

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Special

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker, President

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

Members Absent: Marc Ritter

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Wendy Stillman, Business Manager  
Mark R. Putnam, Elementary School Principal  
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal  
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff and Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

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

**Budget Discussions** - **Mr. Wheelock** began the budget discussion with a recap of the budget development process. He explained state aid (Foundation, BOCES and Building), Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and the 2% tax levy limit. Information was shared on how the budget was developed and the cuts in spending that were enacted to produce a budget to be presented to the Board for adoption. Mr. Wheelock also shared how much fund balance (\$817,000) was used and how much that leaves us going forward (2.8%). Further discussion emphasized areas and/or programs that were cut or reduced; as well as, positions that were considered for elimination. **Laura Nelson** spoke on behalf of a group of concerned parents regarding a music position being eliminated. They strongly oppose the elimination of the position and cannot support a budget that does so. They also asked for a long term commitment from the district for the music program. **Mr. Wheelock** stated he wasn't going to make a long term plan just for music. A long term plan would be for the whole district and would benefit all students. **Daniel Buckingham** spoke regarding arts in education and the music program. He emphasized the importance that music and cultural things play in attracting families to the area. **Mr. Bottini** encouraged community members to talk to their legislators and share what effects merely teaching to the mandates can have on districts. **Josh Overrocker** stated he didn't think the programs were going to go away in the next two years. He emphasized that certain music programs are still in the budget and that a music position is being considered to be eliminated. **Jason Powles** strongly requested the district look at other areas before cutting music. Parents are upset that the music program is looked at being cut year after year after year. He stated all programs are important and we want well-rounded students. **Tammy Purrington** said the middle school is at the bare bones, there are a lot of people working hard to cover the losses and we are all feeling the cuts. **Mr. Nicotera** stated by using the fund balance to close the gap on the 2013-14 budget, we are cutting into next years budget and these same positions will be discussed again next year.

**Budget Discussions (Cont'd)** - David Overrocker said the Board has a very tough job. We need help from parents and for parents to get involved. Mrs. Overrocker spoke about her family's involvement in both music and sports. She thanked everybody for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to get involved. Mrs. Frost said the Board has worked out a very sound budget and thanked Mr. Wheelock and Mrs. Stillman for their efforts. Mr. Nicotera commended Melissa Weaver for accepting the Math position at the high school as it saved other peoples jobs and programs.

**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. There were students present.

**Superintendent's Report - Announce Board of Education Candidates - Draw for Ballot Order** - The results of the draw for ballot order for placement of the candidates names on the ballot were Jim Dever and Kim S. Overrocker.

**Resolution No. 77** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- to put before the voters on May 21, 2013 the budget for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$18,881,304 and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said district to be levied and collected as required by law. Carried: Ayes 6.

**Resolution No. 78** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Frost, WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature adopted a 2013-2014 state budget that includes state aid to school districts. Therefore, this report to the state is completed with the Board of Education's best information as of today.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following property tax report card as presented to the Board by the Business Manager.

2013-14 Property Tax Report Card	
Sauquoit Valley Central School	
Contact Person:	Wendy Stillman
Telephone Number	(315) 839-6313



**Resolution No. 78 (Cont'd)**

	Budgeted 2012-13 (A)	Proposed Budget 2013-14 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	18,508,539	18,881,304	2.01%
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Tax Levy to Support Library Debt <sup>1</sup>	6,584,301	6,858,559	4.17%
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	36,005	147,722	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	6,548,296	6,710,837	
School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>2</sup>	6,548,296	6,710,837	
Difference (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	0	0	
Public School Enrollment	1,078	1,047	-2.88%
Consumer Price Index			2.1%

<sup>1</sup>All proposed levies should exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup>For 2013-14, includes any carryover from 2012-13 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2012-13 (D)	Estimated 2013-14 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	34,706	24,850
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	984,682	817,183
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	804,390	542,563
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.35%	2.87%

Carried: Ayes 6.

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

**Resolution No. 79** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education