

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting/Frank Knight roundtable
April 22, 2026

BOE Members Present

Deborah Corsner, Cara Lajewski, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, and Joseph McNamara (arrived at 6:42 pm), and Kyah Lajewski, Student Board

BOE Members Absent

Anthony Ferrara, Erica Sinicropi, and Heather Zellers

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Janet Clendenen, Jamie Oberdorf, Christine Tomkins, Emily Carpenter, Ashley Granger, Lisa Furletti, Christine Edson, Mary Andrews, Jennifer Brown, Carleen Mull and numerous students and family members.

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 addendums as listed.

Add under X. Consent Agenda

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

2. SFSSA

a. Name: Allison Sands

Position: Health Aide

Effective: 04/21/2026

Remove under B. Appointments

3. Civil Service Appointments

a. Name: Allison Sands

Position: Health Aide (Seneca -East-Wayne MS/HS Summer School Program)

Effective: 07/13/2026 through 08/17/2026 (Additional days may be required for training/orientation prior to 07/13/2026)

Hourly Rate: Per SFSSA Contract

Add under XII. New Business

A. Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

4. Agreement between Seneca Falls CSD and Auctions International Inc.(through April 2027)

5. Agreement between Seneca Falls CSD and Mona Cardinale, NYS Certified Special Education Teacher (for the purpose of providing tutoring services.)

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

April 9, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated April 9, 2026

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

February 2026

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

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time.

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Frank Knight Elementary School Roundtable

Recognitions:

Janet Clendenen, FK Principal, recognized substitutes Carla Lorenzetti and Kelly Taylor. Carla and Kelly go above and beyond as substitutes.

- Changed personal schedules to help us;
- Learned how to use building specific resources;
- Use common language;
- Participate in building events/activities;
- Ask to attend special events when they are not scheduled to work.

Community Partnership Recognition: Cornell Cooperative Extension

- Thank you to Karen Burcroff, Christina Ehlers and Rachel R. Williams
- Agricultural Lessons-Gr. 2
- Agricultural Literacy/Story in library classes.

Communication Without Limits

- Ms. Ashley Granger, Special Education Teacher and student Madison A., shared how non-verbal student communicate.

Understanding Articulators and Phonology

- Mrs. Carpenter and students, Elaina Droney, Rosa Halftown, Philip Herman, Logan Lambert, Carla, Laycano, River Olschewske and Claire Pannucci
- Key questions:
- What parts of your mouth do you use to produce each unique speech sound when you talk?
- How can you use that knowledge to help you read and write?
- The students learn a new foundation skill every 5 days.

Word Chaining With Tile Boards

- Presented by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Andrews with student helpers Lyanna Blake, Penelope Lambert, Gabe Peterson & Bear Warrick.
- The students showed the Board members how to word chain with the tile boards.
 - Make the word
 - Tap out sounds then blend to make the word
 - Only change one box to make the new word.

Activities to Support Attention and Focus

Mrs. Edson, Gr. 2 Teacher, featuring students Kelsey Seymour, Cecelia Laskoski and Maximus Jones Mrs. Edson's students shared activities where the Board member had to use both side of the brain. For example, outlining a drawing with one hand while drawing the same object with your other hand at the same time.

Are You Smarter Than a Second Grader?

Presented by Ms. Furletti and special guests: Jonah Lee, Letti Nielsen, Hadley Schantz and Hudson Wurster. Students explained what phoneme (basic sounds), grapheme (the smallest functional, visual unit of a writing system, representing a single sound (phoneme) or a combination of letters that make one sound) and trigraph (a three-letter sequence representing a single sound (phoneme) in orthograph. The Board then participated in an activity where they had to give examples of different words.

B.L.U.E. Update

Mrs. Oberdorf and Mrs. Tompkins

Thanked the Frank Knight PBIS sponsors:

- Frank Knight PTO
- Midey, Mirras & Ricci, LLP
- J.E.L. Lawn & Landscape, LLC
- Northeast College of Health Sciences
- Wilson Press
- Ferrara Lumber
- Doran Funeral Home
- Phoebe's K9 Resort
- Seneca Stone Corporation

Reading Week: May 11-15, 2026

Elvis & Romeo by David Soman and Jacky Davis

Congratulations to Our Retirees: Carleen and Barb Brillo

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

Joseph McNamara arrived at 6:42 pm.

Policy Committee

Cara Lajewski reported that the committee had met the prior week. The committee continues to review the policies and is currently working on Section 4000.

Facilities Committee

Matthew Lando reported that the committee had a meeting today with the architects, engineers and project manager. The committee reviewed the contingency money and how best to spend it.

Information

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

Warrant A (73)	\$28,256.05
Warrant C (31)	\$1,280.73
Warrant H (34)	\$ 513,348.62

Warrants 04/01/2026-04/30/2026

Warrant A (74)	\$557,338.58
Warrant C (32)	\$3,324.33
Warrant F (23)	\$448.45
Warrant H (35)	\$272,130.94

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Verkey reported the following:

High Honor Roll

Grade 6 67%
Grade 7 72%
Grade 8 73%
Grade 9 58%
Grade 10 50%
Grade 11 69%
Grade 12 65%

The first edition of the Mynderse Time (HS Newspaper) has come out.

Editing and news - Simon Crandall Facts - Mason Ntuala
Student life and Achievements - Peyton Haas Sports - Brandon Voorhies
Teacher feature – Danielle Brown Student interview - Noah Butler
Games - Joseph Nigro

ELA State testing is underway-everything is going smoothly. Make-up testing will be in the next couple of days.

Student Board Member

Kyah Lajewski reported the following:

- Seneca Green Club and Rotary Club have clean-up days planned for Earth Day.
- Decision day (college) for seniors is Tuesday, April 28.
- The seniors leave for their senior trip on April 29th.
- Softball team is currently undefeated. Next home game is Tuesday, April 28th.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported the following:

- State budget (as of the night of the meeting) was not approved; extended through April 27.
- May 2 2026-SFCSD Budget Newsletter will be mailed.
- May 7, 2026-Public Hearing on 2026-2027 Budget
- May 8, 2026-Budget postcard mailed to residents.
- May 19, 2026-Budget Vote/Election

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported the following:

- Will be attending the Civic Bee at Northeast College this Saturday (April. 25). David Frank, NYSED, will be present for the event. The district has five 8th grade students participating.
- The MA College and Career Fair is all day on Thursday, April 23. There will be 60 vendors there to speak to students. Thank you to Kimberly Stevers for all the work she put into the fair.
- Handed out the Town’s Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. There is a hope for more significant connections with the school district. Would like to explore how to retain the workforce in the area-students staying local for work.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reminded the Board members that the Superintendent’s evaluation is due this Friday (April 24th).

The Four County SBA Annual Dinner is May 13. Currently Dr. Reed, Joseph McNamara and Deborah Corsner will be attending.

BOE Member Comments

Denise Lorenzetti stated that she, Matthew Lando, Joseph McNamara and Dr. Reed toured the WFL Finger Lakes Technical Career Center. The tour was great. The group had a great tour guide. The food, made by students, was delicious.

Important Dates to Remember

April 23, 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
None at this time
SFSSA

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

Name: Allison Sands
Position: Health Aide
Effective: 04/21/2026

Appointments
Professional Appointment
None at this time.
2026 Summer Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following 2026 Summer Reading program appointments:

Position	Employee	Stipend
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FK Summer Reading Teacher	Sean Mullen	Per SFEA contract
FK Summer Reading Teacher	Amberlynn Jones	Per SFEA contract
FK Summer Reading Teacher Aide	Christine Felice	Per SFSSA contract
FK Summer Reading Teacher Aide	Jenna Strong	Per SFSSA contract
ECS Summer Reading Teacher	Sara Casper	Per SFEA contract
ECS Summer Reading Teacher	Emma Hardee	Per SFEA contract
ECS Summer Reading Teacher Aide	Mary Porretta	Per SFSSA contract
ECS Summer Reading Teacher Aide	Deborah Beeching	Per SFSSA contract
Registered Nurse	Deanna Clemenson	Per SFEA contract
Health Aide	Zoe Adams	Per SFSSA contract

Civil Service Appointments
None at this time
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: 03/18/26, 03/20/26, 04/03/26, 04/06/26, 04/07/26, 04/08/26, 04/09/26 (1), 04/09/26 (2), 04/10/26, 04/15/26

Gifts and Donations
None at this time

2026-2027 Transportation Requests

Student	Transport Request
Levi Winters	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Harper Searing	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Adaline Iles	St. Francis-St. Stephens, 17 Elmwood, Geneva, NY

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 Cara Lajewski.
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

March 12, 2026 Minutes Correction

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to correct the March 12, 2026 minutes regarding PROPOSITION - Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase -as follows:

May 19, 2026 Propositions

2026-2027 Seneca Falls Library Tax Levy Increase Proposition

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?

Deborah Corsner made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 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:

Parent Transportation Contract -Eff.: 03/11/2026 through 06/30/2026 (Armond Orlanes)

SFEA MOA-Creation of Behavioral Specialist (BC/BA)

Memorandum of Understanding- Red Creek CSD -School Psychology Capacity (Mental Health Grant)

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Campus Construction Management Group Contract Proposal

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Campus Construction Management Group Contract Proposal for Capital Improvement Project 2023-2026 Additional Construction and Close-Out Phase Services as presented.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Cara Lajewski.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Policy-1st Reading

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the first reading of the of the following policies:

NEW Policy-8121.2-AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (1)
 Policy-8130 SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AND TEAMS
 Policy-8505 "CHARGING" SCHOOL MEALS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST SHAMING
 Policy-8520 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SERVICES

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

WFL BOCES Election/Administrative Budget Vote
WFL Board of Education-3 Vacancies

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Deborah Corsner, to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2026.

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

The Board President asked if there were any more motions on the WFL BOCES election.

Joseph McNamara made the motion that the Board of Education for the Seneca Falls Central School District cast one vote for Linda Eygnor to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2026.

The motion was not seconded.

WFL BOCES Administrative Budget Vote

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, approve the 2026-2027 tentative administrative budget (Part 1) of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$4,285,332.

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

Establish Award-Jeremy C. King Memorial Baseball Award

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Jeremy C. King Memorial Baseball Award as follows:

Award Criteria:

- Two awards annually: one Varsity (\$100) and one Junior Varsity (\$100);
- Donor will hold the money for the awards;
- Awarded to a member of the Varsity and a Junior Varsity Baseball teams with first preference going to a pitcher position and then player position;
- The recipient must exhibit sportsmanship, determination and dedication to his fellow team mates;
- Recipient must be in good academic standing;
- Recipient must have followed school's attendance policy;
- Selection Process: Recipients will be chosen by the Varsity and JV Head Coach in conjunction with the Athletic Director and announced at the annual sports banquet;
- Family will present award at the annual banquet;
- The Athletic Department will create a certificate to accompany the award check;
- Award will be given for four years (June 2026, June 2027, June 2028 and June 2029).

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

Internal claims Auditor 3rd Quarter Report (January, February, March 2026)

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following corrective action plans as listed by the Internal Claims Auditor:

1/09/26 – Incorrect spelling on CK#613890	Contacted AP	AP corrected the spelling on the system	Mailed check
1/30/26 – No check in warrant for the invoice from Music & Art	Contacted AP	AP put the invoice along with the check in the next warrant.	Mailed check after being audited
2/06/26 – No check in warrant for Geneco Produce's invoice	Contacted AP	AP sent me a copy of the check before mailing it.	Mailed check
02/27/26 – P.O. #260853. was dated 02/20/26 and 2 invoices from vendor were dated 02/17/26	Contacted AP	Received explanation	Mailed check
03/06/26 – There wasn't a check for a referee invoice.	Contacted AP	AP put the invoice along with the check in the next warrant.	Mailed check after being audited

3/20/26 – No approval signature on 7 invoices from Music & Art.	Contacted AP	AP received signed/approved invoices	Mailed check
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Cara Lajewski made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
 Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session
 None at this time

Adjourn

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

Monica Kuney, District Clerk