

Seneca Falls Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
April 9, 2026:00 PM  
Robert McKeveny Training Room

BOE Members Present

Deborah Corsner, Cara Lajewski, Denise Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, and Joseph McNamara.

BOE Members Absent

Anthony Ferrara, Matthew Lando, Erica Sinicropi, Heather Zellers and Kyah Lajewski, Student Board Member

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, 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 as listed.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes-March 26, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated March 26, 2026

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

February 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for February 2026.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Winter Athletic Report

Kevin Korzeniewski reported on the following:

- It is going well with the Girls Lacrosse Merge, no complaints. There was a slight "hiccup" adding parent to ParentSquare.
- Everyone survived the Capital Project in the MS gym.
- Athletic Department will be using a new software for scheduling games next year.
- Reported that one parent fan was ejected from a modified game; There were no ejections at a Varsity game. Section V does not count ejections at modified games against a school.
- Spring sports are off to a good start.

Varsity Bowling

- The girls' team made sectionals this year and finished in 6th place in Class D. The boys' team did not make sectionals for Class C.
- Girls 1st Team-RaeLynn Davis

Boys Basketball

- Finished 6th in the FL East with an 8-6 record, overall 13-9. Lost in Class B1 Finals to LeRoy.
- 1st Team-Braden Ciminieri
- 3rd Team-Elijah Doell, Nick Mansell
- Class B All-Tournament Team: Braden Ciminieri, Elijah Doell, Derek Mercedes Rivera
- Exceptional Senior Contest: Braeden Ciminieri, Nick Mansell

Girls Basketball

- Finished 6th in the FL East with at 4-10, 8-14 overall. Class B2 lost in the quarterfinal round to Marcus Whitman.
- FL East 2nd Team-Peyton Verkey
- Sportsmanship Award-Reese Markel
- Class B All-Tournament Team- None
- Exceptional Senior Contest: Peyton Verkey

Ice Hockey

- Gavin Geunot participated. The team lost in the first round of the Class A tournament. Team Record: 5-12-3.

Indoor Track & Field

Wayne Finger Lakes Division 1 Standings:

- Girls: 8/10 Boys: 5/10
- League Championship: Girls 15/21 Boys: 11/22
- Sectional Standings Class B2:
- Girls: 12 Boys: 9
- 1st Team All-League Shot Put- Monroe Cusson

Wrestling

- 22 student-athletes wrestled at the modified level.
- The goal is to return next winter with varsity and modified teams.

Scholar-Athlete Teams:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Indoor Track & Field
- Boys Bowling
- Girls Bowling

2026-2027 Budget Presentation-Dr. Reed and James Bruni

Budget Development

|                | 2025-2026    | 2026-2027    | Change      | % Change |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Appropriations | \$38,180,389 | \$40,906,146 | \$2,725,757 | 7.1%     |
| Revenues       | \$23,489,230 | \$25,935,855 | \$2,446,625 | 10.4%    |
| Tax Levy       | \$14,691,159 | \$14,970,291 | \$279,132   | 1.9%     |

If State Aid increases in April, reserve usage will decrease.

2026-2027 Proposed Appropriations:

Interfund Transfers: \$155,000  
 Debt Service: \$4,185,907  
 Employee Benefits: \$7,897,553  
 Transportation: \$1,974,619  
 Instruction: \$19,983,939  
 General Support: \$1,980,869

2026-2027 Proposed Equalization Rates:

| Year | SF  | Tyr | Fay |
|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2020 | 89  | 100 | 100 |
| 2021 | 85  | 100 | 100 |
| 2022 | 77  | 95  | 90  |
| 2023 | 100 | 83  | 72  |
| 2024 | 100 | 71  | 66  |
| 2025 | 91  | 66  | 57  |
| 2026 | ??  | ??  | ??  |

Seneca Falls (Expected Range 89-92, ~90: Stabilizing)  
 Tyre (Expected Range 70-74, ~72: Rebounding)  
 Fayette (Expected Range 58-62, ~60: Slow Correction)

2026-2027 Proposed School Tax Rates will have an approximate 1.9% increase overall.

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

Denise Lorenzetti reported on the following:

- The committee met with Campus on April 9. Campus gave a review of the Capital Project. The project is on track to close out Phase I by the end of the year.
- Phase II will start September by 2027.
- Discussed contingency budget.
- Priced out a handful of items brought to the attention of the committee.
- Land boring has been completed. The report should be ready next week.

- Discussed the bathrooms on Bracht field
- Refinish the MS Gym floor completely (sand, paint, redesign and new wall mats)

Michael Mirras stated that he has been impressed with Campus Construction through Phase I.

James Bruni added that Campus has been phenomenal. Campus keeps ahead of the project and manages to keep track of the spend down funds accurately.

Health Insurance Committee

Deborah Corsner reported on the following:

- Committee met on Tuesday, April 7.
- The FLASHP fund projection for the upcoming year will be negative number.
- There will be an overall increase of 15% for health insurance.
- Medicare Advantage will have an increase of 12%.
- The district's base plan is increasing 18%.

Information

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

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Warrant A (72)  | \$ 18,587.05 |
| Warrant C (30)  | \$ 6,112.35  |
| Warrant CM2 (1) | \$ 920.00    |
| Warrant F (22)  | \$ 3,961.01  |
| Warrant H (33)  | \$ 3,814.00  |

Assistant Superintendent

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

- District has made very good progress in hiring. Speech and Biology vacancies after retirement and resignation on the agenda tonight.
- Currently interviewing 9 Special Education candidates and FACS candidate.
- Music Teacher and Reading Teacher on agenda.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reviewed the 2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card with the Board. New York State requires the Schedule of Reserve Funds information.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Reminded the Board that SFCSD candidate packets are due back to the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2026.
- WFL BOCES Administrative Budget vote and their board member election will be at our Wednesday, April 22 meeting.
- The tour at the Finger Lakes Technical & Career Center is on Friday, April 24.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras shared the timeline for the Superintendent's evaluation.

- April 13, 2026-Superintendnetn will input evaluation.
- April 13-24-Board members comments added.
- April 27, finalize.
- May 7-Board will meet with Superintendent and signoff on the evaluation.

Important Dates to Remember

April 11, 2026-Four County SBA Legislative Mtg.

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

April 24, 2026-MA College & Career Fair

May 7, 2026-BOE Meeting/Public Hearing on Budget

May 9, 2026-Four County SBA-Legislative Meeting

May 13, 2026-Four County Annual Meeting (Club 86)

May 19, 2026 -Budget Vote Election

May 26, 2026-Four County Get Acquainted Evening for Newly Elected BOE Members

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA

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

Name: Sydney French

Position: Science Teacher (Biology)

Effective: the end of the day on 06/30/2026

SFSSA

None at this time

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: Margaret Little  
 Position: Music Teacher  
 NYSED Certification: Music -Permanent Certification  
 Effective: 07/01/2026  
 Tenure: Music Education  
 Probation: 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2029  
 Salary: \$65,868 plus Masters Stipend per contract

Name: John Cronin  
 Position: Reading Teacher  
 NYSED Certification: Literacy (B-Gr. 6 and Gr. 5-12) Professional Certification  
 Effective: 07/01/2026  
 Tenure: Reading Education  
 Probation: 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2030  
 Salary: \$54,035 plus Masters Stipend per contract

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: Alexis Burnley  
 Position: School Bus Monitor  
 Effective: 04/10/2026  
 Probation: 04/10/2026 through 04/09/2027  
 Hours/day: 1.5  
 Hourly Rate: \$16.32

Substitute Appointments  
 None at this time

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  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| James Fulkerson | School Bus Driver | 04/22/2026 |

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 03/16/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/19/2026 (1), 03/19/2026 (2), 03/20/2026, 03/23/2026, 03/24/2026, 03/25/2026, 03/26/2026, 03/27/2026 (1), 03/27/2026 (2)

Gifts and Donations  
 None at this time

2026-2027-Transportation Requests

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following requests for transportation for the 2026-2027 school year.

| Student        | Transport Request   |
|----------------|---|
| Caelee Davoli  | St. Albert the Great, 59 Pulaski St., Auburn, NY          |
| Leah Presher   | Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls |
| Josiah Freier  | Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls |
| Abigail Freier | Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls |
| Heidi Marro    | St. Paul John School, 6201 Center St., Cayuga, NY         |
| Natalie Davies | St. Paul John School, 6201 Center St., Cayuga, NY         |

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips  
 None at this time.

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.  
 Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.  
 Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business  
 None at this time

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:

SFCSD and Seneca County Division of Human Services (Child Protective Services) Agreement (Jan. 1, 2026-Dec. 31, 2026)

NYSSBA School District Agreement for Consultant Services (May 1, 2026 -April 30, 2028)

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Propositions-May 19, 2026 Annual Meeting (Budget Vote/Election)  
2026-2027 Budget Proposition

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 19, 2026 vote:

PROPOSITION 1– 2026-2027 Budget

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to expend the sum of forty-million, nine-hundred six-thousand, one-hundred forty-six dollars (\$40,906,146.00) in the 2026-2027 school year with such amount to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of such School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 Purchase of Buses Proposition

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 19, 2026 vote:

Discussion: The Business Administrator requested that the word “diesel” be placed in the proposition so that voters know that is what the district will be purchasing. Board members agreed.

PROPOSITION 2 – 2026-2027 Purchase of Buses

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to purchase up to five (5) diesel buses and one (1) seven (7) passenger or less vehicle for the transportation of district students, for a sum of money not to exceed nine- hundred, ninety thousand dollars (\$990,000.00); said amount to be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be withdrawn from the district’s “Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses” and/or the unassigned fund balance, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Seneca Falls Central School District Property Tax Report Card as presented.

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-2nd 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 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 Denise Lorenzetti.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 Four County School Board Association  
Four County School Board Association Election of Officers  
Board President

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Robin Johnson, Penn Yan Central School District, as President for the Four County School Boards Association for a one-year term effective July 1, 2026.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Heather Zellers.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Board Vice-President

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Julie Nevelizer, Newark Central School District, as Vice-President for the Four County School Boards Association for a one-year term effective July 1, 2026.

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Four County School Board Association Banking  
Banking Depository

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Reliant Community Credit Union as depository for Four County School Boards Association starting July 1, 2026.

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Signatories on Bank Accounts

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for each of the following as signatories on Four County School Board Association bank account starting July 1, 2026:

Executive Director      President  
Vice-President          Treasurer

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 WFL BOCES Cooperative Bidding-Variou Commodities and/or Services

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 WFL BOCES Various Commodities and/or Services resolution as written:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Seneca Falls Central School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of Various Commodities and/or Services. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Seneca Falls Central School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Seneca Falls Central School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, Seneca Falls Central School District School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, Seneca Falls Central School District School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education Seneca Falls Central School District School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education Seneca Falls Central School District School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... and...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board of Education, Seneca Falls Central School District School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for various commodities and/or services and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:45 pm to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 7:02 pm

Seneca Falls Support Staff Association Contract (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2030)

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the July 1, 2026 -June 30, 2030 Seneca Falls Support Staff Association contract as presented.

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Michael Mirras, Board President