

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

**7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
High School Library**

The meeting will be held in-person in the high school library and public can view the meeting live by visiting our website and clicking the link.

PUBLIC AGENDA

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM #3 Presentation(s)

- Safety Plan

ITEM #4 Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Board Operations/Relationships/Development
- B. Facilities and Transportation
- C. Technology
- D. Extra-Curricular Activities
- E. Curriculum and Instruction
- F. School Boards Institute (SBI)
- G. Audit/Finance Committee
- H. Policy Committee

ITEM #5 Superintendent's Report

- 5.1 Flu shot available to board members, Sauquoit Valley staff & residents on September 26, 2023.
- 5.2 Capital Project

ITEM #6 Old Business

ITEM #7 New Business

7.1 Appointment of Lead Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Noelle Arcuri as a lead teacher to Megan Kempney for the 2023-2024 academic year.

7.2 Appointment of Substitute Teacher Aide

Recommended Motion: to appoint Rachael Schmelcher as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective September 5, 2023 pending fingerprint clearance.

7.3 Appointment of Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Verona Deliu as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 5, 2023.

7.4 Appointment of Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Kayla Lauterbach as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 5, 2023.

7.5 Appointment of Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Asia Daiges as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 5, 2023.

7.6 Appointment of Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Ann Mackey as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 5, 2023.

7.7 Resignation

Recommended Motion: to accept the resignation of Gail Scarafile, school bus driver, effective August 8, 2023.

7.8 Resignation

Recommended Motion: to accept the resignation of Jessica Barsuch, teacher assistant effective August 31, 2023.

7.9 Appointment of Access Records Officer

Recommended Motion: that Marie Goodman be appointed as Access Records Officer for the 2023-24 school year.

7.10 Additional Athletic Appointments for Fall 2023-24

Recommended Motion: that the following people be appointed to fall athletic coaching positions for the 2023-24 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

SPORT	LEVEL		BOYS OR GIRLS	COACH NAME
Soccer	JV	Coach	Girls	Brittney Kuhn
Field Hockey	Varsity	Volunteer	Girls	Makenzie Martin

7.11 Sport Combination

Recommended Motion: to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and New Hartford Central School in the sport of girls gymnastics for the fall 2023 sport season.

7.12 Resolution – Parent Transportation Contract

Recommended Motion: **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Contract with Kim Anthony for the 2023-24 school year. The contract will allow Ms. Anthony to transport her daughter from the Utica Academy of Science located at 160 School Lane, Frankfort, NY 13340 to home each afternoon.

7.13 Appointment of Bus Driver

Recommended Motion: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Pablo Agosto Medina to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 5, 2023 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 5, 2023 and to expire March 5, 2024.

7.14 Appointment of Bus Driver

Recommended Motion: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Dariany Marte to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 5, 2023 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 5, 2023 and to expire March 5, 2024.

7.15 Appointment of Bus Driver

Recommended Motion: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Maureen LaPolla to the

position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 5, 2023 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 5, 2023 and to expire March 5, 2024.

7.16 Treasurer's Reports of Balances (July 31, 2023)

Recommended Motion: that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for July 31, 2023 be approved as presented.

7.17 Approval of Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Meeting

Recommended Motion: that the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting be approved.

7.18 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills Approved by the Claims Auditor

Recommended Motion: that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.

Motion to approve 7.1 - 7.18
made by _____, seconded by _____.
Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

ITEM #8 Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- “calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;”
- emphasized that “now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;”
- “[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;” and
- “[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- “Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media ‘almost constantly.’”
- “nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;”
- “in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;”

- “[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;”
- “[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel ‘addicted’ to a social media platform;”
- “[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;” and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use “depression among youth.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is “urgent that we take action.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, “[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that “a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media” and “there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media.”

WHEREAS, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the “School District”) has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.
 Adopted this day of _____, 2023

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____. Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.
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ITEM #9 Miscellaneous Topics

ITEM #10 Public to Be Heard (All Comments Limited to Five Minutes)

ITEM #11 Executive Session

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education go into executive session at _____ p.m. to discuss _____.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at ___ p.m.

ITEM #12 Adjournment

Recommended Motion: that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at _____ p.m.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS			
DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	EVENT
Tues. & Wed.	Sept. 5 & 6		Superintendent's Conference Day
Thurs.	Sept. 7		First Day of School
Mon.	Sept. 11	7:00p.m.	SV Foundation Meeting – HS Conference
Tues.	Sept. 12	7:00p.m.	Board of Education Meeting – HS Library

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**ADDENDUM TO AUGUST 22, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACTION & PUBLIC AGENDA**

ITEM #8 New Business

7.19 Appointment of Substitute Teacher Aide

Recommended Motion: to appoint Terrance Mielnick as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective September 5, 2023.

7.20 Additional Athletic Appointments for fall 2023-24

SPORT		BOYS OR GIRLS	COACH NAME
Football	Volunteer	Boys'	Ben Vanderpool
Football	Volunteer	Boys'	Austin Bullock

Motion to approve 7.1 - 7.20

made by _____, seconded by _____.

Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

Sauquoit Valley Central School District – Personnel Report School year 2023-2024

Board of Education Meeting: **8/22/23**

NAME	TENURE AREA/ CIVIL SRV. TITLE	ASSIGNMENT	CERTIFICATION	SALARY/RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	END OF PROBATIONARY APPT.
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The commencement dates of the appointments are "subject to the employees' obtaining all necessary clearances from the State Education Dept."

I. Appointment

Noelle Arcuri		Lead Teacher		\$500	Sept. 1, 2023	June 28, 2024
Rachael Schmelcher		Sub Teacher Aide			Sept. 5, 2023	
Verona Deliu	Student intern	Sub Teacher		\$100/day	Sept. 5, 2023	
Kayla Lauterbach	Student intern	Sub Teacher		\$100/day	Sept. 5, 2023	
Asia Daiges	Student intern	Sub Teacher		\$100/day	Sept. 5, 2023	
Ann Mackey		Sub Teacher		\$100/day	Sept. 5, 2023	
Pablo Agosto Medina		Bus Driver		Per contract	Sept. 5, 2023	
Dariany Marte		Bus Driver		Per contract	Sept. 5, 2023	
Maureen LaPolla		Bus Driver		Per contract	Sept. 5, 2023	
Marie Goodman		Access Records Officer		000	Sept. 1, 2023	

II. Leave

Gail Scarafile		Bus Driver			Aug. 8, 2023	Resigned
Jessica Barsuch		Teacher Assistant			Aug. 31, 2023	Resigned

III. Coaches

Brittney Kuhn	JV	Soccer	Girls		Sept. 5, 2023	
MaKenzie Martin	Varsity	Field Hockey	Girls	Volunteer	Sept. 5, 2023	

Teacher Key: "C" Certification Listed or "N" Uncertified

Teacher Assistant Key: "C" Certified Teacher Assistant, "CTA I" Certified Teaching Assistant Level I, "CTA II" Certified Teaching Assistant Level II, "CTA III" Certified Teaching Assistant Level III, "TAP" Pre-Professional

Coaches: "CPE" Certified Physical Education Teacher, "C" Certified Teacher, "TCL" Temporary Coaching License, "PCL" Professional Coaching License