

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
October 8, 2026- 600 PM
Robert McKeveny Training Room

BOE Present

Deborah Corsner, Morgan Cruz, Anthony Ferrara, Michael Lambert, Denise Lorenzetti, Luke Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, and Reese Markel, Student Board Member

BOE Absent

Matthew Lando and Heather Zellers

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Verkey and Jamie Oberdorf

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 the addendums as listed.

Add under X. Consent Agenda

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

1. SFEA-Resignations

a. Name: Genevieve Griffin

Position: Art Teacher

Effective: 11/04/2026

b. Name: Heather Schantz

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Effective: 11/05/2026

2. SFSSA

c. Name: Alli Whitton

Position: Teacher Aide

Effective: 06/30/2026

B. Appointments

1. Professional Appointment

a. Name: Alexis Brighthaven

Position: Art Teacher

NYSED Certification: Visual Arts (Professional Certificate)

Effective: 11/05/2026

Tenure: Art Education

Probation: 11/05/2026 through 11/04/2029

Salary: \$55,116 + Masters Stipend

4. Civil Service Appointments

b. Name: Ronald Spano

Position: Cleaner

Effective: 10/09/2026

Probationary Period: 10/09/2026 through 10/08/2027

Hours/day: 4.0

Hourly Rate: \$17.33

c. Name: Charles Buck

Civil Service Position: Bus Driver Trainee

Effective: 10/09/2026

Hourly Rate: \$23.43

E. 2026-2027-Transportation Requests

1. It's a Wonderful Life (5k) Bus Shuttle

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026

2-Buses needed

Add under XII. New Business

C. 2026-2027 Budget Transfers

From	To	Amount	Reason
A2110-130-04-0000	A1621-450-00-0000	\$18,710.00	To cover athletic field supplies & materials
A2110-120-02-0000	A1621-400-00-0000	\$39,000.00	To cover athletic field service
A9020-800-00-0000	A9040-800-00-0000	\$53,203.74	To cover workers compensation annual premium

D. Certification of Lead Evaluator

- Kevin Korzeniewski Teachers

E. External Audit-ending June 30, 2026

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

September 10, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated September 10, 2026.

Luke Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Morgan Cruz

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Deborah Corsner arrives at 6:03 pm

Denise Lorenzetti

Denise Lorenzetti reviewed the 2026 NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions & Amendments with the board. Denise Lorenzetti and Luke Lorenzetti both partook in the Four County SBA Resolution Review held on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Denise is the voting delegate for this year's Annual Business Meeting that will be hosted virtually at 4pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

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
Policy Committee

Denise Lorenzetti reported that the committee had met on September 14, 2026. The committee started reviewing the July 2026 NYSSBA updates. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 and continue reviewing the NYSSBA updates and then return to reviewing Section 400 of the policy manual.

Facilities Committee

Denise Lorenzetti reported the following:

- The Capital Project continues to move through Phase 1 and is close to the closeout, which needs to be done by the end of the year.
- There was enough stock tile to redo the foyer which made it more uniform.
- The Athletic Hall of Fame display cases are up.

Anthony Ferrara stated he asked Charlene (Campus) to price potentially buying 3 more display cases because in three years the prices could be more and may not match. Dr. Reed stated she will bring the costs she received to the next facilities meeting.

The lighting isn't done because the correct connections did not come with the lighting. NAPA is fixing the problem.

The next facilities meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Information
Warrants

09/01/2026-09/30/2026

Warrant A (20)	\$34,918.61
Warrant A (21)	\$215,808.14
Warrant A (22)	\$845,479.17
Warrant A (26)	\$31,582.48
Warrant C (6)	\$8,635.14
Warrant C (7)	\$21,792.45
Warrant C (8)	\$8,658.95
Warrant F (3)	\$78,491.60
Warrant F (4)	\$180,925.50
Warrant F (5)	\$8,365.10
Warrant H (13)	\$4,933.25
Warrant H (14)	\$947,436.90
Warrant H (15)	\$35,107.81
Warrant H (16)	\$784,395.78

Student Board Member

Reese Markel, Student Board Member, presented a slideshow.

- 8th Grade Path to Success held a meeting last week. Discussions included transitioning to high school.
- Current freshman who participated last year are having a successful start to freshman year.
- On September 24, 2026, a group of students traveled to the George Eastman House in Rochester to witness the 11 inductees into the Women's Hall of Fame. The students then had lunch the next day at the Hall of Fame.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Docteur reported the following:

- Internal Cultural Committee met and reviewed the Panorama Survey to help adults understand the data and then take steps to help staff. Shout-out to Carrie Heffron for the work she does. Jodie, Dr. Reed and Faith Lewis met with College Board to hear and explore "College Board's Teamship" what it was about. "Teamship" is a specialized work-based learning program designed to fulfill these exact competency requirements. The program trains teachers-at a cost- to connect with

businesses. The hope is to send a few for training and they can bring back what they learned and share. College Board is working on the affordability piece.

- The hiring process continues. Hiring seems to have become a year-round process instead of the isolated process it used to be end the of one school year and the beginning of the next. Deborah Corsner asked if teachers are leaving K-12, while Michael Lambert asked if teachers are just leaving the profession all together? Yes to both questions. Michael Mirras asked if teacher salaries are still competitive-Yes.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

Received the External Audit today through email. The Audit Committee will meet in the next couple of weeks to prepare a response to the audit report.

Handed out the budget calendar for 2027-2028 and explained to the new Board members how the Board develops the budget.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Board of Education Appreciation Week is the week of Oct. 12, 2026. Thanked the Board of Education for their service to the students and district. She also thanked the Board for their support of her, which enables her to do her job.
- Superintendent Conference Day is Friday, October 9-there will be no school. There were a number of activities the staff will be participating in on Friday: Portrait of a Graduate, Reading Instruction, Team Building and "Blue" Activities to name a few.
- Reminded everyone that Monday, October 12, 2026 was a legal holiday and there would be no school or work that day.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras reported the following:

- Informed the Board members that the 41st Education Law Book will be coming out in print. The district would be putting an order through WFL BOCES. Ordering through BOCES helps the district get a lower price for the books due to the volume of books ordered through them.
- The November 5, 2026 board meeting will include a Board Workshop as well. Patrick Longo from NYSSBA will be present for the workshop.
- The Elizabeth Cady Stanton school Pumpkin Walk is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The board has always participated by having a table. Members may donate candy for the event. Volunteers are needed for the table. Dr. Reed and Morgan Cruz and Denise Lorenzetti have offered with Morgan chairing the table.

BOE Member Comments

Anthony Ferrara handed out the MA Athletic Hall of Fame booklet for this year's induction being held the Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026 at Northeast College. The event starts at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 each and are still available. Dr. Reed will be making the opening remarks again this year.

Important Dates to Remember

October 9, 2026-Superintendent Conference Day-No School
October 10, 2025 -Legislative Committee Meeting (9:00-10:30 am)-Zoom
October 15, 2026- Gr. 6-12 Band Concert (7:00 pm)
October 15, 2026-NYSSBA Annual Meeting (4:00 pm) Virtual
October 20, 2026-MA/MS Chorus Concert (7:00 pm) Zoom
October 22, 2026-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
October 22-24, 2026-NYSSBA Annual Convention (Digital Experience or In-Person Buffalo, NY)
October 24, 2026-NYSSBA Annual Convention Webinar Series-"What Matters Most: Connecting with Communities Through Values" (Virtual-Complimentary)
October 28, 2026-Board of Directors Meeting (5:30 pm)
November 6, 2026-NYSSBA 2026 Governance Leadership Program (for Superintendents and Board Presidents)-Must register
November 5, 2026-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
November 11, 2026- Legislative Committee Meeting -(9:00-10:30 am)-Zoom

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA Resignations

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

Name: Genevieve Griffin

Position: Art Teacher

Effective: the end of the day on 11/04/2026

Name: Heather Schantz

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Effective: 11/05/2026

Name: Deborah Beeching

Position: Teaching Assistant

Effective: the end of the day on 09/28/2026

SFSSA Resignations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following non-instructional resignations:

Name: Cassie Shafer
Position: Cashier/FSW
Effective: 09/30/2026

Name: Christopher Smith
Position: Bus Driver
Effective: 10/31/2026

Name: Alli Whitton
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 06/30/2026

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: Alexis Brighthaven
Position: Art Teacher
NYSED Certification: Visual Arts (Professional Certificate)
Effective: 11/05/2026
Tenure: Art Education
Probation: 11/05/2026 through 11/04/2029
Salary: \$55,116 + Masters Stipend

2026-2027 Teacher Mentor(s)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoint the following teacher mentors for the 2026-2027 school year (to be paid per the SFEA Contract).

Jason Herron

2026-2027 Annual Appointments

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

Performing Arts Director	Anna Luisi	\$954.00
Head Bus Driver	Robert Wood	\$25.00/hour

Civil Service Appointments

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

Name: Karen Crowell
Position: Human Resource Specialist
Effective: 10/09/2026
Probationary Period: 10/09/2026 through 10/08/2027
Hours/day: 7.0
Hourly Rate: \$25.00

Name: Ronald Spano
Position: Cleaner
Effective: 10/09/2026
Probationary Period: 10/09/2026 through 10/08/2027
Hours/day: 4.0
Hourly Rate: \$17.33

Name: Charles Buck
Civil Service Position: Bus Driver Trainee
Effective: 10/09/2026
Hourly Rate: \$23.43

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: Joseph Ferguson
Substitute Position: Teaching Assistant Long-Term Substitute Teacher (LTS)
NYSED Certification: Social Studies Gr. 7-12 (Initial Certification)

Effective: 09/21/2026
Salary: \$25,500.00 + Stipends

Name: Steven Prosser
Substitute Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Technology Education (Professional Certificate)
Effective: 10/09/2026

Name: Elizabeth Christensen
Substitute Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 10/09/2026

Name: Siena Bertolino
Substitute Position: Substitute Teacher
NYSED Certification: Uncertified
Effective: 10/09/2026

Name: Zackary Lawrence
Substitute Position: FSH/Transporter
Effective: 10/09/2026

Name: Amanda Pickering
Substitute Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: 10/09/2026

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
Marissa Premo	Teacher Aide	10/09/2026

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes:
09/09/26(1), 09/09/26(2), 09/10/26, 09/15/26, 09/16/26, 09/18/26, 09/21/26(1), 09/21/26(2), 09/22/26, 09/24/26, 09/25/26(1), 09/25/26(2), 09/28/26(1), 09/28/26(2), 09/28/26(3), 09/29/26, 09/30/26(1), 09/30/26(2)

Gifts and Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following gifts & donations:

Donor or Gift	Amount/Item	Fund	To be used for:
Michael & Francis Ferrara	\$25.00	A2110-450-05-0900	Music Department in memory of Patti Lorenzetti

2026-2027-Transportation Requests

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following transportation request.
It's a Wonderful Life (5k) Bus Shuttle
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026
2-Buses needed

Class of 2033 Extra-Classroom Account

Establish an Extra-Classroom Account for the Class of 2033.

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 Luke Lorenzetti.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business

Correction to September 10, 2026 Transportation Request

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to correct the transportation request approved on September 10, 2025 as listed below:

XI. Consent Agenda
E. 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
	~~FL Christian School, Rt. 89 Seneca Falls, NY/WFL BOCES FLTCC/Mynderse Academy~~ ~~1859 Seneca Bible Baptist School, Auburn Rd. Seneca Falls, NY~~

Morgan Cruz made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

New Business

Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Seneca Falls Board of Education approves the following Contracts, Agreements and MOA's:

Seneca Falls Central School District and Auburn City School District -2025-2026 Health Services (FL Christian School)
MOA-Seneca Falls Central School District and Agri-Business Child Development, Inc.(2026-2027 Head Start Program)

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

Surplus

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

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Library Books (see attached list)

Morgan Cruz made the motion, seconded by Luke Lorenzetti
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

2026-2027 Budget Transfers

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Administrator of Business & Operations, the Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 budget transfers:

From	To	Amount	Reason
A2110-130-04-0000	A1621-450-00-0000	\$18,710.00	To cover athletic field supplies & materials
A2110-120-02-0000	A1621-400-00-0000	\$39,000.00	To cover athletic field service
A9020-800-00-0000	A9040-800-00-0000	\$53,203.74	To cover workers compensation annual premium

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Certification of Lead Evaluator

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to By virtue of the fact of having participated in the Lead Evaluator Training provided by the NYS Education Department, WFL BOCES, Seneca Falls Central School District and the NYS Council of School Superintendents, which included the required components, the following person listed is considered as a Certified Lead Evaluator for the 2026-2027 School Year:
Kevin Korzeniewski Teachers

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Morgan Cruz
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

External Audit-ending June 30, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to accept the External Audit Report and Management Letter of the Seneca Falls Central School District's Basic Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 completed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP and that the Business Administrator, in conjunction with the Audit Committee, respond to such audit.

Morgan Cruz made the motion, seconded by Luke Lorenzetti
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session

Real Property and Litigation

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:57 pm to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property and details of proposed, current or pending litigation.

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

The District Clerk exited the executive session.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:18 pm. The District Clerk returned to the meeting.

Retention of Special Litigation Counsel

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the following resolution authorizing retention of special litigation counsel to investigate and pursue claims against social media companies.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District (the "Board") is a corporate body organized and existing under the Education Law of the State of New York, vested with authority to govern the affairs of the Seneca Falls Central School District (the "District"), including the power to sue and be sued and to retain legal counsel to protect the interests of the Board, the District, and its students; and

WHEREAS, social media platforms owned and operated by Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram LLC, ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok Inc., Snap Inc., and Google LLC/YouTube LLC (collectively, the "Platforms") have been designed, marketed, and operated in a manner alleged to be addictive and harmful to minors, and are the subject of coordinated litigation nationwide, including *In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal*

Injury Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 3047 (N.D. Cal.), in which school districts and boards of education across the country including in New York have asserted claims against the Platforms; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Central School District has incurred, and continues to incur, substantial costs and burdens attributable to student use of the Platforms, including increased demand for counseling, psychological, and mental health services; additional administrative, disciplinary, and safety responses to cyberbullying, harassment, and related incidents; and diversion of staff time and District resources to address these harms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and its students to investigate, and if warranted to pursue, legal claims against the Platforms to recover the costs the District has borne as a result of the Platforms’ conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Robert King, PLLC (“King Law”) and Motley Rice LLC (“Motley Rice,” and together with King Law, “Counsel”) have substantial experience representing school districts and public entities nationwide in litigation against the Platforms, including court-appointed leadership roles in the MDL, and have proposed to undertake this representation on a contingency-fee basis, at no upfront cost or financial risk to the District; and

WHEREAS, legal services, including contingency-fee litigation representation, are professional services that may be procured without competitive bidding under General Municipal Law § 104-b and the Board’s procurement policy, as such services require the exercise of extraordinary or specialized skill or judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, State of New York, as follows:

1. Retention of Counsel. The Board hereby retains and engages King Law and Motley Rice as special litigation counsel to investigate, evaluate, and, if warranted, prosecute all viable claims against the Platforms arising from harm to the District caused by the design, marketing, and operation of the Platforms, including but not limited to claims for public nuisance, negligence, and products liability.
2. Authorization to Execute Contract. The President of the Board is authorized to execute, on the Board’s behalf, a Contract of Investigation and Representation with King Law and Motley Rice, substantially in the form presented to the Board, providing for representation on a contingency-fee basis with attorneys’ fees not to exceed one-third (33.33%) of any gross recovery, with Counsel to advance all litigation costs and expenses, reimbursable only from any recovery obtained.
3. Scope of Authority. Counsel is authorized to associate co-counsel, retain experts and investigators, participate in coordinated or multidistrict litigation proceedings, and take all other steps reasonably necessary to investigate and prosecute the claims described herein, consistent with the terms of the executed Contract.
4. No Obligation Absent Recovery. Nothing in this Resolution obligates the expenditure of any District funds, and the District shall owe no fee or expense to Counsel except as expressly provided in the executed Contract, and then only in the event of a recovery.
5. Further Action. The Superintendent and District counsel are authorized to execute any further documents and take any further action reasonably necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2026, at a duly noticed regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, held in accordance with the New York Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law Article 7.

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

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at pm.
Morgan Cruz made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk