

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

Others Present: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation - Student Parking Policy (Zane Mahar) - Mr. Mahar distributed to the Board the revised application for students to drive to school and park on school grounds. He reviewed the changes to the application. He thanked Mrs. Overrocker and the shared decision making committee for their time and input on the parking policy. The Board also thanked Mr. Mahar and the committee for their review of the application.

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.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - School Boards Institute (SBI) - Mrs. Frost said there is an SBI dinner meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

Superintendent's Report - Opening Day Information - Mr. Wheelock provided the Board with a copy of the welcome back letter that was sent to staff regarding opening day activities.
New Staff/Newly Tenured Teacher Reception - The reception will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. **Tobacco and Nicotine Use Policy** - Mr. Wheelock e-mailed the policy to the Board for their review. If the Board is in agreement, the policy will be adopted at the next Board meeting. Mr. Nicotera asked if there was a designated smoking area on school grounds and Mrs. Frost asked if faculty are abiding by this policy. Mr. Wheelock shared that there are no designated smoking areas on school grounds and that all staff are expected to adhere to the policy as well.

Old Business - Field Drainage - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that the turf was ripped open and repaired by a subcontractor of A-Turf.

Resolution No. 12 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- to appoint Constance Stayton as a long-term substitute teacher assistant (middle school) effective September 2, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year.
- to appoint Beth Ann Nora as a mentor/teacher and Tim Koren as a lead teacher for the 2014-15 school year.
- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular positions for the 2014-15 school year.

NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Joe Corleto	Technology Club (Middle School)
Ryan Miller	Yearbook Advisor (High School)
Chris Kisiel	Yearbook (Middle School)

- to appoint JoAnn Falcone as varsity cheerleading co-coach, Todd Martin as boys assistant junior high football coach, Scott Prichard as assistant cross country coach and Scott Smith as girls varsity tennis coach for the 2014-15 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport.
- to appoint Devin Clive and John Del Buono as volunteers assisting a coach in girls varsity soccer for the 2014-15 season pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to appoint Jerry Corigliano as a volunteer assisting a coach in football for the 2014-15 season pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to appoint Melissa Bailey as a volunteer assisting a coach in girls varsity field hockey for the 2014-15 season pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to adopt the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan, as presented, for classroom teachers who will be covered by the annual professional performance review provisions of Chapter 103 of the Laws of 2010 during the 2014-15 school year.
- that the tax rates for the 2014-15 school year be set as follows:

Paris	\$19.365157
New Hartford	\$22.782393
Frankfort	\$27.664334
Litchfield	\$21.758465
Marshall	\$28.477991
Kirkland	\$30.738149
Bridgewater	\$21.397828

Resolution No. 12 (Cont'd)

- that the minutes of the July 29, 2014 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 1400281 and 1400442 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- that Carissa Hajdasz be appointed as freshman class advisor for the 2014-15 school year.
- to appoint Andrew Allaire as boys junior high soccer coach for the 2014-15 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 13 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Frost, resolve to approve the retirement of Stanley Coffin as a custodian, with regret, effective October 31, 2014.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 14 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Frost,

- to appoint Alyssa Christ as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2014.
- to appoint Dawn Furner as a substitute teacher aide effective September 4, 2014.
- to appoint Selden Przelomiec as a Master of Social Work intern from SUNY Albany effective September 15, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year.
- to appoint Jennifer Fitzgerald as a Child Life/Child Development intern from Utica College effective September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 15 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Miller, to approve the agreements between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Small Blessings Preschool for the 2014-2015 school year. Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mr. Bottini** was negligent during normal agenda item voting and requests the record display his opposition to item 9.8 (Adoption of Annual Professional Performance Review Plan) in its full category. **Mr. Nicotera** asked Mr. Cowen how to interpret the tax rates for each township within the district.

Miscellaneous Topics (Cont'd) - Mr. Cowen explained that the tax rates for each township are determined based on three factors: 1) the tax levy as established by the school district during budget development, 2) changes in assessments determined by the local assessors (potentially dependent on re-valuations and/or development in the township) and 3) equalization rates which are established by the State. The purpose of equalization rates is to bring all townships to the same platform when determining the allocation of the tax levy among townships within the school district.

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

Resolution No. 16 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:37 p.m.

Resolution No. 17 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education