

# 2025-2026

## SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Mission Statement

The Seneca Falls Central School District is committed to fostering academic excellence, equitable opportunities, and the unique potential of every student. By creating safe, nurturing, and supportive environments, we aim to develop confident, independent, and responsible individuals who are prepared to succeed academically and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

### Vision

Rooted in a strong community; inspiring excellence for every student to learn, grow, and shape their future.

**REVISED**

# October 2, 2025

# Board Meeting

**6:00 PM**

Public Meeting #6  
Robert McKeveny Training Room  
2 Butler Avenue

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Deborah Corsner  
Anthony Ferrara  
Cara Lajewski  
Matthew Lando  
Denise Lorenzetti  
Joseph McNamara  
Michael Mirras  
Erica Sinicropi  
Heather Zellers  
Kyah Lajewski, Student BOE Member

Dr. Michelle Reed, Superintendent  
Jodie Verkey, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction  
James Bruni, Business Administrator  
Monica Kuney, District Clerk

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting  
October 2, 2025-6:00 PM  
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

**I. Meeting called to order**

**II. Quorum Check**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: to approve the agenda with addendums as listed.**

**Add under X. Consent Agenda**

**A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations**

**1. SFSSA-Resignation**

a. Name: Sarah Lambert

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 10/09/2025

**B. Appointments**

**1. Professional Appointment(s)**

c. Name: Kimberly Stevers

Position: Career Services Coordinator

Certification: Technology Education

Tenure: School Counselor

Probation: 10/21/2025 through 10/20/2029

Salary: \$57,364 + Masters stipend

**2. 2025-2026 Annual Appointments**

Position	Employee	Stipend
Head Bus Driver	<u>Robert Wood</u>	Up to three hours daily at \$25 per hour; eff. 10/03/2025

**3. Civil Service Appointments**

d. Name: Rhonda Dickenson

Position: Account Clerk

Hire date: 11/01/2025

Effective: 01/02/2026

Probationary Period: 01/02/2026 through 01/01/2027

Hours per day: 7.0

Hourly Rate: \$24.40

**Remove under F. Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips**

**2. Middle School Drama Club Field Trip**

**Add under XII. New Business**

**B. Contracts, Agreements and MOA's**

**4. WFL BOCES BOE and Seneca Falls CSD Early College Access Shared Services Agreement (Sept. 1, 2025-June 20, 2026)**

**D. External Audit-ending June 30, 2025**

**Remove XIII Budget Workshop**

**V. Approve or Amend**

A. Board Minutes-September 11, 2025

**MOTION: to approve the Board of Education minutes dated September 11, 2025**

B. Treasurer's Report-None at this time.

C. Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report-

**MOTION to approve the following Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report as presented:**

1. July 2025
2. August 2025

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## **VI. Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations**

A. Town of Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

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## **VII. 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.

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## **VIII. Committee Reports**

A. Facilities Committee

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## **IX. Information**

### **A. Warrants 08/01/2025-08/31/2025**

Warrant A (15)	\$ 695,228.49
Warrant C (6)	\$ 1,372.07
Warrant F (4)	\$ 6,774.00
Warrant H (10)	\$ 2,669.00

### **Warrants 09/01/2025-09/30/2025**

Warrant A (18)	\$ 908,163.93
Warrant A (19)	\$ 34,282.53
Warrant A (22)	\$ 48,528.85
Warrant C (7)	\$ 10,571.44
Warrant C (8)	\$ 8,125.96
Warrant C (9)	\$ 7,743.33
Warrant H (11)	\$ 526,593.03
Warrant H (12)	\$ 4,843.00
Warrant H (13)	\$ 845,374.87

B. Student Board Member

C. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

D. Business Administrator

E. Superintendent Report

F. BOE President Report

G. BOE Member Comments

### **H. Important Dates to Remember**

October 9, 2025-Emergency Dismissal Drill

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary Open House (6:30-7:30 pm)

October 10, 2025-Superintendent Day-No School

October 13, 2025-Columbus/Indigenous Day

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 -Annual Convention & Education Expo, New York City  
October 31, 2025-Frank Knight Halloween Sing-Along (1:45 -2:45 pm)  
November 6, 2025- BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)  
November 10, 2025-Frank Knight Veteran's Day Assembly (9:45-10:45 am)

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## **X. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations**

#### **1. SFEA-Resignation**

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

- a. Name: Keith Godlewski  
Position: Math Teacher  
Effective: 09/30/2025

#### **2. SFSSA-Resignation**

- a. Name: Sarah Lambert  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Effective: 10/09/2025

### **B. Appointments**

#### **1. Professional Appointment(s)**

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.*)

- a. Name: Sydney Smith  
Position: Speech Pathologist  
Certification: Speech and Language Disabilities (Initial Certification)  
Tenure: Speech Education  
Probation: 08/29/2025 through 08/28/2029
- b. Name: Tyler Spencer  
Position: Technology Teacher  
Certification: Technology Education (Initial Certification)  
Tenure: Technology Education  
Probation: 09/11/2025 through 09/10/2029  
Salary: \$48,000
- c. Name: Kimberly Stevers  
Position: Career Services Coordinator  
Certification: Technology Education  
Tenure: School Counselor  
Probation: 10/21/2025 through 10/20/2029  
Salary: \$57,364 + Masters stipend

2. 2025-2026 Annual Appointments

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
Head Bus Driver	Robert Wood	Up to 3 hours daily at \$25 per hour; eff. 10/03/2025

3. 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*).

a. Name: Linda Bush

Position: Bus Driver

Hours: 5.0

Effective: 09/03/2025

b. Name: Gary Palmer

Position: Bus Driver

Effective: 10/03/2025

Probationary Period: 10/03/2025 through 10/02/2026

Hours per day: 5.0

Hourly Rate: \$28.90 (Option A) (filling a bidding vacancy)

c. Name: Joseph Peone

Position: School Monitor

Effective: 10/03/2025

Probationary Period: 10/03/2025 through 10/02/2026

Hours per day: 2.0

Hourly Rate: \$16.18

d. Name: Rhonda Dickenson

Position: Account Clerk

Hire date: 11/01/2025

Effective: 01/02/2026

Probationary Period: 01/02/2026 through 01/01/2027

Hours per day: 7.0

Hourly Rate: \$24.40

4. 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*).

a. Name: Lauren Bentz

Position: Substitute Teacher

NYSED Certification: Uncertified

Effective: 10/03/2025

b. Name: Tamma M. Hartman

Position: Food Service Helper

Effective: 10/03/2025

5. 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
Tanya Mack	Teacher Aide	10/15/2025

C. CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 09/02/2025, 09/03/2025 (1), 09/03/2025 (2), 09/03/2025 (3), 09/08/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/11/2025, 09/18/2025, 09/19/2025

D. Gifts and Donations-None at this time

E. Transportation Requests

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following transportation request.

1. It's a Wonderful Life (5k) Bus Shuttle

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025

2-Buses needed

F. Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following overnight field trip request.

1. NYSSMA Conference All State

(1-Teacher & 1- Student)

Dec. 4-7, 2025

Rochester, NY

**MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as listed.**

## XI. Old Business

A. Sept. 11, 2025 Revision

**MOTION: to revise the following Annual Appointment approved on September 11, 2025 as follows:**

X. *Consent Agenda*

B. Appointments

3. 2025-2026 Annual Appointment(s)

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

Position	Employee	Stipend
Attendance Coordinator	James Marley	Up to <del>three</del> <b>2.5</b> hours daily at \$27 per hour.

## XII. New Business

A. Tenure Recommendation

**RESOLVED**, 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 appointment:

1. William Page

Auburn, NY

Certification: Physical Education, Professional Certificate

Tenure: Physical Education  
Effective: 11/15/2025

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B. Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

**MOTION:** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following Contracts, Agreements and MOA's:

1. School Bus Driver Instructor Services Agreement-Renee Dombeck
2. Mental Health MOU's:  
Grow Your Own Instructors: Aaron Backhaus, Susan McGowan (Geneva CSD), Lindsay Willson (Seneca Falls CSD)  
Mental Health Intern Coaches: Amber Denman, Cristi Kuhn, Danielle McGavisk, Jill Harper, Kim Stewart, Mary Banaszak, Mary Weil, Margaret Goodman, Susan Blaakeman  
Mental Health Intern Site Supervisors: Geneva CSD, Marcus Whitman CSD, Newark CSD, Palmyra Macedon CSD, Romulus CSD, Seneca Falls CSD, Waterloo CSD, Dundee CSD (Susan McGowan), Seneca County Community Counseling Center
3. SFEA MOA-Additional Instructional Assignments
4. WFL BOCES BOE and Seneca Falls CSD Early College Access Shared Services Agreement (Sept. 1, 2025-June 20, 2026)

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C. 2025-2026 Budget Transfer

**MOTION:** upon the recommendation of the Administrator of Business & Operations, the Board of Education approves the following 2025-2026 transfers

From	To	Amount	Reason
A1621-160-00-6000	A5510-210-00-0000	\$45,777.89	Transfer to purchase a student transport vehicle

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D. External Audit-ending June 30, 2025

**MOTION:** to accept the External Audit Report and Management Letter of the Seneca Falls Central School District's Basic Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 completed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP and that the Business Administrator, in conjunction with the Audit Committee, respond to such audit.

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**XIII. Executive Session** (Contingent upon adoption of a motion during the public portion of the meeting in accordance with Section 105 of the Public Officers Law).

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**XIV. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** to adjourn the meeting.