

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting/Public Hearings
August 21, 2025-6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara, Cara Lajewski (arrived 6:20 pm), Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara, Michael Mirras, and Erica Sinicropi.

BOE Absent

Heather Zellers

Others Present

Charlie Foster, MA Varsity Baseball Coach

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.

Public Hearings

2025-2026 Seneca Falls Central School District Code of Conduct

The District code of conduct was on the school website for 30 days prior to the public hearing. Anyone interested in commenting on the Code of Conduct was to email the district clerk. The district did not receive any comments in those thirty days.

Dr. Reed explained that the District Code of Conduct is a series of policies.

5300 -CODE OF CONDUCT (required policy)

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Dr. Reed reported that three policies had proposed revisions (updates).

- 5300.30 (added personal internet enabled devices)
- 5300.40 (added detention language-lunch/after school/T.A.)
- 5300.60 (added students and personal electronic devices)

2025-2026 Seneca Falls Central School District Safety Plan

The Seneca Falls Central School District Safety Plan was reviewed on July 16, 2025:

- Team members/information updated
- Emergency Management Suite (Navigate Platform)
- General Language
 - Public Plan (ERPs are confidential-September BOE meeting Executive Session)
 - Public Safety plan was posted for 30 days prior to tonight's meeting. No input to date.

Because there was no one present for the public hearings, the hearings ended and the regular meeting began at 6:06 pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

No presentations at tonight's meeting.

Add under XI. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

2. 2025-2026 Annual Appointment(s)

Position	Employee	Stipend
<u>Shereasa Braxton</u>	SFMS MTSS Coordinator	\$1,372.00

3. 2025-2026 Coaching

Employee	Sport	Stipend	Certification
<u>Cullen Johnston</u>	Cross Country Non-Paid Assistant	n/a	<u>Pending</u>

4. Civil Service Appointments

b. Name: Hilary Reinwald

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 08/19/2025 (retro)

Probationary Period: 08/19/2025 through 08/18/2026

Hours per day: 6

Hourly Rate: \$16.97

g. Name: Joan Tyler

Civil Service Position: Cashier/FSH

Effective Date: 08/25/2025

Probationary period: 08/25/2025 through 08/24/2026

Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Hours per day: 3.75

7. Increase in Work Hours

a. Name: Sabrena Cifaratta

Civil Service Position: Cleaner

Increase in hours: 4.0 to 5.0

Effective: 08/25/2025

Add under XII. Old Business

B. Appointments

1. 2025-2026 Annual Appointments

<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>Linda Wadhams</u>	<u>Not to exceed \$900.00 \$1,000</u>
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Add under XIII. New Business

D. Policy-1st Reading-Policy 6240-Investments

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

August 7, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated August 7, 2025.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

None at this time.

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time.

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

None at this time.

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.

Warrant A (1)	\$ 33,145.28
Warrant A (2)	\$ 2,641.61
Warrant C (1)	\$ 603.06
Warrant F (1)	\$ 267.35
Warrant H (1) AP	\$ 21,567.91
Warrant H (2)	\$ 11,809.00
Warrant H (3) AP	\$ 413,768.85
Warrant H (4)	\$ 358.00

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

- The Unit 2 of LETRS training would be held on August 27.
- The district has hired the following teacher positions: Math, Special Education, Technology, Social Studies and Psychologist. One Special Education position is still open but will be covered with current teachers. The district has had no applicants for the position.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

- The grant money for Title I, II and III has dropped off about \$2,500.
- The district has received a Records Management grant of \$75,000.
- The first reading of Policy 6240-Investments-is on the agenda for approval.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Dr. Reed and Michael Mirras, Board President, will welcome faculty and staff back for the new year on September 2 at 8:00 am. Both will deliver a brief message. The theme for this year is "Coming Together".
- The Rotary Bash will be held on Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Bracht Field for students to get school supplies. Signs have been posted through out the community and message was sent on Parent Square.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reported that he, Dr. Reed and the Student BOE member, Kyah Lajewski attended the new student member training. It was informative to hear what other schools were doing and he was happy to report that Seneca Falls CSD was leading the way in this area.

Important Dates to Remember

September 2, 2025-Superintendent Conference Day
September 3, 2025-First Day of School
September 4, 2025 -4 County SBA Board of Directors Mtg.-Hybrid-(5:45 pm)
September 11, 2025- BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
September 13, 2025- Senior Parking Lot Painting Day (8:00 am- 1:00 pm)
4 County SBA Legislative Mtg. -Zoom (9:00-10:30 am)
September 23, 2025- SFMS Open House (5:30-6:30)
October 2, 2025-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
October 9, 2025-Emergency Dismissal Drill
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary Open House (6:30-7:30 pm)
October 16, 2025-Frank Knight Elementary School Open House (6:00-7:00 pm)
Gr. 6-12 Band Concert (7:00-9:00 pm)
October 18, 2025-Homecoming Dance
October 22, 2025-Gr. 6-12 Chorus Concert (7:00-8:00 pm)
October 23, 2025-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
October 23 - 25, 2025-2025 Annual Convention & Education Expo, New York City

Matthew Lando pointed out that the September 11, 2025 BOE meeting was not on the list. The meeting

has been added to the important dates.

Consent Agenda
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
SFEA-Resignation

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

Name: William Kise
Position: Teaching Assistant
Effective: at the end of the day on 09/01/2025

SFSSA-Resignations

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

Name: Kevin Cappello
Position: Cleaner
Effective: at the end of the day on 08/21/2025

Name: Juanita Barnard
Position: Cashier/FSH
Effective: at the end of the day on 08/31/2025

Name: Sarah Salerno
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: at the end of the day on 08/31/2025

Confidential Employees-Retirement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following Confidential Employee resignations for the purpose of retirement and to grant them any and all applicable benefits per the current Confidential Employees Agreement (July1, 2024-June 30, 2028):

Name: Jacqueline Brown
Position: Senior typist
Effective: at the end of the day on 12/31/2025

Appointments
Professional Appointment(s)
None at this time.

2025-2026 Annual Appointment(s)

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
Teacher Mentor	Elizabeth Tanner	\$1,283.00

2025-2026 Coaching

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

Employee	Sport	Stipend	Certification
	FOOTBALL		
Chris Smolinski	Modified A Non-Paid Assistant	n/a	<i>Pending</i>
	VOLLEYBALL		
William Page	Modified Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,255.00	Physical Education Teacher
	CROSS COUNTRY		
Cullen Johnston	Cross Country Non-Paid Assistant	n/a	<i>Pending</i>

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: Kevin Cappello
Position: Custodian
Effective: 08/22/2025
Probationary Period: 08/22/2025 through 08/21/2026
Hours per day: 8
Hourly Rate: \$17.03

Name: Juanita Barnard
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/02/2025
Probationary Period: 09/02/2025 through 09/01/2026
Hours per day: 6
Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Name: Brandon Burnley
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/02/2025
Probationary Period: 09/02/2025 through 09/01/2026
Hours per day: 6
Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Name: Crysti Larizza
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/02/2025
Probationary Period: 09/02/2025 through 09/01/2026
Hours per day: 6
Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Name: Marissa Premo
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/02/2025
Probationary Period: 09/02/2025 through 09/01/2026
Hours per day: 6
Hourly Rate: \$16.97

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*).

Annual list of Substitute Teachers-See attached list
Annual list of Substitute Support Staff-See attached list

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
Brianna Cuny	Typist	09/23/2025

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 07/14/2025, 07/31/2025, 08/04/2025 (1), 08/04/2025 (2), 08/04/2025 (3), 08/08/2025

Gifts and Donations

None at this time

Transportation Requests

None at this time.

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following student field trip as presented, pending compliance with Board of Education Policy 4531-Field Trips and Excursions:

2026 MA Baseball Spring Break Trip

March 27-April 4, 2026

Disney World, Orlando, Florida

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

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to revise the following stipend that was approved at the July 7, 2025 Re-Organizational meeting.

B. Appointments

1. 2025-2026 Annual Appointments

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

<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>Linda Wadhams</u>	<u>Not to exceed \$900.00 \$1,000</u>
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Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

Certification of Lead Evaluators

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that by virtue of the fact of having participated in the Lead Evaluator Training provided by the NYS Education Department, WFL BOCES, Seneca Falls Central School District and the NYS Council of School Superintendents, which included the required components, the following people as listed are considered as Certified Lead Evaluators for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- Dr. Michelle Reed Principals
- Jodie Verkey Principals & Teachers
- Karissa Blamble Teachers
- Faith Lewis Teachers
- Carrie Heffron Teachers
- Kevin Rhinehart Teachers
- Kevin Korzeniewski Teachers
- Amy Hibbard Teachers
- Janet Clendenen Teachers

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

District Code of Conduct-2025-2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and Policy 2410 (Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review), the Board of Education approves the one and only reading of the District Code of Conduct, with revisions, as presented for the 2025-2026 school year.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Cornser.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2025-2026 SFCSD Public Safety Plan

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Seneca Falls Central School District Public Safety Plan as presented.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-1st Reading-Policy 6240-Investments

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the first reading of the of the following policy:

Policy 6240-Investments

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to move into executive session at 6:17 pm to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property and the employment history of a particular person.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

Cara Lajewski arrived at 6:20 pm.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Michael Mirras, Board President