

Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
September 10, 2026- 600 PM
Robert McKeveny Training Room

BOE Present

Deborah Corsner, Morgan Cruz, Matthew Lando, Denise Lorenzetti, Luke Lorenzetti, Michael Mirras, Heather Zellers, Emily Brown, Student Board Member, and Reese Markel, Student Board Member

BOE Absent

Anthony Ferrara and Michael Lambert

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed and James Bruni ,Jodie Docteur, Faith Lewis, Carrie Heffron, Kevin Rhinehart, Amy Hibbard, Janet Clendenen, Miranda Tyler, Marshall Wasman, Emily Anderson, Emma Hardee, Katie Spahn, Mary Porretta, John Cronin, Elizabeth Miller, Kelly Taylor, Larraine Mahoney, Margaret Little, Megan Lafferty

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 revision and addendums as listed.

Move the Tenure Recommendation under XII. New Business to right after V. Approve or Amend

Revisions under X. Consent Agenda

4. 2026-2027 Bus Driver/Monitor Bidding

Bus Drivers	Hours
Jim Fairbanks	~~5.75~~ 6.0 (more students added to bus run)
Robert Wood	~~5.50~~ 5.0 (Penn Yan run eliminated)

Add under X. Consent Agenda

E. 2026-2027-Transportation Requests

Student	Transport Request
	FL Christian School, Rt. 89 Seneca Falls, NY/WFL BOCES FLTCC/Mynderse Academy
	FL Christian School, Rt. 89 Seneca Falls, NY/WFL BOCES FLTCC/Mynderse Academy

Add under XII. New Business

B. Contracts, Agreements and MOA's

2. Proposal to Provide MHSP (Mental Health Service Professional) Workforce Development, Evaluation and Systems Building Technical Assistance

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend

Board Minutes

August 27, 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated August 27, 2026

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report

None at this time

Tenure Recommendation

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of Dr. Michelle Reed, Superintendent of Schools, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education does hereby approve the following tenure appointment:

Kelli Ward

Seneca Falls, NY

Certification: Teaching Assistant Level III

Tenure: Teaching Assistant

Effective: 10/07/2026

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations

Celebration-Tenure

The following employees were recognized for attaining tenure in the district: Katie Spahn, Miranda Tyler, Emma Hardee, Mary Porretta, Marshall Wasman, and Emily Anderson.
The following employees were unable to attend: Jacob Jones and Ryan Ross.

Introduction of Instructional Staff

Dr. Reed introduced new staff that was in attendance: John Cronin, Reading, Elizabeth Miller, Grade 1, Kelly Taylor, Teaching Assistant, Larraine Mahoney, Math Teacher, and Margaret Little, Music Teacher.

Dr. Reed introduced Meghan Lafferty, Teacher Aide, who was in attendance.

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
None at this time

Information
Warrants

08/01/2026-08/31/2026

Warrant A (13)	\$44,697.44
Warrant A (16)	\$227,181.39
Warrant A (17)	\$637,001.07
Warrant C (4)	\$620.34
Warrant C (5)	\$1,413.23
Warrant CM2 (1)	\$32.29
Warrant F (1)	\$567,217.30
Warrant F (2)	\$45,125.00
Warrant H (9)	\$42,608.60
Warrant H (10)	\$897,224.79
Warrant H (11)	\$34,063.27
Warrant H (12)	\$94,682.45

Student Board Member

Emily Brown reported on the following:

Seniors participated in “senior sunrise” on the first day of school. Students enjoyed doughnuts, played football, took pictures. It was a great way to get the class together. The seniors asked for permission to be on Bracht Field before they did it.
Homecoming is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026. Theme “A Night in Hollywood”.
Seniors had their parking spots approved.
The Volleyball team is doing very well. The team is 3-0.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Docteur reported the following:

- There is still a Speech Therapist vacancy available on the 2nd level. Until that is filled, the district is using Parallel Learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays so that student who need the services receive them.
- A K-5 Benchmarking Committee was formed to track students’ progress.

Business Administrator

James Bruni reported on the following:

- Reviewed the NYS error regarding the 2026-2027 tax bills. The errors affecting property are agricultural.
- Two hundred-fifty property owners were underbilled \$7,700. The difference in underpayments is split up amongst the remaining (4569) property owners. NYS has recommended property owners pay their bills and corrections will be made next year.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- Reported a wonderful opening day. The guest speaker was well received. Every staff member received a copy of “The Science Behind It”.
- Thanked Campus Construction for the wonderful breakfast provided.
- Open houses are coming up for the Middle School and Mynderse Academy.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras thanked the board members who came to opening day. It was good to have their presence for the staff returning.
Informed board members that Four County SBA gave all the members a coupon for a free dinner/program.

BOE Member Comments

Board members had a discussion regarding e-bike/scooters.

- E-Bikes/Scooters-a message went out on ParentSquare banning e-scooters on school property. This was done due to the recommendation of the district’s BOCES safety contact and the Seneca Falls PD. Many districts are banning e-bikes/scooters on district property. NYS allow 16 years or older, with a helmet, can operate an e-bike/scooter.
- Concerns:
Who’s responsibility? Will police cite students or parents for violations?

Equity-students drive cars to school, why not e-bikes/scooters?
E-bike/scooters do not require a license or any training like driving a car.

- Dr. Reed will ask the Policy Committee to look into an e-bike/scooter policy. Dr. Reed will gather information from other districts regarding their policy on the topic.

Important Dates to Remember

September 12, 2026-Legislative Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
September 15, 2026-General Membership Meeting (Club 86-5:30 pm)
September 17, 2026-Mynderse Academy Open House (6:00-7:00 pm)
SF Middle School Open House (5:30-6:30 pm)
September 24, 2026-Cady Stanton (Gr. 4 & 5) Open House (6:00-7:00 pm)
October 3, 2026-Area 2 Event-NYSSBA Proposed Resolution Discussion
October 8, 2026-BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
October 9, 2026-Superintendent Conference Day-No School
October 20, 2026-MA/MS Chorus Concert (7:00-8:00 pm)
October 22, 2026-BOE Meeting
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)

Consent Agenda
Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
SFEA
None at this time

SFSSA

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

Name: Michael Pucino
Position: Cleaner
Effective: 09/01/2026

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: Deborah Beeching
Position: Teaching Assistant
NYSED Certification: Teaching Assistant (Level I)
Effective: 09/11/2026
Tenure: Teaching Assistant
Probation: 09/11/2026 through 09/12/2030
Salary: \$25,500

2026-2027 Teacher Mentors

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).

Darla Shumway
Jessica Lambert
Marriam Harms

2026-2027 Annual Appointments

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

2026-2027 Mynderse Academy

Sophomore Class Advisor	Anthony Noone	\$512.00
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2026-2027 Bus Driver/Monitor Bidding

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following bus driver and bus monitor hours for the 2026-2027 school year.

Bus Drivers	Hours
Gerald Knox	6.5
Mary True	7.75
Ronald Donk	7.0
Jim Fairbanks	6.0
Mabel Roffe	5.50

Mary Ridley	5.50
Carolyn Breese	7.50
Jeff DeLong	5.50
Shawn Burns	5.5
James Biccum	5.50
Robert Wood	5.0
Tonja Ticconi	5.50
Jim Fulkerson	5.50
Gary Palmer	5.50
Linda Bush	5.25
Peter Soscia	5.25
Michelle Quigley	5.25
James Marley	5.25
Kimberly Pupillo (Floater)	5.25
Christopher Smith (Floater)	5.25
Joe Wiseman (Floater)	5.25
Bus Monitors	Hours
Sonya Jesmer	6.75
Deanna Monaghan	5.50
Judy Fairbanks	5.25
Jeaneth Dellefave	5.00
Dustin Bennett (Floater)	5.0
Stephen Tillinghast (Floater)	2.0
Alateishia Johnson (Floater)	2.0
Alexis Burnley	2.0

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: Sabrena Cifaratta
Substitute Position: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: 09/11/2026

Probationary to Permanent
None at this time

Increase in Work Hours
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following increase in hours as listed:

Name: Michael Pucino
Civil Service Position: Messenger
Increase in hours: 3.0 to 6.0 per day
Effective: 09/02/2026

CSE Minutes
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 07/29/2026, 08/03/2026, 08/07/2026, 08/11/2026, 08/13/2026, 08/19/2026, 08/24/2026 (1), 08/24/202 (2), 08/24/2026 (3), 08/25/2026, 08/27/2026, 08/28/2026, 08/31/2026 (1), 08/31/2026 (2), 09/01/2026 (1), 09/01/2026 (2)

Gifts and Donations
None at this time

2026-2027-Transportation Request
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
	~~FL Christian School, Rt. 89 Seneca Falls, NY/WFL BOCES FLTCC/Mynderse Academy~~ 1859 Seneca Bible Baptist School, Auburn Rd. Seneca Falls, NY Corrected at the 10/08/26 BOE Meeting

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 Deborah Corsner.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Old Business
None at this time

New Business

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:

- 1. Family Counseling Service of The Finger Lakes (FCSFL) Trauma Therapist (COSER) 2026-2027 School Year
- 2. Proposal to Provide MHSP (Mental Health Service Professional) Workforce Development, Evaluation and Systems Building Technical Assistance

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Executive Session

2026-2027 Seneca Falls CSD Confidential District Emergency Response Plan

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:05 pm to discuss matters that would jeopardize public safety if disclosed and details of proposed, current or pending litigation.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Luke Lorenzetti.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk

The regular meeting resumed at 7:27 pm.

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Michael Mirras, Board President