

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
October 24, 2024-6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

BOE Present

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

BOE Absent

Heather Zellers and Searah Reardon, Student Board Member

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Amy Hibbard, Janet Clendenen, Mel Morrin, Jamie Oberdorf and numerous students and family members.

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.

Approval of Agenda

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

X. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

Add under 3. 2024-2025 Coaching Appointments

Mark Solan	8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,234.11	Teacher
Jacob Anderson	8 th Grade Boys Basketball NON-Paid Assist.	n/a	Teacher
William Corwin	Varsity Indoor Track Non Paid Assist.	\$2,000.00	Teacher

Add under E. 2024-2025 Transportation Request-Request to FL Christian School added

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

October 10, 2024

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated October 10, 2024.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following Treasurer Reports:

1. May 2024 Treasurer's Report
2. June 2024 Treasurer's Report

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer Report for September 2024.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Rose Hill Mansion Field Trip

Mark Solan and students Gavin Tompkins, Andi VanBortel, and Cody Schultz

- On 9/27, the Seneca Falls Middle School 8th Graders went to Rose Hill Mansion to learn about life in the Civil War Era.
- On this Field Trip, students listened to numerous presenters speaking about a variety of subjects such as artillery, weaponry, saddles and use of Cavalry in the Civil War, Civil War Shoppe and provisions, life in the home, music, medical care during the civil war to mourning in the 19th century.
- Students saw the Civil War from the perspective of reenactors and trained historians, shedding a new light on the lives of those who fought in America's deadliest conflict.
- Our Students embodied our Be B.L.U.E. philosophies on the trip. Our Staff members received several compliments from the staff at Rose Hill Mansion and the reenactors on the way in which they conducted themselves during the trip.
- Thank you to Historic Geneva and W. Averell H. Bauder for providing this experience to our Seneca County Students!!

Jamie Oberdorf

Jamie Oberdorf, with help from students, led the Board of Education in a Brain Architecture game.

Administrator Reports

Frank Knight Elementary School

Janet Clendenen (Frank Knight Elementary School) reported on the following Goals & Updates

Goal 1: 75% of K-2 students will score Approaching/At/Above on the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment.

- Steps:
- The literacy block expectations will be reviewed with all faculty members.

- Ongoing professional development pertaining to the Science of Reading will occur through half-day release time.
- Teachers will implement literacy block expectations.
- Teachers will administer the F&P assessment three times during the school year.
- The School Improvement Team will share out data after each administration.
- Teachers will consult with the Literacy Coach; the Literacy Coach will model methods and strategies in classrooms

Goal 2: 95% of students (K-2) will have met their growth target on the iReady Math Diagnostic.

- Students will complete the iReady Math Diagnostic three times during the school year.
- Teachers will schedule 45 minutes per week of iReady Math instruction.
- Discussions about iReady Math data will occur at grade level meetings.

Goal 3: 15% or less of PK-2 students will be identified as chronically absent per the NYSED published Attendance Reports

- Teachers will email building administration with attendance concerns.
- Communication with parents/guardians will occur through emails, phone calls, letters, newsletters, and/or home visits.
- Staff will hold student meetings to identify root causes of absences.
- MTSS will facilitate monthly process meetings with administration, school counselors, and the school psychologist.
- Attendance intervention plans will be implemented and monitored during monthly meetings.
- Faculty will discuss ideas and suggestions to help improve attendance.

Celebrations:

- The annual UPK Family Information Meeting was a success with 32 parents representing 29 students on August 21. Our UPK Meet and Greet was also a success with 33 students and their adults attending on August 26. Our Kindergarten Meet and Greet was hosted on August 28 with 73% of students and their adults attending. We hosted Open House on October 17. This replaced the former Curriculum Night. 7 community groups/agencies attended. Great night for everyone.
- B.L.U.E. Celebrations: Frank Knight had their first B.L.U.E. reward assembly on Friday, October 4. They celebrated with Spookley Day. They started the fun event with a reading of Spookley the Square Pumpkin and students were able to decorate staff members as pumpkins. The messaging was celebrating their own uniqueness. Students also watched Spookley during lunch and received their own Spookley pumpkin to decorate and hang in the hallway for classes to enjoy a pumpkin walk.
- PTO Fun: Grade level roller skating parties have started! Thank you again to ECS for hosting. ECS also hosted their fall Book Fair this week. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who made it possible!

Upcoming Events:

- Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Field Trip: October 22
- PTO Sponsored Trunk or Treat: October 19
- Halloween Sing Along: October 31
- Veterans Day Program: November 8

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School

Amy Hibbard (Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School) reported on the following Goals & Updates:

Goal 1: 65% of 3-5 students will score approaching, at or above on the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment. PD provided by Literacy Coach to all grade levels on Science of Reading Overview & Briefs and Explicit Instruction

- PD provided by Literacy Coach on each of the "Big 6" skills and competencies of the Science of Reading
- Literacy Coach to provide modeling & coaching in the classroom to support the "Big 6" skills instruction
- Faculty visits to other districts that have implemented Science of Reading curriculum and assessments
- Faculty will investigate Science of Reading curriculum and assessments
- Faculty will develop explicit instructional strategies to teach ELA foundational skills
- Use iReady data to personalize instruction at students' levels

Goal 2: 13% or less of K-5 students will be identified as chronically absent.

- Communicate with all parents in September of those who were chronically absent last year
- Start breakfast groups in September
- Investigate implementation of attendance support agreement with families
- Provide PD on DEI best instructional practices
- Tiered attendance meetings every other week to review warning flags in Panorama and implement interventions (social skills groups, peer-relationship groups, after-school clubs, etc.)

Goal 3: The # of classroom removals will decrease by at least 15 in the 2nd & 3rd trimester compared to the 1st.

- Teachers will implement trauma-sensitive classroom strategies & build strong relationships to create a safe and
- welcoming environment for all students
- Provide PD on culturally responsive engagement strategies
- Provide SEL lessons on topics such as dealing with frustration, empathy, problem solving, and any other topics that the data shows are needed

- Provide PBIS lessons on: empathy, peer interventions, respecting a substitute and any other topics that the data shows are needed
- Tiered behavior meetings every other week to review data and implement interventions
- Teachers will establish positive relationships with families early in the school year
- Explicit instruction on safe & appropriate behavior

Celebrations

- Third grade orientation (74% attended) and Gr. 4 & 5 Open House (68% attended). Both were successful events with 9 community organizations in attendance at our Open House.
- PBIS - we hope to have a special guest at our BLUE Bash every other month. We started with Sensei John from Transform Karate in September.
- Grade 5 Field Trip to FLCC and Grade 4 Field Trip to "Fun on the Farm" were both a success.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Pumpkin Walk Friday, October 25 from 6 - 7:30 pm
- Red Ribbon Week October 28 - 31
- Cady Stanton Round Table, November 7, 2024

Director of Curriculum and PD

Jodie Verkey, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development

Goal #1: At the conclusion of the 24-25 year 70% of all K-5 students will achieve approaching/on/above on the F & P Benchmark Assessment.

- Literacy Coach training to each grade level on Science of Reading briefs and Big 6 (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, oral language, comprehension)
- Literacy Coach supports literacy practices in classroom setting (co-teaching or modeling instructional practices related to briefs)
- Mentor Program- meeting with each new teacher monthly to ensure specific professional development is available
- to each and individual teacher assimilation & growth occurs
- Blue Ribbon Commission- Provide professional development on project based learning; demonstration of
- standard mastery on multiple assessment options
- 6 teachers attendance at LETRS training

Goal #2: At the end of the 24-25 year, 10% or less of all students will be identified as chronically absent

- DCIP interventions have begun at each building
- American Indian subgroups- 2 /5 in good standing at FK; 1 /8 in good standing at CS and MS; 1 / 5 in good standing at the HS

Goal #3: 80% of K-8 students will achieve approaching/on/above grade level proficiency on iReady Reading Benchmark Assessment.

- K-5: Provide 45 minutes of lesson instruction in iReady platform at student level in reading and math to meet students where they are
- Build strong literacy skills in all students through Science of Reading best instructional practices professional development
- Provide interventions (through building level teams and MTSS Coordinator) to support student growth and skill development in reading and math

Next Steps:

- Monitoring DCIP intervention progress and attendance data impact
- Review teacher feedback on literacy PD and make adjusts with Literacy Coach
- Meet with mentees/mentors approximately every 6 weeks to provide necessary support to maximize positive impacts on students and retain teachers due to strong support and connection
- MTSS Coordinator support in implementing PLCs & supporting MTSS teams

Celebrations

- F & P Benchmark scores have increased to begin the year in both elementary buildings from last year
- Hiring of a highly qualified and trained Science of Reading Literacy Coach with a mapped out intensive PD schedule
- 12 teachers engaged in PD on Science of Reading in addition to internal training
- Opening days in August received positive feedback (70 responses)

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
Audit Committee Report

Warrants 10/01/2024-10/31/2024

Warrant A (26)	\$ 370,546.58
Warrant A (27)	\$ 39,685.55
Warrant C (10)	\$ 15,467.84
Warrant C (11)	\$ 9,753.48
Warrant F (9)	\$ 6,222.00
Warrant F (10)	\$ 8,712.32

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported that she would share the Community Survey results. There were 146 responses, seven (7) of which were students.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reported that he took part in the Annual NYSSBA Convention by digital experience.

BOE Member Comments

Denise Lorenzetti reported that she had attended the Annual NYSSBA Convention in New York City. It was a good experience.

Joseph McNamara stated that the Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results (SOAR) Analysis Survey Addresses things the Board has already done. He stated that it seems the Board should have a positive approach for what the Board/district already has.

Important Dates to Remember

- November 2, 2024- BOE Meeting/Workshop
- November 7, 2024-BOE Meeting/Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School Roundtable
- November 8, 2024-Veteran’s Day Assembly (9:45 am)-Frank Knight Elementary School
- November 11, 2024-Veteran’s Day
- November 16, 2024-Four County SBA Legislative Committee Mtg. 9:00 am (Zoom)
- November 21, 2024-BOE Meeting
- November 25, 2024- Four County SBA General Membership Meeting (Brian Fessler, NYSSBA Director of Governmental Relations
- Nov. 27-28, 2024-No School for students & 10 month employees-Thanksgiving break

Consent Agenda
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
SFEA
None at this time

SFSSA

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

Name: Medina Larsen
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 10/15/2024

Appointments
Professional Appointment(s)
None at this time

Annual Appointment

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
MTSS Case Manager	Mark Solan	\$606

2024-2025 Coaching Appointments

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

Employee	Sport/Position	Stipend	Certification
Pat Prayne	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$4,950.46	PCL Basketball Exp. 01/31/25
Charlie Foster	JV Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,470.63	PCL Basketball Exp. 01/31/26
Rhett Ticconi	Varsity Boys Basketball- Paid Assist.	\$2,000.00	TCL 2 nd -4 th Renewal Exp. 08/31/25
Devin Anderson	Varsity Boys Basketball-Non-Paid Assist.	Non-Paid	Teacher
Mark Solan	8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,234.11	Teacher
Jacob Anderson	8 th Grade Boys Basketball NON-Paid Assist.	n/a	Teacher

Jake Jones	7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,234.11	Teacher
Hannah Brown-Trice	Girls Basketball -Varsity Coach	\$4,950.46	TCL 1 st Renewal Exp. 01/31/26
Corey Foster	Girls Basketball -JV Coach	\$3,470.63	PCL Basketball 01/31/27
Jessica Lambert	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,234.11	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Nathan Rarick	7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,234.11	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Ashley Leederman	Varsity Girls Basketball –Paid Assist.	\$2,000.00	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Heidi Miller	Varsity Girls Basketball –Non-Paid Assist.	Non-Paid	TCL Basketball Exp. 01/31/25
Tony Ryrko	Girls Basketball –Non-Paid Assistant	Non-Paid	TCL Basketball Exp. 08/31/25
Mike Miller	8 th Gr. Girls Basketball –Non-Paid Assistant	Non-Paid	
Deanna Connolly	Varsity Bowling Coach	\$3,706.46	TCL Bowling Exp. 01/31/25
Adam Jones	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$4,950.46	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Scott Redding	Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$3,706.46	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Marnie Impastato	Modified Indoor Track Coach	\$2,234.11	PCL T & F Exp. 08/31/26
William Corwin	Varsity Indoor Track Non Paid Assist.	\$2,000.00	Teacher

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: Alateisha Johnson
 Position: School Bus Monitor
 Effective: 10/25/2024
 Probationary Period: 10/25/2024 through 10/25/2025
 Hours/day: 2.0 hours/day
 Hourly Rate: \$16.00

Name: Janita Barnard
 Position: Cashier/FSH
 Effective: 10/25/2024
 Probationary Period: 10/25/24 through 10/24/25
 Hours/day: 3.75
 Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Name: Kristen Hooper
 Position: Cashier/FSH
 Effective: 10/25/2024
 Probationary Period: 10/25/24 through 10/24/25
 Hours/day: 3.75
 Hourly Rate: \$16.48

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: John Cronin
 Position: Substitute Teacher
 NYSED Certification: Literacy Birth-Gr. 6, Literacy 5-12 and ELA 7-12 (Professional Certification)
 Effective: 10/25/2024

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
Cody Hart	Cleaner	10/30/2024

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 09/03/2024, 10/01/2024, 10/02/2024, 10/03/2024, 10/07/2024, 10/08/2024, 10/09/2024 (1), 10/09/2024 (2), 10/10/2024 (1), 10/10/2024 (2), 10/11/2024, 10/15/2024

Gifts and Donations

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

Donor	Amount	Account	
Reynolds Battery L. 1 st NY Light Artillery	\$250.00	A2705	Offset expenses incurred during 8 th Gr. Field trip to Rosehill Mansion

2024-2025 Transportation Requests

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
	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

None at this time

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

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Erica Sinicropi.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Correction to

Oct. 10, 2024 appointment

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following correction as listed:

4. Civil Service Appointments

c. Name: Marty Kerfien

Position: Cleaner

Effective: ~~10/15/2024~~ 10/31/2024

Probationary Period: ~~10/15/2024 through 10/14/2025~~ 10/31/2024 through 10/30/2025

Hours/day: 8.0

Hourly Rate: \$15.71

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

Budget Transfers

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following 2024-2025 budget transfers:

From Account:	Amount	To Account:	Reason:
A2810-400-00-9999	\$75,301.60	A1622-400-00-0000	Move SRO payments to A1622 from A2810
A2250-150-01-0000	\$35,000.00	A1622-450-00-0000	To cover the cost of NY Safe Act Security Cameras and AED machines

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2023-2024 External Audit

Corrective Action Plan

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to accept the Corrective Action Plan relating to findings or recommendations made during the 2023-2024 External Audit for the District's Financial Statement and Management Letter, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Budget Workshop

James Bruni reviewed the 2021-2024 ARP Stimulus Funding.

73%-ARP Federal Learning Loss (\$2,276,384.00 expensed)

17%-ARP State Learning Loss (\$539,702.00)

4%-ARP after School Learning (\$107,943.83 expensed)

4%-ARP Summer Learning (\$107,939.28 expensed)

2%-ARP Sec. 611 Special Education (\$71,691.00 expensed)

0%-ARP Sec. 619 Special Education (\$7,982.00 expensed)

0%-ARP Homeless (\$9,056.61 expensed)

Executive Session

None at this time

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk