

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting/Mynderse Academy Roundtable  
November 20, 2025-6:00 PM  
Mynderse Academy Cafeteria, 105 Troy Street

Anthony Ferrara, Cara Lajewski, Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara, Michael Mirras, Erica Sinicropi, and Kyah Lajewski, Student BOE Member

BOE Absent

Deborah Corsner, Matthew Lando and Heather Zellers

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Faith Lewis, Carrie Heffron, Kevin Korzeniewski, Kim Stevers, Don Densmore, Jared Federman, Jesse Federman Mya O'Malley, Brooke Olmstead, Haylee O'Neil, Maddie Lando, Maddie Adam, Addison Balliette, Rowan Trout, Isaac Jang, Peyton Haas and various 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 addendum(s) as listed.

**Add** under VI. Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

B. Athlete Recognition:

- Elijah Doell -Varsity Boys Soccer -MA Single Season High Scorer
- Kaeva Johnston-Cross Country- NYS Championship Class C Qualifier
- Caliette Sawtell- Cross Country-NYS Class Individual State Qualifier

**Add** under X. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

2. Civil Service Appointment(s)

a. Name: Larrisa Keefer

Position: Senior Typist

Effective: 12/08/2025

Probationary Period: 12/08/2025 through 12/07/2026

Hours per day: 7.0

Hourly Rate: \$21.02

E. Transportation Request-Transport to St. Albert the Great, Auburn, NY

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

November 6, 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated November 6, 2025.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 6 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

Kevin Korseniewski was present to recognize the following athletes:

- Elijah Doell -Varsity Boys Soccer -MA Single Season High Scorer
- Kaeva Johnston-Cross Country- NYS Championship Class C Qualifier
- Caliette Sawtell- Cross Country-NYS Class Individual State Qualifier

Mynderse Academy Roundtable

1st Amendment-1st Vote

The Turf Bathroom Renovation Project presentation by the following students Mya O'Malley, Brooke Olmstead, Haylee O'Neil, Maddie Lando, Maddie Adam, Addison Balliette, Rowan Trout

Project Objective:

This is a project we put together for 1st Amendment 1st Vote. 1st Amendment 1st Vote is a group started by Melina Carnicelli. She founded this group to educate and encourage young girls to have a career in political roles and highlight our potential impact to make a difference. We have determined that renovating the turf bathrooms is an issue that matters to our school community. Our objective is to revamp the turf bathrooms to create a cleaner space for athletes, families, and visitors.

Proposed renovations:

Install new stalls

Install new toilets

Paint walls / floor

Install changing tables

New lighting

New paper towel dispensers

Install safety grab bars

How we plan to fund for the project:

School Funding from SFSD (based on discussions with Mr. Korzeniewski)

Bake sale

Ziti dinners by the SMS

Movie night

Raffle baskets

## Holiday Social

Reaching out to local businesses for donations and supplies

Moving forward with this project will result in community members feeling proud to be at Mynderse Academy and visiting fans feeling more welcome. The renovation project will result in a cleaner and more family-friendly space for all.

## Seneca Green-Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Barbara Reese along with students Isaac Jang and Peyton Haas presented on the Climate Action Plan (CAP). A CAP empowers students to lead a climate action initiative for their school and/or community. Convert food waste into a valuable resource and market it for our community, enriching local soils and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Benefits of the clubs CAP:

- Reduces waste that is sent to the landfill which reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Produces a quality soil amendment
- Provides funding for our club
- Partners with our business marketing classes
- Provides a model of waste reduction

## Next Steps (SMART GOALS)

- Nov. 20, 2025-Meet with District leaders and business teacher to ask for support of our climate action plan
- December 2025- Pitch the plan to marketing classes to ask for help with logo design and marketing plan
- January/February 2026- Test compost quality and maturity
- May/April 2026-Screen compost and prep for market.

## Kim Stevers-Career Services Coordinator

The Career Services program provides students with essential opportunities to explore careers, gain experience and connect with professional through various engaging activities designed to support students' post-secondary career journey.

Some career services include:

- Job shadowing
- Career Café-Interact with career related guests during lunch
- Internships
- Pathful (career information platform)
- Guest speaker engagements
- Resume & job application assistance
- Career mentorships
- Community service volunteering.

## Career Café give the students the chance to:

- Explore future pathways in a relaxed and engaging setting
- Engage with a wide variety of career professionals, Mynderse Academy alumni and community agencies, who will share their experiences, insights and bring awareness to career pathways and fuel growth.
- Students can ask questions, make connections and discover new interests-all while developing the personal and professional skills that support success in high school, beyond graduation and into the workforce.
- The Career Café opens doors, broadens perspectives, and empowers student to invest in their future.

## Sydney Smith (audio presentation)

A shift in high school biology instruction: Explaining to Exploring to Exploring to Explaining.

To kick off the Cell Cycle and Cancer Unit, the teacher showed them a video of a teenager who was diagnosed with stage 3 Melanoma. The teacher then asked them to generate some questions. The students then shared their questions in groups and sorted their questions based on priority to answer the driving question of the unit: "How are Cancer Cells Different than Normal Cells?" From there, the kids *explore data* and generate their own claims based on what they observe. Answering the driving question *on their own!*

## Jared Federman-Math Teacher

- Understand how taxes work and help
- Build authentic federal and state tax skills
- Use official tax tables and spreadsheets
- Role-play working as a real tax agent
- Manage tax returns for diverse client situations
- Reflect on how dependents, exemptions, deductions and additional income can impact a tax return.
- Students can self-pace
- Puts students in a position of critical thinking and reflection and pushes them to problem solve.

National Honor Society Inductions-18 Current members and 32 new inductees.

## Important dates for MA:

- 12/17 MA Band & Chorus Concert
- 1/20-1/23 Regents & Midterms
- 3/13-3/15 MA Musical
- 3/19 Gr. 5-12 Band Concert
- 3/25 Gr. 6-12 Chorus Concert
- 4/24 College & Career Fair
- 4/29-5/1 Senior Trip

- 5/9 Junior Prom
- 6/2 MA Band Concert
- 6/5 Senior Parade / Picnic / Ball
- 6/9-6/10 Regents
- 6/10 MA Chorus Concert
- 6/16 Yearbook Day
- 6/17-6/25 Regents & Finals
- 6/26 MA Graduation

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

Facilities Committee

The committee met on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> with Hunt and Campus regarding the project at the Middles School. Frank Knight School. And Cady Stanton school. There are a few delays but for the most part the project is on schedule.

The vestibule will be complete by Dec. 23.

The teach suite would be completed by the end of this week

Information  
Warrants

Warrants 10/01/2025-10/31/2025

Warrant A (31)	\$ 162,327.66
Warrant A (32)	\$ 550,547.02
Warrant C (14)	\$ 15,668.79
Warrant F (8)	\$ 266,446.80
Warrant F (9)	\$ 17,564.00
Warrant H (16)	\$ 75,210.00
Warrant H (17)	\$ 764,885.75
Warrant H (18)	\$1,281,470.43
Warrant H (19)	\$ 40,661.77

Warrants 11/01/2025-11/30/2025

Warrant A (37)	\$ 643,448.18
Warrant C (15)	\$ 18,518.48
Warrant F (10)	\$ 63,500.00
Warrant H (20)	\$ 2,100.00

Student Board Member

Kyah Lajewski reported on the following:

Students would be leaving for the Costa Rica trip tomorrow

The mentors met with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade mentees/ They group discussed conflict resolution and time management.

Students are participating in the Battery Project through the local Rotary Club to recycle batteries.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey updated the Board about the most recent NYSED memo regarding the proposed requirement of Instruction in Personal Finance and Climate Education for all grades. If passed, the requirement will be implemented over the next three years (Gr. K-4, Gr. 5-8 and Gr. 9-12).

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

- Health Insurance Committee meeting will be held Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The district has received the Extra-classroom audit and it will be presented at the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Audit Committee meeting and then shared at the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Students leave for Costa Rica tomorrow morning at 9:00 am. She will be there to send them off.
- Attended last week's CSO meeting where Rick Timbs presented on foundation aid and advocacy.
- The RSA Winter Conference is Dec. 4-5, 2025.

BOE President Report/BOE Comments

It was decided that the BOE Goal Setting Workshop is postponed until all Board members can be present.

Important Dates to Remember

- November 25-General Membership Meeting-Presenter: Dr. Rick Timbs- “Sustainability-Issues and Suggestions”
- November 26-28, 2025 -Thanksgiving Break
- December 3, 2025-Gr. 4 & 5 Choral Concert (7:00 pm)
- December 6, 2025-Class of 2026 Craft Fair, MA Gymnasium (7:00 am -3:00 pm)
- December 9, 2025- Gr. 5 & 6 Band and Chorus Concert, MA Auditorium (7:00 pm)
- December 11, 2025-CS & FK Parent Teacher Conferences  
Board of Education Meeting (6:00 pm)
- December 17, 2025-Frank Knight Gr. 2 Show (1:30 pm)  
MA Band & Chorus Concert, MA Auditorium (7:00 pm)
- December 19, 2025-Frank Knight School Holiday Sing-a-Long (1:45 pm)
- December 22, 2025-January 2, 2026-Holiday Break No School

Consent Agenda  
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations  
None at this time

Appointments  
Professional Appointment(s)  
None at this time

Civil Service Appointment(s)

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: Larissa Keefer  
Position: Senior Typist  
Effective: 12/08/2025  
Probationary Period: 12/08/2025 through 12/07/2026  
Hours per day: 7.0  
Hourly Rate: \$21.02

Substitute Appointment(s)

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: Rebecca Pezzulo  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
NYS Certified: Music (Permanent Certification)  
Effective: 11/21/2025

Name: Angela Johnson  
Position: Substitute Teacher (uncertified)  
Substitute Teaching Assistant (Certified)  
NYS Certified: Teaching Assistant Level III  
Effective: 11/21/2025

Name: Rebecca Rutz  
Position: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective: 11/21/2025

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
Allison Sands	Health Aide	11/22/2025

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 10/30/2025, 10/31/2025 (1), 10/31/2025 (2), 10/31/2025 (3), 11/03/2025 (1), 11/03/2025 (2), 11/04/2025, 11/05/2025, 11/06/2025, 11/10/2025

Gifts and Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following gifts or donations:

Donor	Amount	Account	Used for:
Reynolds Battery L. 1 <sup>st</sup> NY Light Artillery	\$250.00	A2705 General Fund	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Field trip to Rosehill Mansion for Civil War Day
SF Education Foundation	\$2,300.00	A2705 General Fund	Frank Knight Library-Martha Mertz Fund

Transportation Request

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
	St. Albert the Great, 59 Pulaski St., Auburn, NY

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship

November 14-15, 2025  
 Queensbury High School  
 Queensbury, NY 12804  
 Coach: Don Densmore + 1 student athlete

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

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business  
 None at this time

New Business

Internal Auditing Report for July/August/September 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following corrective action plans as listed by the Internal Claims Auditor:

Discovered	Internal Claims Auditor Action	Corrective Action Plan	Results of Corrective Action
07/18/2025 – Need signature or e-mail approving invoice from NYS Education Department	Contacted AP	Rec'd sign copy of invoice	Mailed check

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 following policies:

- Policy 0000- Mission Statement and Vision
- Policy 5500- Student Records (Required)
- Regulation 5500- Student Records
- Policy 5550-Student Privacy (Required)
- Policy 8635-Information and Data Privacy Security, Breach and Notification (Required)
- Regulation 8635- Information and Data Privacy Security, Breach and Notification
- Regulation 1120-School District Records

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Course Recommendations

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following recommended course as listed:

Course Name: Music Theatre 2 (2026-2027 school year)  
 Department: Music  
 High School Credit: Yes  
 College Credit: No  
 Textbook Requirement: NA  
 Teacher of Course: Anna Luisi-Ellis

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 Budget Workshop  
 Reserve Fund Narrative -Part 2  
 Dr. Reed and James Bruni

2025-2026 Reserve Fund Narrative Plan

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Seneca Falls Central School District Financial Reserve Fund Narrative Plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 as presented

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Board of Education Workshop  
 Goal Setting

On 11/6, BOE member groups reviewed 7/24 BOE self-assessment survey results and discussed what the BOE was doing well and potential areas of growth. Groups shared their responses and the common topics were highlighted. Dr. Reed shared notes on 11/7 and drafted three goals based on the notes and highlighted topics.

Proposed goals:

- Board Goal 1: The Seneca Falls BOE will engage with the community to convey and promote the district's initiatives. Objectives are to be determined. (i.e.) -The Board will have board member representatives at each open house to share information about the SF BOE.
- Board Goal 2: The Seneca Falls BOE will provide opportunities for students to promote their successes and contributions. Objectives are to be determined (i.e.-The Board will work with the superintendent to develop a presentation calendar for student groups to share at BOE meetings).
- Board Goal 3: The Seneca Falls BOE will commit to continuous learning. Objectives are to be determined. (i.e.-The Board members will participate in at least two PD opportunities throughout the year and share their learning with BOE members.)

Question/next steps:

- Do you agree that these three goals are good?
- If so, begin to develop objectives. If not, further discussion is needed.
- Solidify objectives and determine when the goals will go into effect.
- Review and update policies related to BOE and District goals, mission, vision etc.

Executive Session  
None at this time

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk