

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Mark Evans, Lisa Frost (arrived 7:09 p.m.) and Dawn Miller

Members Absent: Jim Dever

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Charlie Cowen, Business Administrator  
Mark R. Putnam, Elementary School Principal  
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Presentations** - **Senior Class Trip (Michelle Babbie and Nicole Goodelle)** - Ms. Babbie and Ms. Goodelle, senior class advisors, presented the Board with the itinerary for the senior class trip to Ohio (Cleveland and Cedar Point Amusement Park) in June 2014. The cost would be \$319 per person assuming 40 students sign-up. **Transition Planning on the Special Education Population (Tracy Facchini and Sean Dwyer)** - Tracy Facchini, K-12 CSE/RTI Coordinator and Sean Dwyer, Special Education teacher, presented to the Board the work they have done in building transition plans for the special education population. They explained how they begin surveying parents and students in sixth grade on their career interests, academic attributes and self-awareness profiles. Every special education student has a binder to track and grow their transition plan.

**Public to Be Heard** - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and no one did so.

**Students to Be Heard** - Mrs. Overrocker asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. No students were present.

**Old Business** - **Field Drainage** - Mr. Wheelock stated progress is being made in getting the settlement agreement signed.

**Resolution No. 36** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini

- that Jennifer Zuroweste's request to extend her unpaid child care leave through March 28, 2014 be approved.

**Resolution No. 36 (Cont'd)**

- to appoint Kayla Shaut and Laura Pominville as per diem substitute teachers effective October 23, 2013.
- to appoint Bradley Preston as a substitute laborer effective October 23, 2013.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule 1, Paragraph 5, Part-Time Employment, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Joseph Handzel to the positions of substitute bus driver and substitute school bus attendant effective October 23, 2013.
- to approve the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to combine with the Herkimer Central School District wrestling team for the 2013-14 season.
- that for the 2013-14 snow removal season, BDR Trucking & Grading LLC be awarded the snow plowing contract at the district required areas at a contracted cost of \$4,500 for the 2013-14 winter season.
- to approve the senior class trip to Ohio (Cleveland and Cedar Point Amusement Park) from June 5-7 (Thursday-Saturday), 2014.
- BE IT RESOLVED that, Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools, Sauquoit Valley Central School District, be authorized to sign necessary documents to execute the transactions to convert shares of Actavis common stock into ordinary shares in Actavis plc as required. (Stock shares were donated by Emogene Sternberg and are held in the Scholarship Fund for the Clarence & Ruth Dibble Memorial Award).
- that the 2012-13 school audit be accepted as presented by the school auditors, Moore & Hart, together with the auditor's management letter and that both be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education, New York State Education Department and also to the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.
- that the minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- that the quarterly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Board of Education upon completion of its review of the IEP in accordance with Section 200.4(d)(2) of the Regulations of the Commissioner agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 170058, 1400297 and 102880 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for student numbered 1400268 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.



**Resolution No. 37** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the following donations as listed:

FROM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Sauquoit Valley PTO	Assist in funding of school resource officer	\$5,000
Sauquoit Valley PTO	Assist in funding of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to SUNY IT (ropes course)	\$800
Sauquoit Valley Foundation	Assist in funding of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to SUNY IT (ropes course)	\$800

Carried: Ayes 6.

**Miscellaneous Topics** - **Mr. Nicotera** commented on a recent letter to the editor regarding the Common Core learning standards and that local school Boards should take a stand against them. Mr. Nicotera sought clarification on the district's position in regards to the Common Core learning standards. Mr. Wheelock explained what the Common Core learning standards are; as well as, what the common modules are. He went on to share that we are obligated to provide instruction related to the Common Core learning standards as they are the building standards for what is expected of all students at their respective grade levels. Sauquoit Valley has adopted the Common Core modules as a resource to teachers to assist in teaching to the Common Core standards. Teachers can follow the modules as written or adapt them to their instructional practice so long as their instruction meets the rigor level of the modules.

**Mrs. Overrocker** thanked everyone for their e-mails and phone calls concerning her husband's health. Regarding the issue of safety equipment used by students, Mrs. Overrocker said she met with the athletic director regarding this matter.

**Public to Be Heard** - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Jackie Gaskell** asked when the district gets the settlement for the turf field, where will the money go. Mr. Wheelock stated that will be decided once the money is received.

**Resolution No. 38** made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education