

Seneca Falls Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
March 12, 2026, -6:00 PM  
ECS Cafeteria, 38 Garden Street

Deborah Corsner, Anthony Ferrara, Matthew Lando Denise Lorenzetti, Joseph McNamara  
Erica Sinicropi, Heather Zellers, and Hailey Young, Alternate Student BOE Member

BOE Absent

Cara Lajewski, Michael Mirras and Kyah Lajewski, Student BOE Member

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Amy Hibbard, Jamie Oberdorf, Morgan D'Eredita, Emma  
Harding, Scott Sciera, Emily Porretta, Melissa Koepke, Sara Casper, students, and family members.

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(s)

a. Name: Jamie Oberdorf

Position: Assistant Principal

Certification: School Building Leader Internship Certificate

Tenure: Based on certification date

Effective date: 07/01/2026

Probation: Based on certification date

Salary: \$86,500

Add under XII. New Business

E. May 19, 2026 Propositions

1. General Capital Reserve Fund Proposition

2. 2026-2027 Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

February 26, 2026

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated February 26, 2026

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the following Treasurer's Reports as listed:

December 2025

January 2026

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

ECS Roundtable

Amy Hibbard presented the following:

"At Elizabeth Cady Stanton, We are Uniting Together"

Literacy

Staff is doing amazing, positive work. Shout out to Janet Clendenen, Jamie Oberdorf, Jennifer Young  
and Jody Verkey for all the work they put into the program.

Release Time

Hard work = LETRS: teachers are required to have an additional 12 hours of college course for this program. The last training day is tomorrow -Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>- and then they will be certified.

Faculty and staff are flexible in making the changes that best helps the students.

### Capital Project

There has been great communication with the companies that are working on the capital project. The works have been flexible finding other places to work when the students need a space.

### Supportive Environment

Cady Stanton continues to be a support environment. Faculty is working hard on new initiatives for a safe and welcoming environment for students. Teachers and staff support each other all the time have ownership. They are fully invested in the students.

### Grade 3: Morgan D'Eredita and Emma Hardee presented on "My Books"

My Books provide:

- Award winning authentic texts  
Students are able to connect with the characters as stories represent diverse cultures;  
Integrate their literacy learning with content areas.
- Offers a variety of genres

Realistic Fiction	Fantasy
Informational	Letter
Memoir	Narrative Non-fiction
Poetry	Tall Tale
Educational Videos	Biography
Historical Fiction	Opinion
Legend	Folktale
Fairy Tale	
- Drama Sparks student interest in book series and instills a love of reading
- Fosters critical thinking & knowledge building

### Grade 4: Scott Sciera, Ahran Panek and Emily Porretta presented on "Authentic Writing Instruction"

Writing Process:

- Look at sample writing and a rubric;
- Student's goals are set and brainstorming;
- Students research, create themes;
- Students work on topic development;
- Graphic Organizer-helps break down the information for students;
- Introduce body-transition words/research time;
- Peer editing-students work with each other
- Finished product.

### Grade 5: Sara Casper and Melissa Koepke presented on "HMH Into Reading"

- Classcraft is Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's online platform, merging instruction and assessments from the Into Reading curriculum into interactive presentations
- It blends ELA content with immersive learning experiences to boost student engagement.
- Classcraft organizes modules for a logical scope and sequence, and offers interactive activities for each lesson component
- Insights in Real Time:  
student responses are summarized live  
helps teachers respond to students' needs, and adjust instruction instantaneously
- Formative assessments built into the Classcraft Sessions:  
can make instructional pivots in the moment and use the results to plan or adjust for the next day's session

Vocabulary:

- central to reading comprehension, gives access to content, and increases students' ability to express
- and learn complex ideas
- important and critical vocabulary is embedded into ELA units and comes directly from the texts  
helps set a purpose for students to notice and practice words while reading builds background knowledge

- closes word gaps
- supports comprehension of genre-specific and content-area terms
- consistent, explicit practice with context helps students transfer words into speaking, writing, and
- learning content

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  
Information

Warrants 02/01/2026-02/28/2026

Warrant A (61)	\$ 58,523.83
Warrant A (64)	\$ 41,565.95
Warrant A (65)	\$1,177,646.29
Warrant C (25)	\$ 905.07
Warrant C (26)	\$ 12,435.74
Warrant C (27)	\$ 11,943.51
Warrant F (20)	\$ 140.26
Warrant H (29)	\$ 279,924.68
Warrant H (30)	\$ 55,914.59
Warrant H (31)	\$ 527,488.41

Student Board Member

Hailey Young, Alternate Student BOE Member, was present and told the Board a little about herself. Hailey participates in soccer and softball. She is enrolled in the New Vision Medical Program. Hailey will be attending LeMoyne College in the fall.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported the following:

- Special Education and Math teacher interviews are being held.
- She and Karissa Blamble, Director of Special Programs, will be attending two recruitment fairs.
- Congratulated Jamie Oberdorf, on the agenda to be appointed the new Assistant Principal.

Administrator of Business & Operations

James Bruni reported on the following:

- A Health Insurance meeting has been scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>. Open enrollment and next years rates will be discussed. The meeting will be by zoom.
- A district CD (certificate of deposit) has matured.
- Foundation Aid is 3.6%.
- There is a budget transfer on the agenda to cover the costs for the network switches and screens.
- The Capital Reserve resolution on tonight's agenda is marked 2026 because the reserve needs to be labeled the year it is opened (if approved).

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Dr. Reed congratulated Jamie Oberdorf as being the recommendation for the Assistant Principal position. It was a rigorous interview process with 12 applicants. . Dr. Reed is proud of the interview team and 100% supports the recommendation.

- Superintendent Day is tomorrow. Various trainings scheduled are LETRS training, Squad 9 Threat Assessment, Restorative Practices, MTSS are a few to name.
- Reminded Board members that Student tours of FLCC will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will prepare a meal. Anyone interested should let Dr. Reed know.

BOE Vice-President Report

Denise Lorenzetti reminded Board members of the upcoming Four County SBA meeting on Mar. 19.

BOE Member Comments

Erica Sinicropi thanked Amy Hibbard, teachers and students for a great roundtable. She stated that it was great to see the teacher and student perspective on curriculum. The presentations were delivered in a tremendous way.

Important Dates to Remember

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  
 March 18, 2026-100 Days Until MA Graduation  
 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 26, 2026-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)  
 March 30-April 3, 2026-Spring Recess-No School  
 April 9, 2026-BOE Meeting

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Termination(s)

None at this time

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: Jamie Oberdorf  
 Position: Assistant Principal  
 Certification: School Building Leader Internship Certificate  
 Tenure: Based on certification date  
 Effective date: 07/01/2026  
 Probation: Based on certification date  
 Salary: \$86,500

2025-2026 Coaching Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following appointments for the 2025-2026 school year.

Employee	Coaching Position	Stipend	Certification
Jill Snyder	Modified Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$2,255	<i>Pending</i>
Kevin Benjamin	Varsity Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach	Pd. By Waterloo CSD	PCL Lacrosse- Exp. 08/31/2028

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: Lindsey Manno  
 Position: Teacher Aide  
 Effective: 03/16/2026  
 Probation: 03/16/2026 through 03/15/2027

Hours/day: 6.0  
Hourly Rate: \$16.97

Substitute Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following substitutes (All appointments are conditional until paperwork is completed and fingerprints are cleared).

Name: James Mirras  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
NYSED: Uncertified  
Effective: 03/13/2026

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
Alexis Burnley	Teacher Aide	03/24/2026

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 02/06/2026, 02/23/2026, 02/24/2026, 02/25/2026 (1), 02/25/2026 (2), 02/26/2026

Gifts and Donations

None at this time.

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.  
Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Rescind Feb. 26, 2026 Appointment

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education rescinds the following February 26, 2026 appointment:

3. Civil Service Appointments

b. Name: Marty Kerfien  
Position: Cleaner  
Effective date: 02/27/2026  
Probationary Period: 02/27/2026 through 02/26/2027  
Hours: 8.0  
Hourly Rate: \$16.18

Erica Sinicropi made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

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:

2026 MOA- Seneca Falls CSD and Seneca County Board of Elections (Use of Voting Machine for May 19, 2026 Annual Meeting)

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2025-2026 Budget Transfers

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Administrator of Business & Operations, the Board of Education approves the following 2025-2026 transfer:

From	To	Amount	Reason
H24 1999-002-00-0000	H24 1620-296-00-0000	\$51,700.04	Transfer from contingency for Phase II for General Trades (Massa)
A 2110-130-04-0000	A 2020-4560-04-0000	\$24,044.66	Transfer for the purchase of Career Center Furniture

Heather Zellers made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

DCMO (Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego) BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Service  
2026-2027 DCMO Cooperative Purchasing Resolution

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 DCMO BOCES Cooperative Purchasing resolution as written:

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public-school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES area in New York, and to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Central School District is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Central School District wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating members; (3) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (4) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (5) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 DCMO Food and Cafeteria Supplies Resolution

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 DCMO BOCES Food and Cafeteria Supplies resolution as written:

WHEREAS, it is a plan of a number of public-school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison- Otsego BOCES area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Central School District is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Central School District wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned items, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026 Official Nomination of WFL BOCES Board Member

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion that the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education nominate Deborah Corsner to be a candidate for election to membership on the Board of Education of the Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES, commencing on July 1, 2026, for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2029.

Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Heather Zellers.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

May 19, 2026 Propositions

2026 Capital Building Reserve Fund Proposition

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the following 2026 Capital Building Reserve Fund proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 19, 2026 vote:

PROPOSITION - 2026 Capital Building Reserve Fund Proposition

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, which shall be known as the "2026 General Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, repairs, alterations, renovations, construction, reconstruction, and other improvements to said District's buildings and facilities, including playgrounds, recreation areas, athletic fields, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks and other sites, and the acquisition and installation of related machinery, vehicles, equipment, apparatus, and furnishings and costs incidental thereto, all as permitted by Local Finance Law. The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) plus amounts earned on deposit on such funds. The probable existence of said reserve fund shall be ten (10) years, but the fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund shall be from: (1) current and future unappropriated balance as directed by the Board of Education; (2) amounts from budgetary appropriations; (3) transfers from other reserve funds as authorized by law; (4) New York State building aid; and (5) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.  
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to approve the following Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase proposition be placed on the ballot for the May 19, 2026 vote:

PROPOSITION Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase

Shall the sum of ~~three hundred- eighty-two~~ four-hundred, six-thousand dollars (\$406,000.00) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library? **Corrected at the 4/22/26 BOE Mtg.**

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Budget Workshop

None at this time

Executive Session

None at this time

Adjourn

Denise Lorenzetti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk