

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting  
September 11, 2025-6:00 PM  
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

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

BOE Absent

Erica Sinicropi and Kyah Lajewski, Student BOE member

Others present:

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Janet Clendenin, Amy Hibbard, Kevin Rhinehart, Faith Lewis, Carrie Heffron, Jared Federman, Jesse Federman, Carleen Mull, Barb Robinson, Connor Worden, Hilary Reinwald, JoAnn Barbay, Nichole Brady, Lisa Roman, Catherine Sargent, Jaclyn Barker, and Jessica Lambert along with 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 with addendums as listed.

**Add under X. Consent Agenda**

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

1. SFSSA-Resignation

b. Name: Joan Tyler

Position: *Cashier/FSH*

Effective: *09/05/2025*

B. Appointments

1. Assistant Superintendent Probation Appointment

Name: Jodie Verkey

Position: *Assistant Superintendent of Instruction*

Certification: *School District Leader (Professional Certification)*

Tenure: *Assistant Superintendent*

Effective date: *07/01/2025*

Probation: *07/01/2025 through 06/30/2029*

4. Civil Service Appointments

G. Create Teacher Aide Positions (5)

*Five (5) Teacher Aide positions (1.0 FTE) 6 hours/day; 10 months*

**Add under XII. New Business**

B. Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

*2025-2026 Cayuga Community College MOA-College Courses taught at Mynderse Academy*

C. SFSSA Resignation

Name: Aionna Johnson

Position: *Teacher Aide*

Effective: *09/19/2025*

D. Civil Service Appointments

Name: Ali Whitton

Position: *Teacher Aide*

Effective: *09/12/2025*

Probationary Period: *09/12/2025 through 09/11/2026*

Hours per day: *6.0*

Hourly Rate: *\$16.97*

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

August 21, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated August 21, 2025.

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 8 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

Introduction-New Employees:

SFEA:

The following new instructional employees were introduced: Sydney French (Science), Sydney Smith (Speech Pathologist), Keith Godlewski (Math Teacher), Lisa Clark (Special Education), Tyler Spencer (Technology Teacher), Connor Worden (Social Studies), Elizabeth Prayne (Teaching Assistant)

SFSSA:

The following new non-instructional employees were introduced: Hilary Reinwald-Teacher Aide, Janita Barnard-Teacher Aide, Brandon Burnley-Teacher Aide, Crysti Larizza-Teacher Aide, Marissa Premo-Teacher Aide, JoAnn Barbay-Teacher Aide, Donna Evans-Cashier/FS, Kyle Dawley-Groundskeeper

Celebration-Tenure

The following instructional employees were present to receive their certificate of tenure: Nichole Brady, Elementary Education; Lisa Roman, Elementary Education; Catherine Sargent, Reading Education; Jaclyn Barker, Reading Education; and Jessica Lambert, Teaching Assistant. The following employees were unable to attend: Jordan Emerson, Health Education; Mariam Harms, Science Education; Adam Jones, Physical Education; and Kristen Poole, Teaching Assistant.

Capital Project Update

Shannon Davis, HUNT EAS and Sharlene Stanford, Campus Construction Management, were present to update the Board on the Capital Project.

SF Middle School:

- Canopy at the back door is up;
- New window and back entrance to cafeteria;
- Cafeteria completed and was ready for the 2025-26 school year;
- Corridor outside of cafeteria leading to the industrial arts suite-walls have been built;
- Work continues on the workshop and art room in the technology suite.
- Middle School classrooms: Rm 107 is re-occupied ; has new ceilings and paint.; currently waiting on the new flooring. Rm 180 had added work to it-also waiting on new flooring.
- The floor was replaced in the Nurse’s office.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton School:

- ECS entrance-footers were poured; foundation walls will be poured next.
- The ECS main office work continues.

Frank Knight Elementary School:

- Work continues on the main entry, OT/PT rooms and the Nurse’s suite.

The track behind the MS/MA was resurfaced.

Financial Status:

Project Budget \$ 24,750,000  
Awarded Contracts \$ 15,967,539  
Construction Contingency (5%) \$ 798,378  
Allowances Available (3%) \$ 450,000  
Allowances Used (1%) \$ 152,627  
*Unallocated Funds (Ph. 2) \$ 3,859,083*

Phase 2 Status

- Design Development drawings have been submitted to Campus;
- HUNT & Campus are reconciling the estimate and will present to the District at the 10/17 OACM;
- On schedule for a mid-October SED Submission.

Matthew Lando asked if Phase 2 of the design development was completed and asked that the information be emailed to him. Shannon Davis stated that information would be presented at the Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> OACM meeting. Shannon also stated she would email him the information. Dr. Reed stated that the information would be sent to all the Board members.

Executive Session

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:55 pm to discuss matters that would jeopardize public safety if disclosed and details of proposed, current or pending litigation and to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property and the employment history of a particular person.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

The regular meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

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. VIII. Committee Reports-None at this time.

Information

Warrants 07/01/2025-07/31/2025  
Warrant A (7) \$ 84,472.57  
Warrant F (2) \$ 4,443.96  
Warrant H (6) \$ 48,152.60  
Warrants 08/01/2025-08/31/2025  
Warrant A (10)\$ 21,398.37

Warrant A (14)\$	51,706.41
Warrant C (3) \$	880.93
Warrant C (5) \$	210.65
Warrant F (3) \$	643,916.00
Warrant H (7) \$	13,501.02
Warrant H (9) \$	313,649.28

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported to the Board on the new K-5 Benchmarking assessment tools.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reviewed the 2024 final STAR credit and exemption savings amounts for Seneca County. He also explained to the Board the STAR Exemptions vs. STAR Credit and how the State will be pushing to reduce the exemptions and push for the credits.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported the following:

- Stated it was a great school opening. There were some things to work out at Frank Knight Elementary School for drop-off and pick up but it worked out.
- Thanked everyone for this past Friday, when there was a lock-out, including faculty and staff, bus drivers and monitors and District Office staff.
- The District has been invited to participate in the draft Recentralization Plan that WFL BOCES is working on with component districts. There are 3 items to focus on: student programming, staffing shortages and funding.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reported the following:

- Thanked Cara Lajewski, Joseph McNamara, and Denise Lorenzetti for attending opening day and welcoming back faculty and staff.
- Asked Board members to email him if they are able to represent the Board at a school building open house and greet families at the entrance.

BOE Member Comments

Deborah Corsner reported the following:

- Attended the Four County SBA Board of Directors meeting on September 4. She reported that there will not be a spring conference in March 2025 because the last one was poorly attended.
- The bus to NYC for the annual NYSSBA Convention is still available and that Four County talked about picking up the cost for those that wanted to ride it.

Important Dates to Remember

- 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 pm)
- MA Open House (6:00-7:00 pm)
- September 27, 2025-Review of NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions at 9:00 am (Zoom)
- September 30, 2025-General Membership Meeting at 5:30 pm, Club 86, Geneva, NY
- 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 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

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFAA

Resignation

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

Name: Jodie Verkey  
Position: Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Professional Development  
Effective: at the end of the day on 06/30/2025

SFSSA

Resignations

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

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

Name: Joan Tyler  
Position: Cashier/FSH

Effective: 09/05/2025

Appointments  
Assistant Superintendent Probation Appointment

The Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, upon the recommendation of Dr. Michelle Reed, Superintendent of Schools approves the following probationary period as listed:

Name: Jodie Verkey  
Position: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction  
Certification: School District Leader (Professional Certification)  
Tenure: Assistant Superintendent  
Effective date: 07/01/2025  
Probation: 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2028

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.*)

Name: Connor Worden  
Position: Social Studies (7-12)  
Certification: Social Studies (Professional Certification)  
Tenure: Social Studies  
Effective date: 09/01/2025  
Probation: 09/01/2025 through 08/31/2029  
Salary: \$50,500 (Includes Masters)

Name: Elizabeth Prayne  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level I Certificate  
Tenure: Teaching Assistant  
Effective date: 09/01/2025  
Probation: 09/01/2025 through 08/31/2029  
Base Salary: \$25,000

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
Teacher Mentor	Kathie Freidel	\$1,283.00
Teacher Mentor	Heather Schantz	\$1,283.00
WW Collaborative Social Work Supervisor	Christine Tompkins	\$3,000 per internship student (funded by Grant Money)
WWC Internship Program School Psychologist Supervisor	Abigail Bourcy	\$(funded by Grant Money)3,000 per internship student
Attendance Coordinator	James Marley	\$ Up to three hours daily (\$27 per hour)

2025-2026 Bus Driver/Monitor Bidding

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following bus driver and bus monitor hours for the 2025-2026 school year.

Bus Drivers	Hours
Mabel Roffe	5.25
Mary Ridley	5.0
Jim Fairbanks	6.5
Carolyn Breese	6.25
Mary True	7.5
Gerald Knox	7.75
Jeff DeLong	5.50 (M-Th.) & 5.0 (Fri.)
Shawn Burns	5.5
James Biccum	5.50 (M-Th.) & 5.0 (Fri.)
James Marley	5.5
Robert Wood	5.75
Tonja Ticconi	5.25
Ronald Donk	6.50 (M-Th.) & 5.0 (Fri.)
Peter Soscia	5.5
Michelle Quigley	5.0
Open Floater	5.0 Vacant
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Bus Monitors	Hours
Sonya Jesmer	6.0
Deanna Monaghan	6.0

Kathy Arsenault	5.0
Jeaneth Dellefave	5.75
Dustin Bennett (Floater)	4.5
Judy Fairbanks (Floater)	4.5
Stephen Tillinghast	2.0
Alateishia Johnson	0.75
Open Floater	4.5 Vacant

#### 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: Kyle Dawley  
 Position: Groundskeeper  
 Effective: 09/02/2025  
 Probationary Period: 09/02/2025 through 11/25/2025 (12 weeks)  
 Hours per day: 8.0  
 Hourly Rate: \$17.84

Name: JoAnn Barbay  
 Position: Teacher Aide  
 Effective: 09/02/2025  
 Probationary Period: 09/02/2025 through 09/01/2026  
 Hours per day: 6.0  
 Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Name: Kimberly Pupillo  
 Position: Bus Monitor  
 Effective: 09/12/2025  
 Probationary Period: 09/12/2025 through 09/11/2026  
 Hours per day: 4.5  
 Hourly Rate: \$16.32

#### 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: James Scarfia  
 Position: Substitute Teacher  
 NYS Certification: Social Studies (Permanent Cert.)  
 Effective date: 09/12/2025

#### Probationary Period

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves extending the following probationary period an additional six months:

Name: Aionna Johnson  
 Position: Teacher Aide  
 Probationary Period: 09/13/2024 through ~~09/12/2025~~ 03/12/2026

#### CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes:  
 08/08/2025, 08/13/2025, 08/14/2025, 08/15/2025, 08/21/2025, 08/22/2025, 08/25/2025 (1), 08/25/2025 (2), 08/27/2025 (1), 08/27/2025 (2), 08/27/2025 (3), 08/28/2025, 09/02/2025 (1), 09/02/2025 (2)

Gifts and Donations  
 None at this time

#### Transportation Requests

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

Student	Transport Request
Josie LaManna	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Maiya Roland	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Lyla Tew	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips  
 None at this time

#### Create Teacher Aide Positions (5)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves creating the following Civil Service positions:  
 Five (5)-Teacher Aides (FTE-1.0)-10 months

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.  
Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business  
Revision

Michael Mirras asked for a motion, Per NYSED Child Nutrition guidelines, the following price adjustment is approved:

XII. Consent Agenda  
D. 2025-2026 Authorizations  
7. 2025-2026 Meal Prices

Students	
Breakfast	\$2.50
Lunch	\$3.20
Adults	
Breakfast	<del>\$3.29</del> \$3.49
Lunch	\$5.53
Milk	\$0.60

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Safety Officer Compensation

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to revise the following Annual Appointment approved on July 10, 2025 as follows:

July 10, 2025 RE-Org Meeting

XII Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

1. 2025-2026 Annual Appointments

Safety Officer	Richard LaBour	No additional compensation \$3,000
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Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business  
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 of the following policy:

Policy 6240-Investments

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

SFSSA Resignation

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following SFSSA resignation:

Name: Aionna Johnson

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 09/19/2025

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Civil Service Appointment

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following civil service appointment:

Name: Ali Whitton

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 09/12/2025

Probationary Period: 09/12/2025 through 09/11/2026

Hours per day: 6.0

Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk