

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker, President

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Mark Evans,
Lisa Frost, Dawn Miller and Marc Ritter

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Wendy Stillman, Business Manager
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Marina Latella** asked the Board to consider posting signage on all school grounds that pets are not allowed on school property as her son was bitten in the face by a dog while on school grounds. Mr. Wheelock contacted the Madison-Oneida BOCES Labor Relations Office to see if other schools in the area had a policy regarding pets on school property and none did. The district's Policy Committee will meet to discuss this issue and provide direction to the Board. An article will also be placed in the next issue of the *News & Views* regarding no pets on school grounds.

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

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - Policy Committee - Mr. Wheelock will set up a meeting to discuss the issue of no pets allowed on school grounds and invite Steve Parker, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, to the meeting.

Superintendent's Report - Board of Education Members Awarding Diplomas - Mr. Wheelock asked the Board members if they wished to hand out any diplomas to those graduating. **2013-14 Board of Education Meeting Calendar** - The Board was given a draft calendar of Board meetings for the next school year. This will be placed on the June 18, 2013 Board agenda for approval. **History of Budget Votes** - Mr. Wheelock provided the Board with a history of the tallies from budget votes from December 1984 to May 2013. **Luminary Ceremony** - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the Relay for Life Luminary Ceremony on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Those participating should arrive at 8:45 p.m. **Incident at the High School** - Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board an incident that occurred Sunday, June 2, 2013 regarding vandalism in the high school. Several students entered the high school and proceeded to super glue doors and door locks, some lockers were spray painted, as were some skylights.

Superintendent's Report (Cont'd) - Incident at the High School (Cont'd) - Four New Hartford Police Department investigators began questioning students on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 as the district is pursuing charges. Discussion took place regarding greater security measures; as well as, potential consequences. Dr. Ritter stated that those who entered the building should not attend the senior trip, senior picnic or graduation and they should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law including restitution. Mr. Bottini stated we have an obligation to teach and that this activity is beyond a prank. Mr. Nicotera felt an in-house investigation would get more information as kids are told not to give a statement to law enforcement and that there is more leverage internally. Mr. Evans felt students should have the opportunity to come forward and admit their mistakes. Mrs. Frost stressed honesty and that these students have to understand they did wrong.

Resolution No. 89 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Frost, we as a Board support addressing the break-in and vandalism that occurred at the high school on Sunday, June 2, 2013 in a very proper and thorough manner and support the Superintendent. Carried: Ayes 7.

Old Business - Field Drainage - Kimberly Steele, attorney for the district, asked for a letter from the district stating the Board of Education gives permission to move forward with the settlement agreement.

Resolution No. 90 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- that Beth Ann Nora's request for an unpaid child care leave to commence on or about September 17, 2013 and be continuous through January 5, 2014 be approved.
- to appoint Kellie Ball and Allison Rogowski as per diem substitute teachers effective June 5, 2013.
- to appoint Patrick Inserra as a substitute laborer effective June 5, 2013.
- to establish the following paid holiday schedule for 2013-14 for 12 month employees as per the school related professionals contract: July 4; September 2; October 14; November 11, 28 and 29; December 24, 25 and 31; January 1 and 20; February 17; April 18 and May 26.
- to approve the contract between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Slocum-Dickson Medical Group for athletic trainer coverage for the 2013-14 school year.
- that the minutes of the May 21, 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 103025, 102774, 103227, 301798, 102675, 102764, 102674, 102852, 102587, 400854 and 400785 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 103267, 103268, 103302, 103303, 103130 and 1400259 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 91 made by Dr. Ritter, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that Tiffany Lupia's request to extend her unpaid child care leave through January 5, 2014 be approved. Carried: Ayes 6 (A. Nicotera was not present for the vote).

Resolution No. 92 made by Dr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Bottini, to adopt the following resolution:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Sauquoit, New York, on the 4th day of June, 2013:

PRESENT: Joseph Bottini, Mark Evans, Lisa Frost, Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera,
Kim Overrocker and Marc Ritter

ABSENT: None

Dr. Ritter presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mr. Bottini:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 4, 2013 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 21, 2013, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$245,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The specific objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") are the acquisition of one (1) 60-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$112,000 and two (2) 29-passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$133,000.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$245,000, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor, (b) the Sauquoit Valley Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

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Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$245,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mr. Nicotera** asked to have something sent to Marina Latella's son on behalf of the district regarding the dog bite incident. **Mr. Bottini** commented on some articles he read in a New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) magazine. On Saturday, June 8, 2013 there is a rally in Albany, New York to speak your peace. He talked about resolutions that Boards of Education are approving concerning standardized testing. He feels school Boards and communities should make their positions known in Albany. **Mrs. Miller** attended the Fireworks Over Sauquoit and said it was a really nice time.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Mr. Madden** said middle school students are talking about the vandalism at the high school and everyone is waiting to see what happens. Also, we will lose funding on our math 8 cohort due to less than 95% of students taking the state math test.

Resolution No. 93 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:20 p.m.

Resolution No. 94 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education