

Seneca Falls Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
February 13, 2025,-6:00 PM  
Robert McKeveny Training Room

BOE Present

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

BOE Absent

None

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Faith Lewis, and Carrie Heffron

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.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes-January 23, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated January 23, 2025

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report &

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Administrator Reports

Faith Lewis, MA Principal and Carrie Heffron, MA Assistant Principal updated the Board on their goals.

Goal #1: Decrease the rate of chronic absenteeism for all students (30% or less with a stretch goal of 25%)

- Formed attendance groups with Abigail Coon
- Topics: Barriers in getting to school, school environment, mental health, motivation for getting to school
- Sent attendance letters for frequent absences and tardiness to school with "Attendance Matters" flyers

Goal #2: Increase graduation rate to 90% of the currently enrolled students (21-22 cohort)

- Held 5 senior/parent meetings after 15 week grades
- Held 11 freshman/parent meetings at 5 week grades and 18 meetings at 15 week grades
- WIN Groups
- Implementation of peer tutors
- Creativity with credits

Goal #3: Continue to enhance a positive and safe school environment by decreasing negative behaviors as measured by a 15% reduction of behavioral referrals

- Blue cards mailed home for positive behaviors
- Identify students, grade levels, or specific behaviors that are most prevalent
- Tier II/III supports

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

Matthew Lando reported that the Committee met about two weeks ago to review the bids that were presented for the Capital Project. The awarding of the recommended bids is on the agenda tonight.

Information  
Warrants

01/01/2025-01/31/2025

Warrant A (55)	\$ 24,343.77
Warrant A (56)	\$ 23,508.74
Warrant A (57)	\$1,228,957.34
Warrant C (22)	\$ 8,946.32
Warrant C (23)	\$ 9,786.38
Warrant C (24)	\$ 15,709.38
Warrant F (23)	\$ 1,346.26
Warrant F (24)	\$ 7,209.71
Warrant H (10)	\$ 21,374.85
Warrant H (11)	\$ 11,786.44

Student Board Member

Searah Reardon had only one item to report on. Sierra wanted the Board to know that the mental health course that Mrs. Willson is teaching is going well Students are enjoying it and Mrs. Willson is doing a great job.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on two items.

- Health Insurance rates are going up for the next school year. He will schedule a Health Insurance Committee meeting to share the information with the committee member and union leaders
- A Bond Anticipation note is expected next month and another one around July 2025.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following.

- Regionalization and NY Inspires update
  - SED Portal: Expanded submission of Planning Strengths and Needs tool to January 2025
  - 24 of the 25 WFL Districts submitted to the state
  - WFL CSOs convened at BOCES on 1/31/2025. 18 of the 25 Districts participated on 1/31 (included Curriculum Directors and Business Officials.
  - DataWise Protocol and Dashboards which includes 2023 Data. SED has not given WFLs access to narrative portions yet.
- Chamber Meetings Update
  - Meeting #1: consisted of Chamber, BOE president and myself 1/22/2025
  - Meeting #2: consisted of County CSOs 2/3/2025
  - Chamber U-Presenting on New York Inspires (BRC) on 2/27/2025
- Leadership Meetings
  - Review Current practices: Career education/field trips/fairs and collaborations
  - Needs Analysis: Working with the administrator team to review what we are doing. What do we need to make pathways available? (Individualized paths for students, career exposure, hands-on experiences to learn about careers)
- SSAC Meetings
  - Student thoughts on pathways and career exploration
- What is happening next?
  - CSOs are meeting in March at BOCES to have regional conversations.

## President Report

Michael Mirras reported that the meetings with the Chamber of Commerce were good. Jeff (Shipley) and Casey (Bouch) were excited about the partnership.

Informed the Board of a Profession Development opportunity held by Four County SBA on March 21, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Education Conference).

Also, Four County SBA is having a "Celebration of Serving Local School Districts for 50 Years" on May 15, 2025.

## BOE Member Comments

Denise Lorenzetti shared information on her trip to Washington DC for the National School Board Association 2025 Advocacy and Equity Institute. The Institute is a great resource for mental health issues. Attendees were able to engage in conversations with Senator Claudia Tenney and Senator Chuck Schumer.

Heather Zellers updated the Board on her advocacy role with RSA regarding federal funds being halted and the potential impacts they will have.

Deborah Corsner informed the Board that she is interested in running for the WFL BOCES Board of Education.

## Important Dates to Remember

February 17, 2025-President's Day (no school)

February 17-21, 2025-Winter-break (no school)

February 24, 2025-Safety Committee Mtg. (3:30 pm)

February 26, 2025-Policy Committee (7:30 am)

February 27, 2025-BOE Meeting

March 7-9, 2025-MA Musical (The Secret Garden)

March 13, 2025-BOE Meeting/SFMS Roundtable (MS Library)

## Consent Agenda

### Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

#### SFEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following instructional resignations for the purpose of retirement, and to grant them any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Name: Colleen Keefe

Position: Technology Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2025

Name: Suzanne Turchetti

Position: Special Education Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2025

Name: Guy Turchetti

Position: Special Education Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2025

#### SFSSA

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

Name: Amy Jennings

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: the end of the day on 01/26/2025

## Appointments

### Professional Appointment

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: Amy Jennings  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level I  
Tenure: Teaching Assistant  
Probation: 01/27/2025 through 01/26/2029  
Salary: \$22,500 (to be pro-rated)

#### 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: Laura Jacuzzo  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Effective: 02/24/2025  
Probation: 02/24/2025 through 02/23/2026  
Hours/day: 6.0  
Hourly Rate: \$16.48

#### Substitute Appointments

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

Name: Jaden Preston  
Position: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective: 02/03/2025 (retro)

Name: Alexis Burnley  
Position: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective: 02/10/2025 (retro)

#### 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
Caitlyn Skinner	Health Aide	02/16/2025

#### CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 08/14/24, 11/14/24, 01/10/2025, 01/13/2025 (1), 01/13/2025 (2), 01/14/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/16/2025, 01/17/2025, 01/21/2025, 01/23/2025, 01/24/2025, 01/28/2025, 02/03/25 (1), 02/03/25 (2), 02/03/25 (3)

#### Gifts and Donations

None at this time.

#### 2024-2025 Transportation Requests

None at this time.

1<sup>st</sup> Amendment/1<sup>st</sup> Vote Leadership Summit

April 1-2, 2025 at Woodcliff Hotel and Spa, Fairport, NY  
Teacher-Deena Swenson + 7 students

Approval of Agenda

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

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

2025 Capital Improvement Project Contract Awards

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation from Campus Construction Management, in conjunction with HUNT Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect, DPC, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education awards the following contracts to the companies as listed:

General Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 100 – General Trades: MASSA CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Total Base Bid: \$ 8,158,000.00

Alternate 01: MS Corridor Ceiling Removal and replacement \$ 50,000.00

Alternate 03: MS Classroom Door access Controls \$ 5,000.00

Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$ 8,213,000.00

Mechanical Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 101 – Mechanical: Nairy Mechanical, LLC

Total Base Bid: \$ 3,325,700.00

Alternate 02: MS Main Server Closet A/C \$ 41,000.00

Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$ 3,366,700.00

Plumbing Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 102 – Plumbing: Thurston Dudek, LLC

Total Base Bid: \$ 295,700.00

Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$ 295,700.00

Electrical Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 103 – Electrical: Knapp Electric Inc.

Total Base Bid: \$ 2,484,000.00

Alternate 01: MS Corridor Ceiling Removal and Replacement \$ 29,900.00

Alternate 02: MS Main Server Closet A/C \$ 10,900.00

Roofing Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 104 – Roofing: CFE Inc.

Total Base Bid: \$ 575,332.00

Alternate 02: MS Main Server Closet A/C \$ 6,737.00

Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$582,069.00

Security Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 105 – Security: DAY Automation, Inc.

Total Base Bid: \$ 299,323.80

Alternate 03: MS Classroom Door access Controls \$ 76,568.31

Alternate B: MS Classroom Doors Access Controls \$ 148,618.61

Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$ 524,510.72

Temperature Controls Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 106 – Temperature Controls: DAY Automation, Inc.  
Total Base Bid: \$ 90,871.19  
Alternate 02: MS Main Server Closet A/C \$ 118.10  
Alternate: Existing MS Controls Replacement \$ 157,290.31  
Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$ 248,297.60

Track Surfacing Trades Contract Award

Contract No. 107 – Track Surfacing: CRAFCO, INC.  
Total Base Bid: \$ 212,480.00  
Total Proposed Contract Amount: \$ 212,480.00  
Total Awarded Contract Amount \$ 15,967,557.32

Construction Testing Services Contract Award-Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL)  
Air Monitoring Services Contract Award-Lozier Environmental Consulting Services

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 9 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 policy:

Policy 1120-School District Records

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

Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 School Year Budget Vote

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education approves Thursday, May 8, 2025 (6:00 pm) for the public hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget.

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

Time and Location of Annual Budget Vote on May 20, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education approves the following location and time for the Annual Budget Vote/Election held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025:

Operations Center  
2 Butler Avenue  
Seneca Falls, NY  
Noon to 8:00 p.m.

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

Budget Workshop

Board State Aid Review and Tax Cap

Dr. Reed and James Bruni reviewed the following.

PROJECTED 2025-2026 revenues

- NYS State Aid \$21,195,469
  - New York State Aid Categories
    - 66% Foundation Aid
    - 11% Building Aid
    - 8% \*BOCES Aid (*expense driven aid*)
    - 9% \*Transportation Aid (*expense driven aid*)
    - 5% \*High Cost/Private Aid (*expense driven aid*)
    - 1% \*Software/Library/Textbook (*expense driven aid*)
- Tax Levy: \$14,691,150
- Misc.: \$ 2,940,629
- Total projected revenues: \$38,827,257

Executive Session

The Employment of Particular Persons and Negotiations

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon move into Executive Session at 7:20 pm to discuss the employment of particular persons and negotiations.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 7:51 pm.

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Michael Mirras, Board President