

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
March 26, 2026, -6:00 PM
Robert McKeveny Training Room

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

BOE Absent

Deborah Corsner, Michael Mirras, and Heather Zellers

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Kevin Rhinehart, Jared Federman, Shannon Davis (HUNT Architect) and Gary Henry (HUNT Architect)

Denise Lorenzetti 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

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addendums as listed.

Add under X. Consent Agenda

B. Appointments

1. Professional Appointment

b. Name: Maeghan Westmiller

Position: Reading Teacher

NYSED Certification: Literacy (All grades) Professional Certification

Effective: 07/01/2026

Tenure: Reading Education

Probation: 02/28/2026 through 02/27/2030

Salary: \$51,937 Plus Masters stipend

Add under XII. New Business

E. Official Bank Depository-Flagstar Bank

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

March 12, 2026

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated March 12, 2026.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Shannon Davis and Gary Henry

HUNT Architects-Building Condition Survey

Shannon Davis and Gary Henry (HUNT Architects) reviewed the Building condition Survey with the Board.

- Process: 08/2025-field work
 - 10/2025 end used meetings (administrators)
 - 02/2026-uploaded survey to NYSED
 - 03/2026-presentaiton of results
- The engineering staff met with administrators and janitorial staff;
- Recorded inventory, age of equipment, inspected all spaces (basements, crawl spaces, attics, etc.);
- Mandatory for school districts do a building condition survey every five years, but not mandatory that work be done.

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

Cara Lajewski reported the following:

Policy committee met on March 24, 2026;

Committee reviewed the January updates from NYSSBA

Next section the committee will be working on is Section 4000-Instruction.

Information

Warrants 03/01/2026-03/31/2026

Warrant A (68)	\$ 99,589.98
Warrant A (69)	\$ 74,572.80
Warrant C (28)	\$ 7,308.17
Warrant C (29)	\$ 12,158.10
Warrant F (21)	\$ 737.00
Warrant H (32)	\$ 41,161.77

Student Board Member Report

Kyah Lajewski reported on the following:

8th Grade mentoring program is working on “Emotional Well Being”; learning to recognize other’s emotions and how to help them.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Report

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

- Administrators continue to interview for district vacancies;
- Elementary and Intermediate level testing is beginning April 6. Computer based testing in all areas is required this year.

Business Administrator Report

James Bruni reported on the following:

- Requested a new bank be approved. Flagster Bank is triple rated. Offer 3.96% for 12 months on a CD.

2026-2027 Budget Information:

Current Budget Outlook:

Appropriations:	\$40,889,695	7.12% increase
Revenues:	\$25,915,296	10.3% increase
Tax Levy:	\$14,970,291	1.9% increase

Appropriation Changes:

Employee benefits:

Medical:	\$6,606,104	16% increase
Retirement:	\$1,587,069	-10% (decrease)

BOCES Budget:

Summer School:	\$136,609	101.6% increase
Computer Services:	\$873,471	4.7% increase
Cay-Ond. BOCES:	\$64,274	36.1% increase
Instructional Coser:	\$286,201	4.9% increase
CBO, GASB-75 & FLASHP	\$362,723	3.6% increase

Utilities Budget:

Electric:	\$362,775.90	15% increase
Gas:	\$93,368.58	15% increase
Water:	\$58,291.65	5% increase

Debt Service:

Principal:	\$2,190,000	35% increase
Interest (BAN):	\$1,995,907	128% increase

*** Increase of \$1,577,480 in State Building Aid (Revenue)*

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

National Women’s Hall of Fame “Women’s History Month “ essay winners will be recognized on Saturday Noon-2:00 pm.

NYS is not backing off the zero-emission bus requirement;

The new APPR system deadline is 2033.

Changes need to be negotiated with teacher unions;

FLTCC tour is April 17th. Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti and Joseph McNamara will all be attending. If any other board members would like to go, please reach out to the Superintendent.

BOE President Report

Four County SBA Annual dinner is on May. Attendance is free. Please remember to sign up if you’d like to go.

Important Dates to Remember

March 30-April 3, 2026-Spring Recess-No School

April 9, 2026-BOE Meeting

April 11, 2026-Four County SBA Legislative Mtg.

April 22, 2026- BOE Meeting/FK Roundtable (FK Cafeteria-6:00 pm)

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA Retirement

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

Name: Barbara Brillo
Position: Speech Pathologist
Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2026

SFSSA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation for the purpose of retirement, and to grant them any and all applicable benefits per the Seneca Falls Support Staff Association Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Name: Kevin Caraccilo
Position: Senior Custodian
Effective: the end of the day on July 10, 2026

Appointments
Professional Appointment

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: Karalyn Pillsbury
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification: Students with Disabilities (All Grades)-Initial Certification
Effective: 07/01/2026
Tenure: Special Education
Probation: 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2030
Salary: \$58,489 plus stipends per contract

Name: Maeghan Westmiller
Position: Reading Teacher
NYSED Certification: Literacy (All grades) Professional Certification
Effective: 07/01/2026
Tenure: Reading Education
Probation: 02/28/2026 through 02/27/2030
Salary: \$51,937 Plus Masters stipend

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: Robbie Wilson
Position: Building Maintenance Mechanic
Effective: 03/30/2026
Probation: 03/30/2026 - 03/29/2027
Hours/day: 8.0
Hourly Rate: \$22.28

Name: Kimberly Hall
Position: Cleaner
Effective: 03/27/2026
Probation: 03/27/2026 - 03/26/2027
Hours/day: 8.0
Hourly Rate: \$16.18

Substitute Appointments
None at this time
Probationary to Permanent
None at this time

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 02/26/26, 02/27/26, 03/02/26 (1), 03/02/26 (2), 03/03/26, 03/04/26, 03/05/26, 03/06/26 (1), 03/06/26 (2), 03/09/26 (1), 03/09/26 (2), 03/09/26 (3), 03/10/26, 03/11/26

Gifts and Donations
None at this time
2025-2026 Transportation Requests
None at this time
Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

None at this time

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.
Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
None at this time

New Business
Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

Denise Lorenzetti 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:

Upstate Music Therapy Center, LLC (DBA Harmony Creative Therapy) July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-1st Reading

Denise Lorenzetti 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 2120.2 - Voting Procedures
- Policy 2121 - Board Member Qualifications
- Policy 2150 - Filling Board Vacancies
- Policy 2160 - School District Officer and Employee
- Policy 2245 - Ex Officio Student Member
- Policy 2250 - Board Committees
- Policy 2270 - School Attorney
- Policy 2310 - Regular Meetings
- Policy 2350 - Board Meeting Procedures
- Policy 2510 - New Board Member Orientation
- Policy 2260 - Advisory Committees-Remove from Online Policy Manual

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Surplus

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

Music Department:
Everett Piano 144407
Everett Piano 162A11

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education Goals

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education approves the following board goals as listed:

Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education Goals:

Goal 1: The Seneca Falls Board of Education 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 Board of Education members will commit to attending events and will note attendance at the events in the calendar.

Goal 2: The Seneca Falls Board of Education will provide opportunities for students to promote their successes and contributions as well as their skills and continuous learning.

Objective:

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

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

Objectives:

- Board of Education members will participate in a minimum of one professional development or training session annually focused on governance, policy, or educational best practices.
- Board of Education members will share learning from their professional development training or other related topics focused on governance, policy, or educational best practices

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Official Bank Depository

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the following banking institution as an official bank depository for the Seneca Falls Central School District:

Flagstar Bank

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session
None at this time

Adjourn

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk