (Full Day) (Bus departs at 9:30 am)
 - The last full day is June 14th- the last Day for lunches
- June 17- ½ day MS students

- iReady Math Grade 6 & 8
- 7th Grade ELA Final
- June 18- ½ day MS students
- iReady Reading Grade 6 & 8
 - 7th Grade iReady Math
- June 19- No School
- June 25- 6:00 pm –8th Grade Promotion
- June 26 Teacher Last Day (Times TBD)
- The Art & Tech Show is on display the first week of June in the high school gym. Students, staff, and faculty may view the show Wednesday and Thursday during school hours. The show is open to family and friends on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Evening 4-7.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton School

Amy Hibbard reported on the following:

- Current enrollment –Grade 3: 98 students, Grade 4: 85 students. Grade 5: 87 students
Total Students: 270
- March 14, 2024, 3rd Annual Family L.E.A.D. (Learn, Explore and Discover) Night was held.
 - The gym, hallways and classrooms held 14 stations where families could play games, make crafts, pedal a bike to make a healthy milkshake, climb the rock wall, get a Safe Child ID, create stem projects and more!
 - The most popular station this year was the “Escape Room” activity which had families solving puzzles around the school to decipher a code that won them a prize.
 - All Cady Stanton students who attended were able to put their name in a raffle to win 3 great baskets of books & more provided by our PTO.
 - Thank you to our community partners for helping to make this happen: the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Safe Harbors, the SF Library and the SFPD. Also thank you to our many teacher volunteers!
- Sergeant Poole finished up the 10-week DARE curriculum with our fifth graders and students completed and presented their DARE posters. DARE graduates and award winners will be recognized at 5th Grade graduation. We greatly appreciate the partnership of the SFPD and Seneca County Sheriff office.
- 5th Graders also had the opportunity to visit the MS last month. They sat in on a 6th grade core class, met with Mr. Rhinehart and Mrs. Doell, and took a tour of the building.
- 5th Graders visited the Challenger Learning Center at the Kodak Center in Rochester. Students participated in two space missions, all assigned jobs that real astronauts would have. Students worked to build rovers, monitor health statistics of astronauts, program the module, identify space artifacts, and more.
- ECS Clubs:
 - Chess Club hosted by Luke Lorenzetti from the Seneca Falls Library
 - Young Voices (a self-esteem & relationships club) hosted by Safe Harbors
 - The EEEK History Club hosted by Nellie Stevers from the Seneca Falls Historical Society.
- May 1, 2024 the PTO held a Family Paint Night. Anna LaRocca led the session.
- ECS students met their school-wide Be BLUE Challenge and celebrated with a desk pet adoption day.
- Music: Some of our students participated in the “Music in our Schools Month” celebrations at the district band and choral concerts.
- ECS Choral concerts were May 22 and May 23.
- ELA, Math, Grade 5 science, and grade 3 field testing assessments were successfully administered. Thank you to Jodie Verkey, Jim Bruni and the technology department for helping the computer-based testing to run without a hitch. Additionally, thank you to the staff who helped administered numerous make-ups in the week following the assessments.
- Grade 5 All County Chorus (March 2024) Participants included: Avery S., Paige C., Quinn S., Gwen C., Aidan C., Quinton B. & Charlie M.

- Six of our students were recognized at the Antonio Varacalli day on April 13 for their essays about how they can be a good citizen and make a difference in a person’s life, the school or the community.
 - 1st Place Fiona S. Molly V.
 - 2nd Place Nicholas M. Lucas C.
 - 3rd Place Tegan G. Jenna K
- Congratulations to our M.I.R.A. (Most Improved Reading Award) winners who were recognized at the Seneca Falls Library Children’s Festival on March 16. We are so proud of these students for their hard work! Thank you to Mrs. Montoney for recognizing our students!
 - Gr. 3: Giovanni T., Oliver J., Addison B., Gavin S., and Jack T.
 - Gr. 4: Aiyannah H., Brenna J., Madison C., Noah C., and Austin U.
 - Gr. 5: Mikaela T.R., Hailey O., Kali B., Kiya B., and Drake B.

Goals Update

- Most information shared at the April 24 round table. We are currently doing our final benchmarking of the year and I’ll be able to share Literacy Data this summer.
- As of May 11, 18%, or 51 students, who are currently considered chronically absent.
- Thank you to the PTO who recognized our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week with many treats, surprises and a luncheon for all. Thank you, also, to Dr. Reed and the BOE for the treats shared with us during the week.

Coming Up:

- Music: Our 5th Grade band concert (with 6th Grade band and chorus) is Monday, June 3.
- 2nd grade classes have been visiting Cady Stanton this week and will finish up next week. Thank you to the 2nd Grade team and Mrs. Clendenen for working with us to schedule these important visits.
- June 2-The Girls on the Run 5K in Syracuse.

June Events:

- Field Trips: 3rd Grade- Strong National Museum of Play and 4th Grade - Genesee Country Museum.
- “We’re Happy Campers” End-of-Year event: June 18 (to celebrate our 3rd & 4th graders and families)
- Field Days: June 20
- Grade 5 Graduation & Awards: June 24

Frank Knight Elementary

Janet Clendenen reported on the following:

Current Student Enrollment: Pre-K=36; K=77; Gr. 1=72; Gr. 2=83 Total Enrollment=269

- Building Information:
- Kindergarten Registration Update: We currently have 66 completed registration packets. We are still attempting to connect with 26 families we have information on regarding registration.
- UPK Updates: 36 students (current waitlist of 10)
- QAP Results: Office of Early Learning conducted site visit on March 26. We received our final report indicating “0” or no Required Corrective Actions for Program compliance. We received a couple of suggestions for “recommended practices” regarding lottery language, the Emergent Multilingual Learner Profile being part of the application package, and adjusting the behavior management tool used in one classroom.
- End of the Year Family Survey: The survey will open to families in June. Our goal is to get feedback from families that will assist us in enhancing our prekindergarten program.
- School Improvement Plan Goal Updates:

Goal #1	At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, a minimum of 65% of all K-2 students will score Approaching/At/Above on the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment.	Winter Data 52% of 1st and 2nd grade students were At/Above benchmark	Spring Data Not available at this time: Assessment window is currently open.
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Goal #2	At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, 92% of students (K-2) will have met their growth target on the iReady Math Diagnostic.	Winter Data 62% of (K,1,2) students met their growth target on the iReady Math Diagnostic	Sprint Data Not available at this time: Assessment window is currently open.
Goal #3	At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, 20% or less of PK-2 students will be identified as chronically absent per the NYSED published Attendance Reports.	Data Through May 11 All Students= 19.8%	Year End Data Available at the close of the school year.

- Summer Learning Camp-The only grade level we are able to host this year due to staffing is Kindergarten. 20 students invited to participate. 5 forms received back.
- Reading Week:
 - May 6-10, 2024
 - Theme: Rock and Read All Night.
 - Featured Author: Jeff Mack, Born in Syracuse and lives in Mass.
 - Featured Book: Duck on a Disco Ball
 - Continued the tradition of community readers (over 60 read to classes) and 8th grade students reading to classes.
 - All students received a book.
 - Finale was Zumba Disco with Gizeli O'Connor.
- Thank you to the following: Frank M. Knight PTO and Darla Shumway for providing decorations; AmyLynn Marley for organizing the 8th grade readers; Historical Society- Nellie Ludemann for sponsoring the author; The Reading Week Committee (Co-Chairs: Paula Coffey, Abby Dunphy, Emily Carpenter and Members: Carleen Mull, Barb Brillo, Laural Martin-Tanner, Liz Olmstead, Sean Mullen, Kellie Barnett, Jess Lambert, Janet Clendenen, and Jennifer Morrell) for organizing another incredible event.
- BLUE Updates:
 - *Superhero Day*: On April 20 students earned a building reward and we celebrated with Super Hero Day. Students were able to watch the movie *Super Buddies* at Mynderse Academy. The school community was also invited to dress up as superheroes and pick a snack during lunch. Thank you to Mynderse Academy for hosting us and to the Transportation Dept. for providing us with timely transportation. Thank you to Christine Tompkins for all of her time and effort organizing this special event.
 - *Minute to Win It!: Our May building reward consisted of various "Minute to Win It" challenges. Students and staff partnered up to complete the challenges as their grade levels cheered them on. Each classroom also participated in their own challenges in the classroom to ensure that all students had the opportunity to engage in a challenge. Thank you again to Christine Tompkins for all of her time and effort organizing this special event.
- Dental Hygienist Visits: The dental hygienist returned during the week of April 9-12 to provide follow up services for students.
- PTO News:
- Pre-K Stuffie Event: On April 25, Pre-K students and their immediate family members were invited to a special Stuffie Event. We had a 20/36 prekindergarten students sign up. A total of 77 guests attended. Students were able to:
 - Select a unicorn or dinosaur stuffed pet
 - Complete a name certificate for their new pet
 - Create a beaded color for their pet
 - Complete a themed sticker activity and coloring sheet
 - And enjoy pizza and drinks with their guests
- Teacher Appreciation Week/Day: The PTO was very generous and provided daily gifts for all faculty and staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. In addition, they sponsored a luncheon catered by Simply Homemade on Friday, May 10.
- Books for Bingo: On May 15 all students and their families were invited to attend Books for Bingo. We had a good turnout and families were able to enjoy a fun activity and snack.

- Scholastic Book Fair: The PTO is hosting a buy one/get one free book fair during the week of June 3.
- Glow Dance: The end of the year family dance is scheduled Friday, June 7. All students and their immediate family members are invited to attend.
- With Gratitude: Thank you to the BOE and Superintendent for providing faculty/staff with the delicious treats during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Upcoming Events/Activities:
 - Field Trips
 - 1st Grade Economics Store Opens
 - Grades 1 and 2 Awards Assemblies
 - Kindergarten Graduation (Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.)
 - Prekindergarten Moving Up Ceremony (Friday, June 21 at 10:00)
 - Flag Day Ceremony (Friday, June 14 at 9:15) & Field Day (Friday, June 14)

Special Education

Karissa Blamble reported on the following:

Special Education Reports and Grants:

Work has begun on the 611 and 619 IDEA Grants to be submitted to the state by July 1. These funds are given to districts to help support preschool and school age special education costs.

Planning and Preparation:

The special education district wide program and service preparation has continued. District/building leadership and teachers have begun to meet to discuss our adjustments for all special education services based on the needs of our anticipated 2024-25 student cohorts.

Professional Growth:

- Staff continue to work on transition activities and documentation so we are implementing best practices and helping students prepare for their post-secondary transition.
- Special Programs leadership has been discussing our current goals and reflecting on our progress.
- Goal #1: We have met our goal to increase our functional and performance data within our present levels of performance
- Goal #2: We have one final data collection point for our goal of increasing our effectiveness with transitioning formative and anecdotal data at the end of the school year
 - This Spring and Summer we have several dates planned for professional learning and committee work. We will be continuing our work with the Specially-Designed Instruction Specialists at the Mid-West Regional Partnership Center to help our team grow our technical and instructional skills with a two part Professional Development. Topics will include Writing Measurable Goals and Developing Specially Designed Instruction for students in need of Social Emotional and Behavioral Support.
 - Special Education Advisory Committee and Department Leadership will be meeting this summer to review our 24-25 Goal Plan, Handbook and Related Special Education Documents.
- CSE/CPSE/504 Meeting Parent Participation:
Parents/guardians continue to have the option to join virtually if they choose. Our parent participation was 84% for all formal CSE and 504 meetings.
- TIES Program – Together Including Every Student-Update
With five Peer Leaders trained, our TIES Coordinator was able to begin coordinating activities with students. Our first community event took place at the Seneca Falls Library.
- Special Olympics
Nine of our students attended the Special Olympics this year. The event took place at the Marcus Whitman CSD campus. Our students and their families had a wonderful experience as students participated in multiple events throughout the day.
- Updated the Board on Special Education-Student Movement -3/4/24-6/4/24 and Special Education Programming

English as a New Language

Title III Consortium Update:

- Our ELL teacher members met through the consortium for their last meeting of the year. The group is focused on maximizing our network to support common goals and Professional Development. The consortium continues to look for opportunities for our ELL teachers to work together regionally.

Additionally, the group is exploring the possibility of evaluating whether developing more targeted and measurable goals may help teachers to focus their efforts on specific areas of need compared to educating students on skills more broadly.

- New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)
Our ELLs completed the 2023-24 New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT). This is an annual examination administered to assess the English language proficiency of all English Language Learners (ELLs) enrolled in Grades K–12 in New York State schools. The assessment is administered in order to evaluate student progress and their eligibility for future programs and services. We are anxious to see how our students did on the examination as this will inform their ELL learning plan next school year.
- English Language Learning Programming: Updated-No Movement-6/4/24.

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

Michael Mirras reported that the Facilities Committee met on May 20, 2024. The project was submitted to NYSED on May 13, 2024.

Arcadias is on track with the electric bus survey.

Committee met with DAY Automation for a presentation on a public address system and wireless door locks potential upgrade.

The Committee reviewed each school building budget.

There is approximately \$829,000 remaining on the SmartBond. The district is working with financial advisors on how to fund all or part of the upgrades.

Scholarship Committee

Denise Lorenzetti reported that the Scholarship Committee met on May 16 and June 4, 2024. The Committee discussed the RMD with the JP Morgan representative. The Committee also sat with MA Administrators and School Counselors.

The Committee is recommending nine (9) Fredenburgh scholarships (10% of the graduating class) for the Class of 2024. The committee is also recommending \$1500/year (\$750/semester). The Committee also picked recipients for six other scholarships.

The Board will vote on the scholarships later on in the agenda.

Information Warrants

05/01/2024-05/31/2024

Warrant #89 (A)	\$914,076.40
Warrant #90 (A)	\$ 13,698.38
Warrant #91 (A)	\$ 50,062.20
Warrant #33 (C)	\$ 25,458.33
Warrant #34 (C)	\$ 11,245.51
Warrant #35 (C)	\$ 5,071.19
Warrant #40 (F)	\$ 24,999.10
Warrant #41 (F)	\$ 85,037.53
Warrant #42 (F)	\$ 10,690.20
Warrant # 7 (H)	\$571,418.70

James Bruni reported on the following:

- HVAC System-resolution on the agenda will allow funds to transfer to the vendor.
- Paperwork has been sent in to NYSED; district will wait to receive the funds back.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- STAR-Reimbursement-letters were mailed out prior to the homeowners who would be receiving a refund. Pointed out that the reimbursements were based on a NYS error, not the districts. Checks would be cut by the end of June for approximately \$186,000. The District will be reimbursed by NYS in the next school year.
- The music department has put in an overnight request. A student has the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in NYC. The opportunity does not happen every year. Once approved, fundraising can start.

BOE President Report

Joseph McNamara reminded the Board of the upcoming retreat on June 12, 2024.

BOE Member Comments

Important Dates to Remember

- June 10, 2024-7th & 8th Grade Awards Ceremony (6:00 pm-MA Auditorium)
- June 13, 2024-Kindergarten Graduation (6:30 pm-MA Auditorium)
- June 14, 2024-Flag Day Ceremony (9:15 am-Frank Knight School)
- June 17, 2024-High School & Athletic Awards Ceremony (5:30 pm-MA Auditorium)
- June 19, 2024-Juneteenth Holiday-No school
- June 20, 2024-BOE Meeting
- June 25, 2024-8th Grade Graduation (6:00 pm-Front of MS-weather permitting)
- June 28, 2024-MA Graduation (7:00 pm-Bracht Field-weather permitting)

Consent Agenda

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

SFAA

None at this time

SFEA

None at this time

SFSSA

Resignations

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

Name: Chad Burnham

Position: Head Auto Mechanic

Effective: 06/04/2024

Name: Cassidy Adams

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 06/30/2024

Name: Katie Terry

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 06/30/2024

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: William Corwin
Position: Science Education Teacher
Certification: Science Gr. 7-9 (Initial Certification)
Tenure: Science Education
Effective date: 07/01/2024
Probation: 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2028
Salary: \$ 44,200 (Step 1)

Appt. rescinded at the
08/08/24 Board of Education
Meeting

2023-2024 Annual Appointments

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Joe Caraher	\$1,457.00
Medicaid Billing Assistant	Karolyn Gaydosh	Pro-rated based on the 2023-2024 stipend
Fleet Coordinator	Robert Bennett	Pro-rated based on the 2023-2024 stipend

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: Madison Doyle
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 05/10/2024 (retro)
Probationary Period: 05/10/2024 to 05/09/2025
Hours/day: 6
Hourly Rate: \$16.00

Name: Marissa Malchoff
Civil Service Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 05/20/2024 (retro)
Probationary Period: 05/20/2024 to 05/19/2025
Hours/day: 6
Hourly Rate: \$16.00

Name: Robert Bennett
Civil Service Position: Head Auto Mechanic
Effective: 06/17/2024
Probationary Period: 06/17/2024 through 06/16/2025
Hours/day: 8
Hourly Rate: \$26.34

Name: Jacob Quill
Civil Service Position: Cleaner
Effective: 06/07/2024
Probationary Period: 06/07/2024 through 06/06/2025
Hours/day: 8
Hourly Rate: \$15.25

Name: Joy Branford
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024

Hours: 8 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Name: Domenic Bruni
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024
Hours: 8 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Name: Brittany Draheim
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024
Hours: 8 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Name: Briana Impastato
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024
Hours: 8 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Name: Christopher Lyon
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024
Hours: 8 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Name: William Korzeniewski
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024
Hours: 8 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Name: William Kise
Civil Service Position: Summer Laborer
Effective Date: 07/01/2024 through 08/27/2024
Hours: 7 hrs. /day
Hourly Rate: \$15.71

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: Claire Ludovico
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Earth Science and General Science gr. 7-12 (Permanent)
Effective date: 06/07/2024

Name: Jacob Anderson
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective date: 06/07/2024

Name: Christopher Smith
Position: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective date: 07/01/2024

Probationary to Permanent
None at this time

CSE Minutes

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

04/22/2024, 04/23/2024 (1), 04/23/2024 (2), 04/24/2024, 04/26/2024, 04/29/2024, 04/30/2024, 05/01/2024 (1), 05/01/2024 (2), 05/02/2024, 05/03/2024, 05/06/2024 (1), 05/06/2024 (2), 05/07/2024, 05/08/2024, 05/09/2024, 05/10/2024

Gifts and Donations

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

Donor	Amount	Account	
Ohiopyle, Inc.	\$27.30	A2110-450-04-PBIS	PBIS supplies

2024-2025 Transportation Request(s)

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

Student	Transport Request
Frank Caratozzolo	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Rocco Caratozzolo	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Abigail Freier	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Josiah Freier	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Levi Winters	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls

Overnight Field Trip Request(s)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2025 Field Trip to New York City pending compliance with Board of Education Policy #4531-Field Trips and Excursions:

New York City Carnegie Hall Performance

March 13-March 17, 2025 in New York City, NY

Attendees: Anna Luisi Ellis-Music Teacher
Laura Fitzgerald, Band Teacher
Chorus students

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

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
None at this time

New Business
Tenure Recommendations

Joseph McNamara 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 approve the following tenure appointments:

Kevin Korzeniewski

Seneca Falls, NY

School District Leader, Professional Certificate

Tenure: Assistant Principal

Effective: July 1, 2024

Alexis Becker
Canandaigua, NY
Visual Arts, Initial Certificate
Tenure: Art Education
Effective: July 1, 2024

Jared Federman
Seneca Falls, NY
Mathematics (Gr. 7-12), Professional Certificate
Tenure: Math Education
Effective: July 1, 2024

Amanda Fleig
Stanley, NY
Library Media Specialist, Professional Certificate
Tenure: Library Media Specialist
Effective: July 1, 2024

Kelly Grieco
Weedsport, NY
Nursery, Kindergarten, Grade 1-6, Permanent Certificate
Tenure: Elementary Education
Effective July 1, 2024

Elizabeth Jones
Geneva, NY
Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Professional Certificate
Tenure: Elementary Education
Effective: July 1, 2024

Ashley Leederman
Seneca Falls, NY
Physical Education, Professional Certificate
Tenure: Physical Education
Effective: July 1, 2024

Lauren Passalacqua
Geneva, NY
Literacy (B-Gr. 6), Professional Certificate
Tenure: Reading Education
Effective: July 1, 2024

Timothy Shaffer
Farmington, NY
English Language Arts Gr. 7-12, Initial Certificate
Tenure: English Education
Effective: August 29, 2024

John Cronin
Seneca Falls, NY
Literacy (Gr. 5-12), Professional Certificate
Tenure: Reading Education
Effective: September 23, 2024

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Agreements/MOA's

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following agreements/MOAs:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Seneca County MOA

Delivery of Farm to School Program Services
June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

Athletic Training Agreement

Geneva General Hospital
Services of a licensed athletic trainer \$18,500
August 1, 2024 through July 21, 2025.

SFCSD Benefit Resource Plan

Amended and restated Eff. July 1, 2024

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

District Plans

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following district plans for the 2024-2025 school year:

2024-2025 Professional Learning Plan
2024-2025 Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

STAR Reimbursement to Taxpayers

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following resolution as written:

WHEREAS, in 2023, properties within the Seneca Falls Central School District were reassessed by the local assessor; and

WHEREAS, this reassessment caused a miscalculation with respect to the Certified School Tax Relief Program (STAR) exemption and resulted in some taxpayers not receiving the full exemption amount to which they were entitled; and

WHEREAS, the District was notified by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 556-B, the District must reimburse any additional amounts that should have been offset from 2023 property taxes due to the STAR exemption directly to taxpayers; and WHEREAS, the reimbursement amounts total One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$186,777.29).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs that an amount sufficient to pay such reimbursements be transferred from available fund balance and that such reimbursements be made to affected taxpayers no later than June 30, 2024.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

ECS HVAC System Emergency Declaration

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following declaration as written:

WHEREAS, the District has been advised by HUNT, its architect, that the HVAC system at Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School is in need of immediate repair to protect the School District, its residents, students, staff, faculty, buildings and property; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned circumstances constitutes an emergency that requires immediate action which cannot await the solicitation of bids in the ordinary course under New York State General Municipal Law and Section 103(4); and

WHEREAS, the School District administration, together with HUNT has identified LMC Industrial Contractors Inc. to procure the necessary equipment and install same; and

WHEREAS, the School District administration, along with Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Cooperative HVAC Services Bid #WFL 2022-51PW, has awarded a construction contract with LMC Industrial Contractors Inc. that it believes ensures the prudent and economical use of public monies, is in the best interests of the School District, and facilitates the acquisition of equipment and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible costs under the Circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency constitutes an unforeseen condition and the need for timely and necessary installation of HVAC equipment requires immediate action inasmuch as the delay associated with seeking bids for a HVAC contractor may affect public buildings, public property or the life, health, safety or welfare of the District’s students, staff and faculty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines and declares that the repair of the HVAC equipment at Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School constitutes an emergency condition affecting public buildings, public property and the safety of the District’s students, staff and faculty in accordance with Section 103(4) of the New York General Municipal Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or her designee is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned construction management agreement with LMC Industrial Contractors Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the award of a construction contract with LMC Industrial Contractors Inc., retroactive to the contract date of May 8, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or her designee to undertake whatever actions are necessary in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including the transfer of up to \$145,000 from unappropriated fund balance to the capital fund to complete the project, including architect and engineering fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately to protect the interests of the School District under the aforementioned circumstances.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.
Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Food Service Equipment Replacement RFP

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that after evaluation of all successful applicant bids, the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Administrator of Business and Operations, recommends that the Board of Education award the contract for the Food Service Equipment Replacement to Douglas Equipment Company (Bluefield, WV) to be funded from C Fund Excess Fund Balance or other General Fund appropriation

Companies	Bid
Douglas Equipment	\$82,863.85

7GENS LLC	\$98,900.00
Joseph Filhan	\$139,700.00

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Budget Transfers

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the following budget transfers as listed:

FROM FUND ACCOUNT #	\$ AMOUNT	TO FUND ACCOUNT #	REASON
A 2110.130-05-0000	\$75,000.00	A 1620.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover the cost of BOCES HVAC Service
A 2110.130-04-0000	\$29,000.00	A 1680.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover the cost of BOCES software applications
A 2630.150-00-0000	\$125,000.00	A 2630.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover the cost of Instructional Tech Equipment
A 2110.120-02-0000	\$100,000.00	A 2630.490-00-0000	Transfer to cover the cost of Instructional Tech Equipment

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Maria Scialdone Culinary Scholarship

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the following one-time award:

- Maria Scialdone Culinary Scholarship
- Amount of Award: \$400.00
- Award will be presented at high school graduation.
- Money will be held by Education Foundation
- Criteria:
 - One-time award;
 - Given to a graduating senior of Mynderse Academy who will be attending culinary school.
 - The recipient must provide proof that they are enrolled and have been accepted into a culinary school.
- Selection Process: Nominations will be sent to family who will then make the final decision.
- Nominations will be sent to the family the first year there are valid graduating candidates for the award. Once the award is given, the scholarship will cease.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Michael Mirras.
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Fredenburgh Scholarship

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to award nine (9) Fredenburgh Scholarships, for the 2024 Mynderse Academy graduating class, in the amount of \$1,500 per year (\$750 a semester) for four years.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Confidential List of Scholarship Recipients

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to approve the confidential list of recipients for the Fredenburgh Scholarship and other awards as presented for the Mynderse Academy graduating Class of June 2024.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session
 None at this time

Adjourn

Joseph McNamara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.
 Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

