

Seneca Falls Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
March 13, 2025,-6:00 PM  
SFMS Library, 95 Troy Street

BOE Present

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

BOE Absent

Michael Mirras and Heather Zellers

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Kevin Rhinehart, SFMS Principal; Teachers present: Nicole Spitzer, Stacey Alessio, Mel Morrin, Amylyn Marley, Julie Trembley and Meghan Barbay. Students present: Student Council: Maddox Decker, Cody Schultz, Matthew Ferrara, Joey Mull, Aidan Cole; 6th grade presenters: Erik Hall, Michael Capalongo, Joey Mull and Aidan Cole; 7th grade presenters: Matthew Ferrara and Irelynn Flahavan; 8th grade presenters: Cody Schultz, Maddox Decker, Khloe Mahoney and Owen Wich

Denise Lorenzetti 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

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addendums as listed.

**ADD under X. Consent Agenda**

3. 2025-2026 Coaching Appointments

Johnston, Cullen	Track and Field Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00	TCL Track & Field Exp. 08/31/2025
Matt Kubasik	Varsity Baseball NON-Paid Assistant	Non-Paid	TCL Baseball Exp. 08/31/2026

G. Establish Bank Account for Class of 2031

**ADD under XII. New Business**

A. Policy -1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Policy #8113-Extreme Heat Condition Days

D. Resolution for Proposition- Technology Equipment & Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund 2024 Expenditure

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes-February 27, 2025

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated February 27, 2025

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

SF Middle School Roundtable

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Aidan Cole and Joey Mull shared a bit about the first novel that they read "The Watson's go to Birmingham-1963"

Led the Board members in a "Price is Right activity. Board members had to guess the price of food items either presently or in 1963.

Social Studies content includes geography/map skills, the Stone Age, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, India, China, Greece and Rome, The Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Michael Capalongo, Erik Hall, and Gianna Sandroni will conducted a Confucius Interview they created using their notes. The interview has questions and answers as well as an introduction and conclusion and brought Confucius back from the dead to learn more about him.

Upcoming fundraiser and field trips: Ziti Dinner at the SMS (April 10), Red Wings Baseball Education Day (May 29) and Cornell Cooperative Extension Outdoor Education Day (May 21).

Nicole and Stacey thanked the Board of Education for their continued support rot the students, faculty and staff.

Middle School Student Council

Past fundraiser have included "Penny Wars"-money raised went to the House of concern and winner received a movie and snack; "Souper Bowl of Caring"-soup cans collected. Winning team (grade level) earns a Super bowl party. "Crush for your Crush"-students sent a valentine and a grape or orange soda to their crush; March Madness School spirit Week is starting on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025 at Vince's Park Pavilion from 8-10 pm.

The Board members participated in a problem solving and team building activity called "Saving Sam".

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

ELA -Students will finish reading *Inside Out & Back Again* and compose a first person poem and write an analytical essay to complete the unit. They will also be preparing for the NYS ELA Assessment that will take place right after Spring Break on April 29 & April 30.

Math – Students completed their unit on functions. Students will be diving into the concept of volume, followed by an exploration of angles

Science -Students will be looking at different types of forces. Students will also be investigating what it means to work and what power is. Finally, Students will also be learning about Newton’s Laws of Motion.  
Social Studies -Students will be learning about WWII including how the United States became involved, the economic power of the United States, and key battles during the war! This is are longest unit of the school year!

Earth & Space Sciences - Students will be working in their Weather unit as they welcome spring. In the unit, students will be evaluating the risk of major storms and hurricanes in NYS in the future.

Algebra Class-Students will be continuing chapter 6, learning different methods of factoring and eventually solving quadratic equations.

Study Skills Class-Students are working on writing essays and continuing to make progress on their personal academic goals.

PASS Class-Students are learning about career clusters. Students are writing business letters to organizations that relate to the career which they may possibly go into.

Spanish - New Unit: Pets and Animals. Our activities include verb charts, 3-D glasses, dice debriefs, Bingo, word games, reading, listening and more

Reading –Students are continuing with their study of morphology and vocabulary and will begin reading a book together soon. They will be also voting on our favorite award winning books in our March Book Madness Tournament!

Art Class -Students are working on their Color Scheme Painting. Students learned about the color wheel along with different color schemes. Students will use this knowledge to paint their project with 3 different color schemes. Next up will be their wrapper project. Students will need to bring in a wrapper for this project.

Physical Education- In the month of March, students will be completing their badminton unit and also beginning a unit in handball!

Past fundraisers have included a Bottle & Can Drive and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-in Fundraiser. The Lock-in was a successful fun night. Forty-nine students participated. Thank you to those who donated and volunteered. Thank you to the custodians who were very helpful.

The 8th Grade will be going on a Technology Field Trip March 28.

Spanish Presentation-Julie Trembley shared with the Board that she traveled to the University of Santiago de Compostela in the summer of 2024. The presentation at the regional Conference was: *Mediation in the World Language Classroom*.

#### The Development of Intercultural Skills – Mediation

The incorporation of mediation into language education encourages active participation, collaboration, and the development of both linguistic and intercultural skills. Through mediation, learners gain a deeper understanding of language in action, improving their ability to communicate effectively in diverse and multilingual environments.

#### Linguistic Skills that contribute to proficiency

##### Mediation (Facilitating Understanding)

- Mediating a text – Reformulating or summarizing information to make it accessible to others.
- Mediating concepts – Facilitating understanding of ideas and knowledge in discussions.
- Mediating communication – Bridging language or cultural gaps to enable effective communication.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading-Meghan Barbay shared with the Board Scarborough’s Reading Rope.

Scarborough’s Reading Rope helps to show the many reading skills that must be woven together across the two broad areas of word recognition and language comprehension.

#### 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

None at this time

#### Information

Warrants 02/01/2025-02/28/2025

Warrant A (65)	\$ 18,718.94
Warrant A (66)	\$ 534,912.81
Warrant C (27)	\$ 20.16
Warrant F (27)	\$ 17,836.42
Warrant F (28)	\$ 34,523.92
Warrant H (13)	\$ 21,321.11
Warrant H (14)	\$ 6,912.63

Student Board Member

Search Reardon reported on the following:

- Wednesday, March 19 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Day Senior Breakfast.

- Searah stated that she was the recipient of a WFL BOCES Superintendent Award. She thanked Dr. Reed. The dinner and ceremony was great.
- Seniors have come up with a theme for Ball. Searah did not want to give too much away but stated that the colors were red, white and gold.

Business Administrator

James Bruni updated the Board on the 2025-2026 Budget Assumptions. Key changes included the following:

- Reduction in health insurance (15% to an average 11%)
- Reduction to TRS Premiums (10% to 9.59%)
- Reduction to ODP Special Education
- Proposed SFEA contractual increases are included
- Increase in appropriated fund balance to FY26 to support literacy.
- Increase in PILOT revenue.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Dr. Reed saw the students off this morning who were headed to Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- Searah Reardon was a recipient of the WFL BOCES Superintendent Award. The WFL Superintendent Award Dinner was held on March 6. Dr. Reed, Michael Mirras and Searah Reardon were in attendance. Congratulations to Searah!
- April 4 is the Finger Lakes Technical & Career Center visit. A student invited the Board to visit the P-Tech program he is in. If Board members wish to attend, please let her know by next Friday (3/21).

BOE Member Comments

Deborah Corsner attended the high school musical and wanted to congratulate all the students on their performance. Well done!

Erica Sinicropi congratulated Searah Reardon on her award. The Board of Education is lucky to have Searah as the Student Board member.

Important Dates to Remember

- March 21, 2025-Four County SBA-Annual Spring Education Conference
- March 27 & 28, 2025-Parent-Teacher Conferences (1/2 days FK and ECS)
- March 27, 2025-BOE Meeting
- April 10, 2025-Board of Education Meeting
- April 14-18, 2025-Spring Recess
- April 18, 2025-Spring Recess Day- (12 month employees)
- April 23 2025-BOE Meeting (Wednesday)

Consent Agenda  
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations  
SFEA

None at this time.

SFSSA

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

Name: Brian Heitmann  
Position: Senior Maintenance Mechanic  
Effective: at the end of the work day on 03/07/2025

Appointments  
Professional Appointment  
None at this time

2024-2025 Annual Appointments

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

Position	Employee	Stipend	
Asbestos Designee	Dr. Michelle Reed	No additional compensation	Eff. 03/07/2025
Safety Officer	Dr. Michelle Reed	No additional compensation	Eff. 03/07/2025

2025-2026 Coaching Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following appointments for the 2025-2026 school year.

Employee	Coaching Position	Stipend	Certification
	<b>LACROSSE-BOYS</b>		
Caraher, Joe	Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach	\$3,706.49	Teacher
Stevens, James	Boys Varsity Paid Assistant Lacrosse	\$2,000.00	TCL Lacrosse Exp. 08/31/25
Kurdziolek, Michael	Boys Modified A Lacrosse Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00	TCL Lacrosse Exp. 08/31/25
	<b>LACROSSE-GIRLS</b>		
Foster, Corey	Girls Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach	\$3,706.49	Professional License Exp. 08/31/2028
Kohberger, Bill	Girls Varsity Lacrosse Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00	Professional License Exp. 08/31/2028

Anderson, Emily	Girls Modified A Lacrosse Head Coach	\$2,234.11	Teacher
	SOFTBALL		
Leederman, Ashley	Softball Varsity Head Coach	\$3,706.49	Physical Educ. Certified
Jones, Adam	JV Softball Head Coach	\$2,502.84	Physical Educ. Certified
Miller, Heidi	Modified Softball Head Coach	\$2,234.11	TCL Softball Exp. 01/31/2026
	BASEBALL		
Foster, Charlie	Varsity Baseball Head Coach	\$3,706.49	Professional License Exp. 08/31/2028
Kent, Dan	Varsity Baseball Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00	Professional License Exp. 08/31/2028
Rarick, Nathan	JV Baseball Head Coach	\$2,502.84	Physical Educ. Certified
Solan, Mark	JV Baseball NON-Paid Assistant	Non-Paid	Teacher
Major, Ryan	Modified Baseball Head Coach	\$2,234.11	Teacher
	TRACK & FIELD		
Corwin, William	Varsity Boys Track and Field Coach	\$3,706.49	Teacher
Esposito, Sharon	Varsity Girls Track and Field Coach	\$3,706.49	Teacher
Johnston, Cullen	Track and Field Paid Assistant	\$2,000.00	TCL Track & Field Exp. 08/31/2025
	TENNIS		
Redding, Scott	Varsity Boys Tennis Head Coach	\$3,706.49	Physical Educ. Certified
Jacuzzo, Joe	Modified Boys Tennis Head Coach	\$2,234.11	Professional License Exp. 08/31/2026

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: Jaden Preston  
 Position: Teacher Aide  
 Effective: 03/03/2025 (retro)  
 Probation: 03/03/2025 through 03/02/2026  
 Hours/day: 6.0  
 Hourly Rate: \$16.48

Name: Alexis Burnley  
 Position: Teacher Aide  
 Effective: 03/24/2025  
 Probation: 03/24/2025 through 03/23/2026  
 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: Mariah Karalunas  
 Position: Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant (Gr. K-5)  
 Effective: 03/14/2025

Probationary to Permanent  
 None at this time.

May 20, 2025 Election Inspectors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following people listed as election inspectors for the May 20, 2025 budget vote/election.

Election Inspector	Time	Hourly Rate
Ted Novak	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$15.50
Patricia Novak	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$15.50
Theresa Clark	11:45 am through the end of ballot counting	\$15.50

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 02/07/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/13/2025, 02/14/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/24/2025, 02/25/2025, 02/26/2025, 02/27/2025,

Gifts and Donations  
 None at this time.

Transportation Requests  
 None at this time.

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips  
 None at this time.

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business  
 None at this time

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies:

Policy #2245: Ex Officio Student Member of the Board

**Policy 8113-Extreme Heat**

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Establishment of Two One Time Chris Galloway Memorial Scholarships

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the following one time Chris Galloway Memorial Scholarships:

- Chris Galloway Memorial Scholarship
- Two (2) one-time awards (one male and one female)
- Each Award: \$3,000
- Award will be presented at high school graduation to a graduating senior.
- Criteria:
  - Pursuing their education in the Sciences, preferably biology or chemistry as per their passion and lifelong pursuit of Chris Galloway for who the scholarship is in honor of.
  - A formal essay explaining the candidate's reason for pursuing their education in Science. Application (*If the school does not provide one, one will be provided by donor*).
- Selection Process: Nominations from school along with applications to be mailed to the family who then makes the final decision.
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Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Scholarship Name Change

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion that Board of Education recognizes the name change of one of the two annual Peter K. Thummler Memorial Scholarships to Carl J. Casaccia Memorial Scholarship. All requirements of the scholarship will remain as previously approved.

*(Each scholarship will remain a \$2,500 scholarship for college bound seniors who will be furthering their education in the field of environmental conservation, environmental science or related field of study)*

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Resolution for Proposition

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 20, 2025 annual vote:

Proposition-Technology Equipment & Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund 2024 Expenditure

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County, NY is hereby authorized to withdraw from the "Technology Equipment & Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund 2024" a sum of money up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) to be expended for technology equipment upgrades consistent with the authorizing resolution.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:08 pm to discuss the employment of a particular person

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 8:18 pm.

Adjourn

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Denise Lorenzetti, Board Vice President