

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Mark Evans, Lisa Frost and Dawn Miller

Members Absent: Kim Overrocker

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Charlie Cowen, Business Administrator  
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Nicotera.

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

**Public to Be Heard** - Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Mr. Mahar** informed the Board there was an article in Tuesday's Observer-Dispatch regarding a ranking of school districts in central New York State (36 total). Sauquoit Valley placed #6 on that list. Mr. Nicotera, on behalf of the Board of Education and community, thanked all staff for a job well done.

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

**Old Business - Field Drainage** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that the settlement agreement is being passed to the next party to be signed and the district should be receiving a check shortly.

**Resolution No. 31** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- to accept Henry Rieben's resignation as a school bus attendant effective September 11, 2013 in order to accept the position of bus driver.
- to grant Jacalyn Gaskell a leave of absence from her position as a bus driver effective October 9, 2013 and to be continuous through such time as her test results on the Bus Dispatcher Civil Service examination are known.
- to appoint Emily Bonomo as a regular substitute teacher (Mathematics/High School) effective on or about October 15, 2013 (pending commencement of Trisha Moore's actual maternity leave) to November 26, 2013.

**Resolution No. 31 (Cont'd)**

- to appoint Jacalyn Gaskell to the position of Bus Dispatcher, provisional, effective October 9, 2013 and to be continuous through such time as her test results on the Bus Dispatcher Civil Service examination are known.
- 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 of Schools, does hereby appoint Rebecca Taylor to the part-time position of school bus attendant contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective October 9, 2013 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on October 9, 2013 and to expire on May 7, 2014.
- to appoint Liane Berardino, Anthony Gorea, Brittany Reynolds, Erin Zalewski, Sarah Cifonelli, Michael Palmisano and Michael Vivacqua as per diem substitute teachers effective October 9, 2013.
- to appoint Isabelle Malysa as a substitute teacher aide effective October 9, 2013.
- to appoint Paul Lowell as a substitute laborer effective October 9, 2013.
- to appoint Mary Clare Reitz as a Masters of Social Work intern from SUNY Albany effective October 9, 2013.
- that the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting be approved.
- 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 103079, 102979, 1400406, 1400404, 131047, 1400346 and 130033 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

**Resolution No. 32** made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Miller, to create two new school bus attendant positions. Carried: Ayes 6.

**Resolution No. 33** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the district treasurer be authorized to make inter-appropriation fund transfers in the total amount of \$21,198.00 for the 2012-13 school year. Carried: Ayes 6.

**Miscellaneous Topics** - Mr. Bottini asked the Board to think about how they would like him to proceed with writing articles and speaking out at meetings as in the past there have been concerns with him doing so. He also talked about the pronunciation of the word Kindergarten and the blueberry story which is a story about teachers running schools like a business. He will email information to the Board regarding these two items. Mr. Nicotera inquired about the activities for Red & White Weekend. Mr. Mahar said there have been spirit days, a bon fire is planned for Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a pep rally 10<sup>th</sup> period on Friday, the homecoming game is Friday night against Cooperstown and Saturday night a dance is scheduled from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. No fireworks are planned.

**Miscellaneous Topics (Cont'd)** - On behalf of Mrs. Overrocker, **Mr. Wheelock** brought up the subject of how safe is the equipment we provide for our student athletes. He stated we cannot guarantee any football helmet will stop a concussion. All of our helmets are National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) approved and have to be sent out every year for recertification. **Mr. Nicotera** congratulated Jackie Gaskell on her appointment as a bus dispatcher.

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

**Resolution No. 34** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Frost, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Carried: Ayes 6.

The executive session was declared over by the Board Vice President at 8:29 p.m.

**Resolution No. 35** made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education