

SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
February 12, 2026-6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Board/Training Room

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

BOE Absent

Anthony Ferrara

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Faith Lewis, Carrie Heffron, Kevin Rhinehart, Kevin Korzeniewski, and Jared 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 the addendums as listed.

Add under X. Consent Agenda

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

2. SFSSA-Resignation

a. Name: Jolyn Simmons

Position: Cleaner

Effective: 02/10/2026

B. Appointments

1. Professional Appointment(s)

a. Name: Kathy J. Martin (approving probationary period)

Position: Teaching Assistant

Certification: Teaching Assistant (Initial TA Certificate)

Tenure: Teaching Assistant

Probation: 02/05/2026 through 02/04/2030

3. Civil Service Appointments

d. Name: Taylor Giovaninni

Position: Senior Typist (HELP Program)

Probationary Period: 02/27/2026-02/26/2027

Effective date: 02/27/2026

Hours: 7.0

Hourly rate: \$20.16

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

Jan. 22, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated January 22, 2026

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

November 2025

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2025

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time.

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Administrator Reports

Mynderse Academy

Faith Lewis and Carrie Heffron reported the following:

School Improvement Goals & Building Student Goals

- Increase the attendance index to 175 by accounting for all students.
 - Level 3 or 4 attendance
- Maintain a graduation rate of 90% (stretch goal of 95%) for the 22-23 Cohort.
 - Passing all classes with a 70% or higher
- Continue to enhance a positive and safe school environment by decreasing negative behaviors as measured by a 15% reduction of behavioral referrals.
 - 0 SchoolTool referrals

Celebrate Students that met all 3 goals & that have 0 tardies to school. Celebrations included certificate from Mark's Pizzeria; Spin the Wheel-breakfast with pancakes, sausage, eggs and orange juice.

Celebrations:

- Qtr. 2 BLUE Assembly was held Feb. 3rd and the reward of a pancake breakfast was on Feb. 4th.
 - 73 Freshman met at least 1 goal
 - 79 Sophomores met at least 1 goal
 - 58 Juniors met at least 1 goal
 - 67 Seniors met at least 1 goal

- 277 MA students met at least 1 goal
- Students have been experiencing various field trips and the 10th graders enjoyed their visit to FLTCC

New strategies for discipline will start next month.

The Power of Peace program will continue at the high school level. Level 2 Student Leadership will lead the groups with the 9th graders. Topics will include self-reflection, goal setting and resolution conflict.

Upcoming Events:

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

SF Middle School

Kevin Rhinehart reported on the following goals and updates:

Goal #1: Based on I-Ready reading scores, SFMS will increase the number of students reading in grades 6-8 to 75%

Goal #2: The chronic absenteeism rate for SFMS will decrease for all students (10 or more absences) 15% or less.

Attendance has increased. The Blue Program and MTSS has helped working toward higher attendance.

Goal #3: Improve social/emotional health and well-being of students by decreasing negative behaviors as measured by a 20% reduction of referrals in the following categories: insubordination, disruption of education/disruptive behavior, disrespect to staff members, and fighting.

The Power of Peace (2nd round) started this week (Feb. 9-10, 2026) for the 6th grade. 7th and 8th grade start the program again in March.

Kevin Rhinehart asked if the Board members had any feedback regarding the Middle School Roundtable. Erica Sinicropi stated that it was great to hear from kids and different teachers.

Denise Lorenzetti liked the increase in student interaction and hearing from different teachers this year.

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3/13-3/15 MA Musical
 3/19 Gr. 5-12 Band Concert
 3/25 Gr. 6-12 Chorus Concert

Board Goals Workshop

Dr. Reed reviewed with the Board members their goals and objectives.

Developing Goals and Objectives:

- On 11/6/2025, BOE member groups reviewed 7/24 BOE self-assessment survey results and discussed what the BOE was doing well/potential areas of growth
- Groups shared-common topics were highlighted
- Dr. Reed shared notes from the work session on 11/7/2025 and drafted three goals based on notes and highlighted topics
- On 11/20/25, BOE agreed to three goals
- Objective Google Doc shared for input
- January 8 BOE meeting-reviewed and discussed potential objectives

Board Goal 1: The Seneca Falls BOE will engage with the community to convey and promote the district's initiatives.

Objectives:

- Develop a [calendar of events](#) that includes school, Four County, and other relevant organizations' events.
- The BOE members will commit to attending events and will note attendance at the events in the calendar.

Board Goal 2: The Seneca Falls BOE will provide opportunities for students to promote their successes and contributions.

Objective:

- The district will actively encourage student presentations and celebrations at BOE meetings through a submission process to the Superintendent. This can include in-district and out of district activities that highlight clubs, volunteer and civic engagement.

Board Goal 3: The Seneca Falls BOE will commit to continuous learning.

Objective:

- BOE members will participate in a minimum of one professional development or training session annually focused on governance, policy, or educational best practices.

Next Steps:

- Determine when to begin annual goals (July 1, 2026?)
- Process for gauging progress toward goals-annual self-evaluation

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
None at this time

Information

Warrants 01/01/2026-01/31/2025

Warrant A (53)	\$ 16,207.80
Warrant A (56)	\$ 230,845.49
Warrant C (22)	\$ 10,521.00
Warrant CM4 (2)	\$ 400.00
Warrant F (17)	\$ 74,437.45
Warrant H (26)	\$ 430.00
Warrant H (27)	\$ 977,604.68

Student Board Member

Kyah Lajewski reported the following:

- Interactive club, which stems off of Rotary Club, will be on Thursday.
- Student Council will hold a fundraiser for the child that Student Council sponsors in Africa to attend a private school.
- The Homecoming Dance date has been scheduled.
- A March Social is also being planned.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

- Attended the Life Long Learning Committee (a sub-committee of the Town of Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee) meeting. They meet again in April.
- K-5 Benchmarking has begun. There will be information in the newsletter.
- Retiree postings have gone up.
- Summer Curriculum work preparation has started.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

- The budget transfers on the agenda are to start the work Phase II.
- The district's debt service is \$4,185,907 (total principal and interest). Total state aide and building aid is around 4.12 million.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- David Frank, NYSED Deputy Commissioner, sent a nice email to the district after his visit. Mr. Frank was impressed with the district's connection. Mr. Frank found it heartening how the district thinks about literacy. While he was here, Clarissa and he were able to support two indigenous students with scholarships.
- The Safety Committee meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 9. It was a good meeting . Feedback was shared from stakeholder groups.

BOE President Report

WFL BOCES sent the information regarding running for the BOCES Board of Education. Michael Mirras asked that if any board member is interested, please contact him or Joseph McNamara.

Michael Mirras noted that the General Membership meeting is still on March 19th; the Four County SBA-Board of Directors Meeting has been moved to March 23 at 5:30 pm by zoom.

BOE Member Comments

Denise Lorenzetti stated that her recent trip to Washington DC to attend the NSBA Advocacy & Equity Institute.

- Roughly 60 people from NYSSBA were present
- Met with and had a good conversation with Representative Claudia Tenney regarding cuts for mental health funding.
- Met with Congressman John Mannion, who supports fully funding IDEA. There has been an increase in student need for IDEA funding. IDEA funding has not been cut, but has flattened.
- Sat in the gallery of the NYS government floor to watch the vote for government shutdown.

Important Dates to Remember

February 14, 2026- Four County SBA Legislative Committee Meeting (zoom)

February 16-20, 2026-President Week Recess-No School

February 26, 2026-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)

March 13, 2026-Superintendent Day-No School

March 13-15, 2026-MA Musical "Anastasia"

March 14, 2026- Four County SBA Legislative Committee Meeting (zoom)

March 19, 2026-Gr. 5-12 Band Concert (7:00 pm) SF Middle School

Four County SBA General Membership Meeting -Club 86 (5:30 pm)

March 23, 2026-Four County SBA-Board of Directors Meeting (zoom-5:30 pm)

March 25, 2026-Gr. 6-12 Chorus Concert and Stanton Singers (7:00 pm) MA Auditorium
March 30-April 3, 2026-Spring Recess-No School

Consent Agenda
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA
Retirement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following instructional resignations for the purpose of retirement, and to grant them any and all applicable benefits per the current Seneca Falls Educator's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Name: Laura Fitzgerald
Position: Music Teacher
Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2026

Name: Sharyn Eberhart
Position: Special Education Teacher
Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2026

SFSSA
Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following Seneca Falls Support Staff resignation:

Name: Jolyn Simmons
Position: Cleaner
Effective: 02/10/2026

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:

Name: Kathy J. Martin
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant (Initial TA Certificate)
Tenure: Teaching Assistant
Probation: 02/05/2026 through 02/04/2030

Annual Appointment(s)
None at this time.

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: Callie Lindsey
Position: Senior Typist (HELP Program)
Probationary Period: 02/13/2026-08/12/2026
Effective date: 02/13/2026
Hours: 7.0
Hourly rate: \$20.16

Name: Lisa Lawler
Position: Senior Typist (HELP Program)
Probationary Period: 02/13/2026-08/12/2026
Effective date: 02/13/2026
Hours: 7.0
Hourly rate: \$20.16

Name: Brianna Cuny
Position: Senior Typist (HELP Program)
Probationary Period: 02/13/2026-08/12/2026
Effective date: 02/13/2026
Hours: 7.0
Hourly rate: \$20.16

Name: Taylor Giovaninni
Position: Senior Typist (HELP Program)
Probationary Period: 02/27/2026-02/26/2027
Effective date: 02/27/2026
Hours: 7.0
Hourly rate: \$20.16

Decrease in Hours

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following decrease in hours.

Bus Driver	Current Hours	Decrease in Hours	New Hours	Effective
Robert Wood	5.75	0.75	5.0	01/26/2026

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: Jill Sandroni
Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Art (Permanent Certification)
Effective date: 02/13/2026

Name: Kendyl Greer
Position: Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teaching Assistant
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective date: 02/13/2026

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
Laura Jacuzzi	Teacher Aide	02/24/2026

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 01/05/26, 01/13/26, 01/14/26 (1), 01/14/26 (2), 01/15/26 (1), 01/15/26 (2), 01/16/26, 01/20/26, 01/22/26, 01/23/26, 01/27/26, 01/28/26, 01/29/26

Gifts and Donations

None at this time

Transportation Requests

None at this time

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

None at this time

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

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Correction for Jan. 22, 2026 Resolution

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to correct the following resignation for retirement purposes approved at the July 22, 2026 meeting as listed:

X. Consent Agenda

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

1. SFEA-Resignation

b. Name: Dana Colvin

Position: Family & Consumer Science Teacher

Health Teacher

Effective: at the end of the day on ~~06/26/2026~~ 06/30/2026

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

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:

Agreement for School Psychological Services (Tarryn Gould-Hebert 2/23/2026-6/30/2026)

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2025-2026 Budget Transfers

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
H24 1999-02-00-0000	H24 1620-293-00-0000	\$2,030,000.00	Transfer from contingency for Phase II for General Trades (Massa)

H24 1999-02-00-0000	H24 1620-299-99-0000	\$ 26,061.70	Transfer from contingency for Phase II for Temperature controls (Day Automation)
H24 1999-02-00-0000	H24 1620-294-00-0000	\$1,348,250.00	Transfer from contingency for Phase II for Mechanical (Danforth)
H24 1999-02-00-0000	H24 1620-296-00-0000	\$ 515,700.00	Transfer from contingency for Phase II for Electrical (Knapp)

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

Policy
1st Reading

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 policies:

- Policy 3100-SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
- Policy 3120- DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- Policy 3230- ORGANIZATION CHART
- Exhibit 3230E.1- ORGANIZATION CHART
- Policy 6740-PURCHASING PROCEDURES
- Policy 6800-PAYROLL PROCEDURES

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

Remove Policy Exhibits

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves removing the following exhibits from the policy manual:

- 3230E.2-Transportation Department Organizational Chart
- 3230E.3-Building and Grounds Organizational Chart
- 3230E.4-Cafeteria/Food service Organizational Chart
- 3230E.5-Frank Knight Elementary School Organizational Chart
- 3230E.6- Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School Organizational Chart
- 3230E.7- Seneca Falls Middle School Organizational Chart
- 3230E.8- Mynderse Academy Organizational Chart
- 3230E.9- Special Programs Organizational Chart

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

Surplus

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to dispose of the following surplus items as listed through sale, donation, disposal or auction according to Board Policy #6900

Custodial/Maintenance Surplus

PO	Vendor	Purchased	Cost	Description	Tag #
230737	Corr Distributors	01/06/20236	\$3,595.00	Smartvac 664: 32"	1039
230737	Corr Distributors	01/06/20236	\$3,595.00	Smartvac 664: 32"	1040

Textbook Surplus

Teacher	Textbook Name	Year Published	# of Copies	Primary source of instruction or supplemental	Condition
Jones	Economic Education for Consumers	2005	30	Used for Economics units	Good
Jones	Democracy In Action	2013	60	used for supplemental source for Gov	Good
Schantz	America's History	2014	35	Supplemental for APUSH	Good
Schantz	America: Pathways to the Present		120	Do not use	Fair
Herron	Prentice Hall: World History	2014	130	Supplement for Global 10	Fair
Torruella	World Civilizations by Philip J. Adler, Randall L. Pouwels 8th Edition	2018	20	supplemental Pre AP / AP	New
Bree	No textbooks used				
Jones	Democracy in Action	1999	40	used for supplemental source for Gov	Fair

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

2026-2027 Budget Workshop
State Aid

James Bruni reviewed the following data with the Board:

Projected NY State Aid -\$22,006,341.00:

- 66% Foundation Aid
- 11% *Building Aid
- 8% *BOCES Aid
- 9% *Transportation Aid
- 5% *High Cost/Private Aid
- 1% Software/Library/Textbook Aid
- *Expense Driven Aid

Poverty Ratio-SAIPE Data

Seneca Falls Data (Families with Ages 5-17)

265 families in poverty out of 1,350 families.

19.6% student poverty in Seneca Falls as compared to 9.5% in 2023. That is a 106% increase from 2000 to 2023.

Seneca Falls one of the highest poverty rates in the area with Romulus (22.75), South Seneca (27.8% and Lyons (19.7%) being higher.

Foundation Aid Calculation:

Enrolled students: 1,175 (using SAIPE [Small Area Income Poverty Estimates], Not FRPL[Free Reduce Lunch or old census data])

Cost to Educate each student: \$15,236.00 minus \$5,438.00 per taxpayer equals \$10,405.90 Foundation cost per student.

Total Aidable Foundation Pupil Units: 1,405 (increased 18 TAFPU students) X \$10,405.90 Foundation cost per student equals \$14,620,290.00 (increase of \$513,230.00)

Executive Session
Not at this time

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk