

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting/Public Hearing
May 7, 2026- 600 PM
Robert McKeveny Training Room

BOE Members Present

Deborah Corsner (arrived at 6:05 pm), Anthony Ferrara, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, and Joseph McNamara, Erica Sinicropi, and Heather Zellers

BOE Members Absent

Cara Lajewski, and Kyah Lajewski, Student Board

Others present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey, Jared Federman, Luke Lorenzetti and David Baker

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.

Public Hearing
2026-2027 School Budget

Dr. Reed and James Bruni presented the proposed 2026-2027 school budget and propositions

The Seneca Falls Central School District is committed to fostering academic excellence, equitable opportunities, and the unique potential of every student. By creating safe, nurturing, and supportive environments, we aim to develop confident, independent, and responsible individuals who are prepared to succeed academically and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

District Vision: Rooted in a strong community; inspiring excellence for every student to learn, grow, and shape their future.

Three pillars to support academics, support services and safety, and strengthen connections across our school and local community.

The 2026-2027 Seneca Falls CSD Budget Supports & maintains:

- Continuing literacy support through resources and training
- PD (professional Development) for staff to meet individual and varied needs of all students
- Shared Pre-K-5 Assistant Principal (academic and safe/supportive environments support MTSs and literacy)
- District's implementation of the NY Inspires Transformation
- Growing pathways with more course options:
 - AP Courses/ECS (Early College Access)
 - Behavioral Studies/Professional Practice
 - Music Theatre
 - Career Coordinator Position continued to support secondary level students with experiences in college and career and opportunities for workforce development
- WFL BOCES Gr. 6-12 MTSS Coordinator to support continued growth of Tier 1 Instruction as well as Tier 2 & 3 interventions to support students academically, behaviorally, and social/emotionally
- Staff to support students unique learning needs
- Learning and engagement opportunities that meet individual student needs (i.e. accelerated courses, AP and Gemini courses, New Visions, FLTCC programs, PTech, AIS, Credit Recovery, after school activities)
- Continue counseling services within and outside of school day (i.e. Family Counseling Services of FL, Seneca county Community Counseling)
- Increase opportunities for career connections to align with NY Inspires and Pathway recommendations (i.e. Northeast College, FLCC, Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Connections)
- Platforms for accessible and accurate information for students, staff, parents and community members
- Promotion of positive, appropriate and responsible use of technology
- Updated technology to support student connections with greater community

2026-2027 Budget Components:

Program Budget: the salaries and benefits of all instructional employees, textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

PROGRAM	2026-2027 PROPOSAL
Curriculum & Instruction	\$19,969,439
Transportation	\$1,974,619
Employee Benefits	\$7,897,553
General Program Support	\$30,000
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$30,026,611

Capital Budget: Operational and maintenance costs, including custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, and utilities.

CAPITAL	2026-2027 PROPOSAL
Debt Service	\$4,185,907
Operation of Plant	\$1,334,372
Maintenance of Plant	\$646,497
Benefits	\$784,574
TOTAL	\$6,951,350

Administrative Budget: The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and admin. clerical staff, school board-related costs, tax collection, legal services.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2026-2027 PROPOSAL
School Operations	\$1,476,994
Central Administration	\$306,722
Supervision	\$1,197,088
Benefits & Community	\$947,381
TOTAL	\$3,928,185

Revenue Budget

2% increase in State Aid from the 2025-2026 school budget.:

REVENUE	2026-2027 PROPOSAL
NY STATE AID	\$19,969,439
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$40,000
Local Sources	
Tax levy	\$14,970,291
PILOTS	\$561,359
Debt Service Fund	\$150,000
Misc. Revenues	\$633,781
Appropriated Reserves	\$646,778
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$380,559
TOTAL	\$40,906,146

State Aid Breakdown:

Information	2026-2027 Estimated
Foundation Aid	\$14,397,163
BOCES Aid (76.4%)	\$2,264,163
Tax levy	\$124,571
Building Aid	\$3,952,795
Transportation Aid (90%)	\$1,972,305
Private/Public Excess Cost Aid	\$809,444
Total Aid	\$23,520,378

Proposed 1.9% Tax Levy Increase (out of Maximum Tax Cap 4.3%)

Approval of Agenda

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the agenda with addendums as listed.

ADD under XI. Consent Agenda

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

1. SFEA-

c. Name: Jared Federman

Position: Math Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 06/05/2026

ADD under XIII. New Business

C. 2025-2026 Budget Transfer

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Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti

Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend Board Minutes
April 22, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated April 22, 2026.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Joseph McNamara.

Yes 8 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
None at this time

Public Comment

David Baker addressed the board members regarding the condition of the baseball field and the need to improve it. Mr. Baker presented a proposal to install a turf baseball field due to frequent unplayable conditions.

Committee Reports
None at this time

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

Warrant A (77)	\$ 695,006.52
Warrant A (78)	\$ 58,130.64
Warrant A (81)	\$ 538,516.47
Warrant C (33)	\$ 15,210.38
Warrant C (34)	\$ 8,449.76
Warrant C (35)	\$ 8,738.93
Warrant CM2 (2)	\$ 3,684.88
Warrant F (24)	\$ 2,042.53
Warrant F (25)	\$ 5,040.42
Warrant F (26)	\$ 1,303.63
Warrant H (36)	\$ 68,375.18
Warrant H (37)	\$ 38,048.75
Warrant H (38)	\$ 24,790.25

Assistant Superintendent

Jodie Verkey reported on the following:

It has been a busy week for students as NYS Math Assessment testing has been going on for Gr. 3-8; Summer curriculums proposals are in; 73 teachers have shown interest in participating; There are still instructional openings in the district. Jodie was asked if the district is looking at applicants out of state and yes, the district is. One new hire already approved I moving from Alaska and the one is moving in from Utah.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported the following:

She attended the Civic Meeting held at Northeast College. David Frank from NYSED was also in attendance. Unfortunately, none of the district students mad the final round but they all did great and represented the district well. Thanked Mark Solan for all the work he put in helping the students. Junior Prom is this Saturday at the Seneca Falls County club; Right to Run event is this weekend. Received a number of thank you notes from teachers and staff because of the treats that were sent to each building from the board embers for Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. The notes will be shared with the Board.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reported on the following:

Thanked the Board members -the treats for Teacher Appreciation week were well received. Thanked Deborah Corsner for organizing the collection. There are 3 open Board of Education seat and 5 candidates running; budget vote/election are Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Was asked is a Board Member could support a candidate for school board election. The answer is yes as long as done individually and privately. School emails cannot be used.

Important Dates to Remember

- May 9, 2026-Four County SBA-Legislative Meeting
- May 13, 2026-Four County Annual Meeting (Club 86)
- May 19, 2026 -Budget Vote Election
 - Grade 4 & 5 Chorus Concert-7:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- May 21, 2026-Grade 3 Choral Concert-1:00 pm (ECS School)
- May 26, 2026-Four County Get Acquainted Evening for Newly Elected BOE Members
- June 1-4, 2026- Gr. K-12 Art and Technology Fair-all day (MA Gym)
- June 2, 2026-MA Band Concert-7:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 3, 2026- Grade 5 & 6 Band & Chorus Concert-7:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 8, 2026-Grade 6 & 7 Academic Awards-6:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 9, 2026-Grade 7 & 8 Band & Chorus Concert-7:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 10, 2026-MA Varsity Chorus Concert-7:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 11, 2026-MA Academic and Sports Awards-5:30 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 12, 2026-Frank Knight Flag Day Ceremony-9:40 am (FK)
- June 15, 2026-Grade 1 Awards-1:30 pm (FK)
- June 17, 2026-Kindergarten Graduation-6:30 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 18, 2026-Grade 2 Awards-1:30 pm (FK)
- June 23, 2026-UPK Moving Up Ceremony-10:00 am (FK)
- June 24, 2026-Grade 5 Awards & Graduation-9:30 am (ECS)
- June 25, 2026-8th Grade Promotion-6:00 pm (MA Auditorium)
- June 26, 2026-MA Graduation-7:00 pm

Consent Agenda
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
SFEA

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

Name: Julie Miller (Trembley)
 Position: Spanish Teacher
 Effective: the end of the day on 05/05/2026

Name: Jessica Lambert
Position: Teaching Assistant
Effective: the end of the day on 05/24/2026

Name: Jared Federman
Position: Math Teacher
Effective: the end of the day on 06/05/2026

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: Zoe Curry
Position: School Psychologist
NYSED Certification: School Psychologist -Permanent Certification
Effective: 07/01/2026
Tenure: School Psychologist
Probation: 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2030
Salary: \$57,975 + Masters Stipend

Civil Service Appointments
None at this time

Substitute Appointments

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

Name: Lauren Bentz
Position: Long Tern Substitute Teacher (Level 2)
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 11/24/2025 (retro)

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
Shauna Snyder	Teacher Aide	05/14/2026
Gary Palmer	School Bus Driver	06/06/2026

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 04/21/2026, 04/22/2026, 04/23/2026 (1), 04/23/2026 (2), 04/24/2026

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
Asher Gilbert	Finger Lakes Christian School, 2291 Route 89 Seneca Falls
Rachel Mathewson	Seneca Bible Baptist School, 1859 Auburn Rd., Seneca Falls
Caleb Mathewson	Seneca Bible Baptist School, 1859 Auburn Rd., Seneca Falls

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips
None at this time

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.
Joseph McNamara made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.
Yes 8 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:

Agreement between SFCSD and Bridgette Barr and ConcernCenter, Inc. -Jan. 1, 2026-Dec. 31, 2026 (MHD Grant funded)
 Peaceful Schools Proposal (Proposal to Provide: Supports and Services To The Mental Health Demonstration and Wellness Workforce Collaboration Initiative MHD Grant \$408,000) January -June 2026
 OLAS Agreement-PNW BOCES Regional Recruitment On-Line Application System-2026-2027 School Year

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
 Yes 8 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:

- 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

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.
 Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2025-2026 Budget Transfer

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

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Executive Session
Superintendent Evaluation and Personnel

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to move into executive session at 6:45 pm to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation, and the employment history of a particular person.

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
 Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 7:48 pm.

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.
 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Michael Mirras, Board President