

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker, President

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

Members Absent: None

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/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. **Karen Asker** shared her concern regarding the removal of the girls varsity basketball coach for the 2014 season. She feels the girls will not grow under her leadership and provided the Board with a letter stating her concern. Mrs. Overrocker informed her the Board would read her letter and get some direction from Mr. Wheelock.

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

Superintendent's Report - School Boards Institute (SBI) Legal Issues Workshop - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that SBI is holding a legal issues workshop on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. **Oneida BOCES Annual Dinner Meeting** - He also notified them of the annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Oneida BOCES. **New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA)** - Tim Kremer, Executive Director, NYSSBA met with Mr. Wheelock on Monday, February 25, 2013 to share what they can offer to school districts and to reach out to get Sauquoit Valley Central School back as a member of NYSSBA. After some discussion, the Board agreed to have NYSSBA present at a Board meeting to see what they can offer the district since the decision to not be a member of NYSSBA was made when most of the current members were not on the Board.

Old Business - Field Drainage - Mr. Wheelock stated the details of the settlement are being worked out.

Resolution No. 60 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- resolve to approve the retirement of Martha Homer as an elementary teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2013.

Resolution No. 60 (Cont'd)

- resolve to approve the retirement of Nancy Vitullo as a secondary mathematics teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2013.
- to appoint Jeremy West as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 27, 2013.
- that the minutes of the February 5, 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 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 103003, 1400113, 103206, 103025, 100699, 102875, 103139 and 103234 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.
- to appoint Anthony Rotundo as junior varsity baseball coach for the 2012-13 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mr. Bottini talked about a CPR course for students, Governor Cuomo's budget plan (limiting public employee benefits), the outstanding job on the musical and the program booklet for such, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), the use of the Indian nickname and an article written by a teachers union about a pension smoothing proposal. Mr. Nicotera commended everyone who was involved in the musical. They did a fantastic job. He commented that the outside message boards are current and a person from a neighboring district was impressed with how well the grounds are plowed. Dr. Ritter commented on a recent article he read about out-of-school suspensions and how they are counterproductive to the educational mission. Mr. Bottini will send Mr. Wheelock alternatives to out-of-school suspensions.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. David Shove, Music teacher, asked about CPR and defibrillator training on a regular basis. Mrs. Stillman stated the district safety committee will discuss this issue at their meeting next week.

Resolution No. 61 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:48 p.m.

Resolution No. 62 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education