

**SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

Board of Education Candidate Packet  
2026



## Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education Information Sheet

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If you are interested in becoming a candidate for a seat on the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education, we hope this fact sheet will inform and assist you in the process.

Elections will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from Noon – 8:00 pm, in the Operations Center, 2 Butler Avenue. There are three (3) seats available.

- The three candidates receiving the most votes at the May 19, 2026 election will serve three-year terms (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029).

To be a **Board of Education candidate**, an individual must be:

1. a U.S. Citizen
2. at least 18 years of age
3. able to read and write
4. a district resident for one year prior to the May 19, 2026 election
5. not employed by the school district

The District Clerk must receive petitions no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026**, at the District Office located at 2 Butler Avenue, Seneca Falls, New York.

Petitions must bear signatures of at least **25 residents** who are eligible to vote in the Seneca Falls Central School District election on May 19, 2026. A voter may sign petitions for more than one candidate.

To be an **eligible voter**, an individual must be:

1. a U.S. citizen
2. at least 18 years of age
3. a district resident for 30 days (or more) prior to the May 19, 2026 vote

A drawing will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm. in the District Office to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the ballot.

Pursuant to Education Law, any candidate for election to the Board of Education shall file sworn statements of campaign expenses to the School District Clerk. Education Law requires three statements of campaign expenses. A preliminary statement must be filed no later than thirty days preceding the election (April 20, 2026). The second statement must be filed no later than five days before the election (May 11, 2026) and the third statement within twenty days of the election (June 5, 2026). All three must be returned to the District Office on or after those dates. Enclosed are sample statements for your use.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the District Office at (315) 568-5818.

Thank you,

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

**Seneca Falls Central School District**  
**PO Box 268, 2 Butler Avenue**  
**Seneca Falls, NY 13148**

*Chapter 359 of the Laws of 1978 requires that, effective September 1, 1978; all candidates for election to the Board of Education should file sworn statements of campaign expenses.*

*A candidate who is appointed to a vacant board seat does not need to file when an election is not involved.*

*The candidate must file with the Clerk of the School District. The statement must set forth all moneys or other valuable things which he has paid, given, expended or promised; or which have been incurred for, or on his behalf with his approval, by any person, firm, association or corporation for the purpose of aiding in his nomination or election or to defeat any other candidate in the election.*

*Every candidate must file and itemization is necessary if expenditures exceed \$500. When the candidate's only expenditures were for personal expenses which, when taken together with the total expenditures incurred by others on his behalf, and with his approval are under \$500, a sworn statement must be filed indicating that his election expenditures did not exceed \$500.*

*Personal expenses are defined by the law, as expenses directly and personally incurred and paid by the candidate including traveling expenses, and expenses incidental thereto; expenses for writing, printing and preparing for transmission letters, circulars, or other publications not issued at regular intervals, setting forth his position or views on public or other questions; and expenses for stationery, postage, telephone and other public message services.*

*Any person or persons making expenditures with the candidate's approval must file a sworn statement with the Clerk, stating that the candidate did not approve such expenditures. Such expenditures are limited to \$25.00 and shall not be included in determining the total expenditures of \$500 mentioned above.*

*Any person or persons making expenditures without the candidate's approval must file a sworn statement with the Clerk stating that the candidate did not approve such expenditures; such expenditures are limited to \$25.00 and shall not be included in determining the total expenditures of \$500 mentioned above.*

*The time for filing the statements prescribed by §1528 shall be as follows:*

- *A first statement shall be filed on or before the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day next preceding the election.*
- *A second statement shall be filed on or before the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day next preceding the election.*
- *A third statement shall be filed within twenty (20) days next succeeding the election.*

*Statements will be deemed properly filed when it is deposited in any established post office within the time indicated above, duly stamped, registered and directed to the Clerk of the School District in which the filer is a candidate.*

*§1528 and 1529 of Education Law*

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**STATEMENT 1**  
is due at the time the  
petition is filed w/  
the District Clerk  
April 20, 2026

Statement of Candidate's Expenses

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did your expenditures and approved expenditures on your behalf for Candidacy for election to the Board of Education exceed \$500.00?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked **yes**, please itemize your expenditures and sign below and file with the Clerk of the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education.

If you checked **No**, please sign below and file with the District Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING:**

Statement is to be submitted to the District Clerk of the Seneca Falls Central School District. If you exceed \$500 in expenses, a copy is also needed to be sent to the Commissioner of Education, c/o Educational Management Services, NYS Education Department, 1075 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.

This form is provided as a courtesy by the Seneca Falls CSD. Candidates alone are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Education Law.

Note: Any election expenses that you incur in the pursuit of election to the Board of Education are not reimbursable by the District; they are considered personal expenses.



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**STATEMENT 2**  
Due five days prior  
to election.  
**May 14, 2026**

**Statement of Candidate's Expenses**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Did your expenditures and approved expenditures on your behalf for Candidacy for election to the Board of Education exceed \$500.00?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked **yes**, please itemize your expenditures and sign below and file with the Clerk of the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education.

If you checked **No**, please sign below and file with the District Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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**STATEMENT 3**  
Due 20 days after  
election.  
**June 15, 2026**

**Statement of Candidate's Expenses**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did your expenditures and approved expenditures on your behalf for Candidacy for election to the Board of Education exceed \$500.00?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked **yes**, please itemize your expenditures and sign below and file with the Clerk of the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education.

If you checked **No**, please sign below and file with the District Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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**SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF 25 QUALIFIED VOTERS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH DISTRICT CLERK BY 5:00 P.M., Monday, April 20, 2026 (30 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION)**

Seneca Falls Central School District

District Clerk

P.O. Box 268, 2 Butler Avenue

Seneca Falls, New York 13148

The undersigned hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_, New York, as a candidate for the Board of Education to succeed one of the following candidates: Cara Lajewski, Joseph McNamara and Erica Sinicropi. The three candidates receiving the most votes at the May 19, 2026 election will serve three-year terms (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029).

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**Board Member Candidate  
BIOGRAPHY**

Please send a biography to the attention of the District Clerk at the address above or  
mkuney@senecafallscsd.org. If sending by e-mail-please send in MS Word document and .pdf.

By signing this form, you are authorizing the use of information collected.

The Seneca Falls Central School District has my authorization to use my biography data in the district  
calendar and/or for press releases as necessary:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_