

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

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

BOE Absent

Matthew Lando

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Judy Wentzel, Jared Federman, and Jesse Federman

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

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	Robert Wood	Up to three hours daily at \$25 per hour; eff. 10/03/2025

3. Civil Service Appointments

c. Name: Rhonda Dickenson

Position: Account Clerk

Effective: 01/05/206

Probationary Period: 01/05/206 through 01/04/2027

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

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

September 11, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated September 11, 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

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report as presented:

July 2025

August 2025

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Town of Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

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

Denise Lorenzetti reported that the Facilities Committee met on Sept. 17, 2025.

- The committee briefly discussed the area near the track & field for future a project.
- The district received approval for the SMART Bond that will be used for wireless locks and PA systems.
- The committee is looking at Phase 2 of the Capital Project. The project is approximately 2.5 million dollars under budget. Potential chiller systems and roofing projects were discussed.

Information

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

Student Board Member

Kyah Lajewski reported on the following:

- Student Council – Homecoming planning continues. The theme for this year is “Under the Sea”.
- Peer Tutor program has a new website. The Peer Tutoring Program connects students who need academic support with fellow students who are ready to help. Students can request a tutor if needed or a student can request to be a tutor. This program is different than the 8th grade transition program.
- The 8th Grade Peer Mentors held their first meeting. The first meeting was on goal setting.
- Senior Trip- 31 seniors have signed up for trip. The seniors are having a Little Caesar’s fundraiser.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

- The district received a 6th-12 gr. Mental Health SOS Grant to support staff.
- Sheri Doell and Stacey Bogart participated in the Suicide Prevention Program
- The Literacy coaches, Principals, Assist Supt./ and K-5 Teams rolled out the implementation of “Into Reading” (K-5 Literacy Program).
- Met with Faith Lewis to discuss the Career Service Coordinator tasks and expectations.

Business Administrator

James Bruni explained the following three items on the agenda:

- Request for transportation for “It’s a Wonderful Life” 5k. The two buses requested will shuttle runners downtown.
- The mental health MOU’s under New Business are grant funded-no district funds being used.
- The budget transfer is to cover the purchase of an SUV to transport student(s).

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Jared Federman and Jesse Federman may be present in the future to talk/present on the budget as part of their administrative internship.
- Attended the NYSCOSS Conference in Saratoga Springs. Sits on the State Curriculum Committee.
- October 9, 2025-Emergency Dismissal Drill
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary Open House (6:30-7:30 pm)
- Superintendent conference Day (Oct. 10)
- LETERS training will continue;
- Power of Peace rolling out in the Middles School. Staff will be trained.
- Portrait off a Graduate:
 - Identify gaps over time;
 - Identify what is being taught;
 - Unpack be department.

- October 13, 2025-Columbus/Indigenous Day-no school.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reported on the following:

- The Board of Education discussed developing starting the process of developing their goals and time would be taken during a regular meeting to do this.
- At the October 23, 2025 meeting, the Board will be celebrating Patty Ward’s retirement and William Page’s tenure.

BOE Member Comments

Heather Zellers wanted to let the Board know that multiple vendors approached her and had nothing but good things to say about the District’s Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. It is wonderful to know that the Assistant Superintendent’s colleagues recognize her across the state.

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)

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA-Resignation

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

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

SFSSA-Resignation

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

Appointments

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: Sydney Smith
Position: Speech Pathologist
Certification: Speech and Language Disabilities (Initial Certification)
Tenure: Speech Education
Probation: 08/29/2025 through 08/28/2029

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

Name: Kimberly Stevers
Position: Career Services Coordinator
Certification: School Counselor & Coordinator of Work Based Learning Programs Extension
(Permanent Certifications)
Tenure: School Counselor
Probation: 10/21/2025 through 10/20/2029Salary: \$57,364 + Masters stipend

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

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)

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

Name: Rhonda Dickenson
Position: Account Clerk
Effective: 11/01/2025
Probationary Period: 01/02/2026 through 01/01/2027
Hours per day: 7.0
Hourly Rate: \$24.40

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: Lauren Bentz
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 10/03/2025

Name: Tamma M. Hartman
Position: Food Service Helper
Effective: 10/03/2025

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

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

Gifts and Donations
None at this time

Transportation Request

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

It's a Wonderful Life (5k) Bus Shuttle
Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025
2-Buses needed

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

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

NYSSMA Conference All State
(1-Teacher & 1- Student)
Dec. 4-7, 2025
Rochester, NY

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

Old Business

Sept. 11, 2025 Revision

Michael Mirras asked for a 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 three 2.5 hours daily at \$27 per hour.

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

New Business

Tenure Recommendation

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that 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:

William Page
Auburn, NY
Certification: Physical Education, Professional Certificate
Tenure: Physical Education
Effective: 11/15/2025
Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following Contracts, Agreements and MOA's:

- School Bus Driver Instructor Services Agreement-Renee Dombeck
- 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 Blakeman
- 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
- SFEA MOA-Additional Instructional Assignments
- WFL BOCES BOE and Seneca Falls CSD Early College Access Shared Services Agreement (Sept. 1, 2025-June 20, 2026)

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2025-2026 Budget Transfer

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that 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

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

External Audit-ending June 30, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a 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.

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

Executive Session
None at this time

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.
Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.
Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried