Seneca Falls Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
November 5, 2026- 600 PM
Robert McKeveny Training Room

BOE Present

Deborah Corsner, Morgan Cruz, Anthony Ferrara, Matthew Lando Denise Lorenzetti, Luke Lorenzetti, and Michael Mirras.

BOE Absent

Michael Lambert, and Heather Zellers

Others Present

Dr. Michelle Reed, James Bruni, Jodie Docteur, Kevin Rhinehart, Kevin Korzeniewski, Amy and Joe Jacuzzo, Laura Jacuzzo, Michael Pucino, Patty Ward, and Jackie Brown, Brandt Schweitz and family

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
2. SFSSA-Resignation
a. Name: Joseph Wiseman
Position: Bus Driver
Effective: the end of the day on 11/19/2026
B. Appointments
4. Civil Service Appointments
Name: Erin Swarthout
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 11/06/2026
Probationary Period: 11/06/2026 through 11/05/2027
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: $18.12
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Anthony Ferrara.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Approve or Amend
Board Minutes
October 22, 2026 Board of Education Minutes

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education minutes dated October 22, 2026.
Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports
None at this time

Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report
September 2026

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for September 2026.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Deborah Corsner.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Motion carried

Recognitions, Celebrations and Presentations
Brandt Schweitz-2026 Finger Lakes Boys Varsity Golf Champion

Kevin Korzeniewski and the Board of Education recognized Brandt Schweitz, 2026 Finger Lakes Boys Varsity Golf Champion. The championship was held at the Seneca Falls Country Club-Brandt's home course. There was 60 golfers who participated in the championship and Brandt came in with the lowest score. Michael Mirras presented Brandt with the Board of Education recognition certificate.

Recognition: Amy Jacuzzo Retirement

James Bruni recognized Amy Jacuzzo, who is retiring on November 20, 2026 after 20 years with the district. Amy has been an integral part of the business office. She will be missed.

Administrator Reports
SFMS-Kevin Rhinehart

#1. 2026-2027 Goal:
80% of students will meet their growth target as demonstrated by their Fall to Spring diagnostic.

- Department/team minutes reflect conversations about data
- Students assigned to Reading Support.
- Action Steps aligned to Strategic Plan (Data-Informed Decision Making) and the District's DCIP plan (Priority #3)

#2. 2026-2027 Goal:

- Increase the attendance index to 191.1 by accounting for all students.
- Faculty meeting agendas
- Monthly mental health meeting agendas
- MTSS Meeting notes
- Copies of letters to families
- Building notes for communication with families
- Intervention Plans
- Attendance information shared with families during Parent/Teacher conferences
- 2026-2027:
  - Promote/celebrate positive attendance trends by sending attendance certificates home to recognize students with positive attendance patterns (this includes improving attendance patterns)
  - Additional action steps to be determined after the School Improvement Team meets in August
  - Note: Action Steps aligned to the Strategic Plan (Engaged & Empowered Lifelong Learners & School/Community Connections) and the District's DCIP plan (Priority #1 & #2)
- Action Steps for the 2026-2027 School Year:
  - Communicate with all parents in September of those who were chronically absent last year
  - Provide PD on DEI best instructional practice

#3. SFMS Goal:
Improve social/emotional health and well-being of students by decreasing negative behaviors as measured by a 20% reduction of referrals in the following categories: insubordination, disruption of education/disruptive behavior, disrespect to staff members, and fighting.

- Meetings after surveys in October and January to create interventions for students showing to be at-risk on survey
- January survey done in small groups for at-risk students to ensure understanding of the question
- Note: Action Steps aligned to Strategic Plan (Engaged & Empowered Lifelong Learners and the District's DCIP plan (Priority #2)
- Note: Additional action steps are to be determined after the School Improvement Team meets in August

Celebrations:

- Grade 6 Orientation: 75% of families attended
- Open House was well attended
- PTO Events: School Pictures, Fun Night and Social
- Field Trip-Gr 8 to Rose Hill Mansion in September
- Band and Chorus Concerts
- Staff and students held a "bride walk" for Ashley Leederman (Phys. Ed. Teacher), who is getting married this weekend.

Upcoming Events:

- 8th grade Path to Success program
- October 30th - 8th period. Halloween Escape Room
- November 24th- 2nd period Topic - Conflict resolution

Athletics-Kevin Korzeniewski

Cross Country

Program numbers are a concern. League meets take place on 10/31. Sectionals are on 11/7/26.

Golf

- The golf numbers continue to be strong. 9 Varsity Players and 11 JV players.
- The varsity team finished third in the FL West. The overall record was 9-10.
- The team will play in Team Sectionals in May, and seeding will be released in May.
- Brandt Schweitz finished atop the Finger Lakes championship tournament.
  - 1st Team All-Star- Brandt Schweitz
  - 2nd Team All-Star-TBD
  - 3rd Team All-Star-TBD

Football

Merged at Waterloo. 2-6 final record. 9 players were part of the merger. The modified team finished with 18 kids and was continuously monitored to stay above the mandated 16 eligible players to compete. The modified team lost on average by 30 points to their opponents. There is concern that the district could host their own modified team next year.

WFL All League: Meeting not until week of 11/21

Boys' Soccer

The varsity boys finished their FL East season with an overall record of 8-9-1. The team lost 5-2 in the semi-finals to Livonia. Elijah Doell set the Mynderse Academy all-time goal record with 85 goals.

- 1st Team All-League
  Elijah Doell (Finger Lakes East Co-Player of the Year)
- 2nd Team All-League
  Ethan Olmstead
- Honorable Mention
  Long Cao, Aiden Lopez
- Finger Lakes Exceptional Senior All-Stars
  Long Cao, Simon Crandall, Elijah Doell, Ethan Olmstead
- Section V All-Tourney Team
  Elijah Doell, Aiden Lopez

Tennis

The girls' tennis team had another strong season. They had over 10 girls participate on the team, and Alexa Burgeson and Andi VanBortel qualified for a spot in state qualifiers. The team finished 10-5 overall and lost in the quarterfinal round to Avoca-Prattsburgh.

- FL West 1st Team All-League
- 1st Singles: Alexa Burgeson
- 2nd Singles: Andi Vanbortel
- 3rd Singles: Danielle Brown
- 1st Doubles: Joey McLean, Kate Lorenzetti HM: Phung Cao, Natalie Wetherwax

Girls Soccer

The varsity team finished 8th in the FL East with an overall record of 3-12-2. The girls lost in the Sectional first-round game to Livonia 9-1.

- Honorable Mention-Khloe Mahoney, Reese Markel, Danielle McDermott, Maddie Morrin
- Exceptional Senior Game-Reese Markel, Danielle McDermott

Volleyball

The team finished with an overall record of 11-8 in the FL West and was seeded #7 in the Class C1 tournament. The girls lost in the Sectional Quarterfinal to East Rochester 3-0.

- 1st Team All-League: Amiya Freeman, Mercedes Santana
- 2nd Team All-League: Rowan Trout
- Honorable Mention: Ryleigh Ryrko
- Exceptional Seniors: Emily Brown, Emma Forde, Emma Hilbert, Ryleigh Ryrko, Mercedes Santana

Athletes of the Month sponsored by Mark's Pizzeria:

- September: Dani McDermott (Soccer), Elijah Doell (Soccer)

Other:

Positive Coaches Alliance by the Bonafiglia Foundation

2027 Football Merger Options

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 the following:

- The policy committee met on Nov. 3, 2026.
- There are a handful of polices on tonight's agenda to be approved for their 2nd read.
- There is one policy on the agenda to be approved for it's first and only reading.
- There will be three policies and one regulation on the Nov. 19, 2026 agenda
- The committee scheduled two more meetings.

Scholarship Committee

Deborah Corsner reported the following:

- The scholarship committee met on Oct. 27, 2026.
- Discussion was had regarding changing awards at graduation.
- The committee received feedback from Faith Lewis, Jessica Taylor and Dianne Neal. Preference from staff is to remove all awards from graduation. Some awards may remain regardless.
- The committee is waiting on more information.
- The committee would like to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee at their next meeting.
- Board members asked the Student Board member her thoughts . Emily Brown said that there is a small class this year-some awards at graduation would be nice.

Information
Warrants

10/01/2026-10/31/2026

Warrant A (31)	$998.813.05
Warrant A (32)	$61,564.70
Warrant A (35)	$123,286.79
Warrant C (11)	$20,216.07
Warrant C (12)	$4,775.00
Warrant F (6)	$580.00
Warrant H (18)	$16,452.88
Warrant H (19)	$78,204.03
Warrant H (20)	$157,483.73

Student Board Member

Emily Brown reported on the following:

- MA hosted a College & Career Fair where students could meet with representatives from a number of colleges and organizations. Education institutes, human/public services, healthcare/medical, military, business, financial trades are just a few to name that participated.
- Emily reported that MS Pathway to Success program held some fun activities during October. A Halloween Escape Room was held. Students used teamwork and problem solving.; engaged with one another. Mentors guided the students but did not help them solve it.
- A Seneca Green Club member asked the student board members why there are no recycling bins in the school building anymore. Dr. Reed said she would look into.
- Reported there would be no senior trip this year due to not enough students signed up. The trip would cost approximately $600-$700 per student for the trip. Students would travel one day; have

one full day at the location and then travel home on the third day. Mr. Jones was looking into maybe a day trip to Darien Lake for a day, or some pace similar for the seniors.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jodie Docteur reported on the following:

- Gave s shout out to Kimberly Stevers who goes solo planning the college and career fair.
- K-12 MTSS meetings were held this past week. Shout out to the coaches-great work is being done.
- She and Faith Lewis took part in an Attendance Improvement Webinar.
- A Data Newsletter will be coming out in the next three weeks.

Business Administrator

None at this time.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Reed reported on the following:

- The District Safety Committee Meeting was held Nov. 4, 2026. Topics/discussions included
- e-Bikes/e-Scooters; SFCSD Police Department concerns.
- Jim Bruni gave an update on the PA system and the internal "badge" audit the district did.
- On Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, Dr. Reed would be facilitating the Regional Student Board Member Workshop. Eighteen (18) districts will be participating. Heather Zellers, RCA Director will be a speaker. David Frank (Assistant Commissioner and Chief of Staff the New York State Education Department) and Dr. Betty A. Rosa (Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York) will be forwarding a message. There were four (4) workshops planned. Yesterday's was the second; there are two more to do.
- "Student Voice Project"-getting feedback from all students at the district and will then present to the Board of Education.

BOE President Report

Michael Mirras thanked the committees for all the work they have been doing the last two months. He also reminded the board members of the upcoming events happening- Four County SBA General Membership Meeting on Nov. 30th and the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner inf January 2027. If interested, embers must register.

BOE Member Comments

Morgan Cruz reported that the Pumpkin Walk at Cady Stanton School was fun. There was popcorn, pizza, and ice cream truck and face painting for the students. It looked like the kids had a great time. The board table did not run out of candy as it has in previous years.

Important Dates to Remember

November 6, 2026-NYSSBA 2026 Governance Leadership Program (for Superintendents and Board Presidents)-Must register
November 10, 2026-Frank Night Veteran's Day Assembly (9:45 am)
November 11, 2026- Legislative Committee Meeting -(9:00-10:30 am)-Zoom
November 11, 2026-Veterans Day-NO School
November 13 &14, 2026-HS Fall Play: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (7:30 pm) MA Auditorium
November 15, 2026-HS Fall Play: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (2:00 pm) MA Auditorium
November 19, 2026- BOE Meeting/Mynderse Academy Roundtable (6:00 pm)
November 30, 2026-Four County SBA General Membership Meeting with David Little, RSA (Club 86)
December 2, 2026- Concert: Gr. 5 & 6 Band & Chorus
December 9, 2026- NYSSBA 2027 Legislative and State Budget Preview Webinar (12:00 pm)
December 10, 2026-Concert: Gr. 7 & 8 Band & Chorus (7:00 pm) MA Auditorium
December 16, 2026-Concert: MA Band & Chorus (7:00 pm) MA Auditorium
December 17, 2026- BOE Meeting (6:00 pm)
December 22, 2026- 2nd Grade Show (1:30 pm)
December 23, 2026- FK Holiday Sing Along (1:30 pm)

Consent Agenda

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

SFEA

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

Name: Joseph Ferguson
Position: Teaching Assistant
Effective: the end of the day on 11/05/2026

Name: Joseph Ponzi
Position: Teaching Assistant
Effective: the end of the day on 11/30/2026

SFSSA

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

Name: Callie Lindsey
Position: Senior Typist
Effective: the end of the day on 12/23/2026

Name: Joseph Wiseman
Position: Bus Driver
Effective: the end of the day on 11/19/2026

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: Joseph Ferguson
Position: Social Studies Education Teacher
NYSED Certification: Social Studies 7-12 (Initial Certification)
Effective11/06/2026
Tenure: Social Studies
Probation: 11/06/2026 through 11/05/2030
Salary: $50,918.00 + Masters Stipend

2026-2027 Annual Appointment

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

Districtwide

Title IX Coordinator	Dr. Michelle Reed	No additional compensation

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School

MTSS Team Member	Rebecca Martello	$1,372.00

2026 Winter Coaches

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

Employee	Sport/Position	Stipend	Certification

Pat Prayne	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	$6,010.00	PCL Basketball Exp. 01/31/29
Devin Anderson	Varsity Boys Basketball- Paid Assist.	$2,000.00	Teacher
Charlie Foster	JV Boys Basketball Coach	$3,975.00	PCL Basketball *Pending*
Heidi Miller	Girls Basketball -Varsity Coach	$5,500.00	TCL 1st Renewal Exp. 01/31/27
Tony Ryrko	Girls Basketball -Varsity Paid Assistant	$2,000.00	TCL 1st Renewal Exp. 01/31/27
Ashley Leederman	Girls Basketball -Varsity NON-Paid Assistant	n/a	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Michael Miller	Girls Basketball -Varsity NON-Paid Assistant	n/a	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Charlie Luffman	Girls Basketball -JV Coach	$3,975.00	PCL Basketball Exp. 01/31/29
Nicholas Sciotti	Girls Basketball -JV NON-Paid Assistant	n/a	PCL Basketball *Pending*
Jessica Lambert	8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	$2,685.00	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Scott Redding	Varsity Indoor Track Coach	$4,785.00	Teacher
William Corwin	Varsity Indoor Track Paid Assist.	$2.000.00	Teacher
Adam Jones	Varsity Wrestling Coach	$5,500.00	Phys. Ed. Teacher

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: Erin Swarthout
Position: Teacher Aide
Effective: 11/06/2026
Probationary Period: 11/06/2026 through 11/05/2027
Hours/day: 6.0
Hourly Rate: $18.12

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: Christopher Smith
Substitute Position: Bus Driver
Effective: 11/06/2026

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
Larissa Keefer	Senior Typist	12/07/2026

CSE Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CSE Minutes: 10/14/26, 10/15/26 (1), 10/15/26 (2), 10/16/26, 10/19/26, 10/20/26, 10/26/26 (1), 10/26/26 (2), 10/27/26, 10/28/26 (1), 10/28/26 (2), 10/28/26 (3), 10/29/26

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:
First Presbyterian Church	$5,000.00	CM5	McKinney Vento Act Program (for student who are affected)

2026-2027-Transportation Requests

None at this time

Overnight Conference Requests/Field Trips

None at this time

Michael Mirras 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

None at this time

New Business

Policy 2nd Reading

Michael Mirras asked for a motion that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee and Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second and final reading of the of the following policies:

0100-Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
2120.2-Voting Procedures
4321.12-Timeout and Physical Restraint
5152-Admission of Non-Resident Students
5162-Student Dismissal Precautions
5420-Student Health Services
5500-Student Records
8113- Extreme Heat Condition Days
8130.1-Extreme Risk Protection Orders

Denise Lorenzetti made the motion, seconded by Luke Lorenzetti.

Yes	7	No	0	Abstain	0	Motion carried

Policy 1st Reading

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee and Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the first and only reading of the of the following policy:
5300.40 Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals

Anthony Ferrara made the motion, seconded by Matthew Lando.

Yes	7	No	0	Abstain	0	Motion carried

Budget Workshop

Reserve Fund Narrative

Executive Session

None at this time

Adjourn

Michael Mirras asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.
Matthew Lando made the motion, seconded by Denise Lorenzetti.

Yes	7	No	0	Abstain	0	Motion carried

Monica Kuney, District Clerk