

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Lisa Frost and Dawn Miller (arrived 7:56 p.m.)

Members Absent: Mark Evans

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator
Mark R. Putnam, Elementary School Principal
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.

Presentation - Music Awards (Music Department) - Mr. David Shove, Music teacher, presented certificates to students to recognize them for their achievements in music events outside of school. Mr. Shove thanked the students, parents and the Board of Education.

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 presented Mrs. Overrocker with a certificate of achievement from SBI for going above and beyond. She also attended the SBI executive committee meeting held recently where they discussed the benefits of being a New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) member. Mrs. Frost said NYSSBA is looking into SBI representatives being non-school Board members.

Superintendent's Report - 2014-15 Board of Education Meeting Calendar (Draft) - Mr. Wheelock provided the Board with a draft meeting calendar for the 2014-15 school year. Since the Board is in agreement with the calendar, it will be approved at the Tuesday, June 24, 2014 Board meeting. **History of Budget Votes** - Mr. Cowen distributed to the Board a history of the budget/bus votes from December 1984 to May 2014.

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

- that Nicole Hobaica's request for a leave of absence for the purpose of becoming a long-term substitute teacher for the 2014-15 school year be approved.

Resolution No. 90 (Cont'd)

- to appoint Darlene Hutchinson to the position of teacher in the elementary tenure area for a probationary period of three years to commence September 1, 2014 and to expire September 1, 2017.
- to appoint Nicole Hobaica as a long-term substitute teacher (Social Studies/high school) effective September 2, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year.
- 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 Richard Williams to the position of part-time bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective June 11, 2014 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence June 11, 2014 and to expire March 4, 2015.
- 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 Nancy Chynoweth to the part-time position of school bus attendant contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective June 11, 2014 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on June 11, 2014 and to expire on March 4, 2015.
- that the Board of Education award a 2014 summer sabbatical in the amount of \$1,000 to Ryan Miller.
- to appoint Heather Meenan as a per diem substitute teacher effective June 11, 2014.
- to establish the following paid holiday schedule for 2014-15 for 12 month employees as per the school related professionals contract: July 4; September 1; October 13; November 11, 27 and 28; December 24, 25 and 31; January 1 and 19; February 16; April 3 and May 25.
- to approve the lease agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and The Kelberman Center, Inc. for the period June 23, 2014 to August 8, 2014.
- to approve the lease agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. for the period September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2014-15 school year.
- to approve the following resolution: that Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools, Sauquoit Valley Central School District, be authorized to execute a letter of instruction to sell the shares of Actavis plc, held by the school district under the name Sauquoit Valley School Ruth & Clarence Dibble Fund, Sternberg Memorial Scholarship. This authorization is to sell the entire 860 shares currently held by the school district.

Resolution No. 90 (Cont'd)

- to accept the bids for surplus equipment as listed below per the agreement with Auctions International, Inc.

BIDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH ON-LINE AUCTION		
Item #1	Milling Machine	\$2,175.00
Item #2	Scroll Saw and Wood Shaper	\$440.00
Item #3	Metal Lathe	\$1,275.00
Item #4	Arc Welding Machine	\$610.00
Item #5	Jig Saws, Drill Press, Sander and Cabinet	\$92.50
Item #6	Belt Sander, Radial Arm Saw and Wood Chop Saw	\$410.00
Item #7	Sand Blaster, Shop Tables and Bearing Press	\$155.00
Item #8	Foundry Equipment	\$1,025.00
Item #9	Welding Table, Vises and Anvil	\$70.00
Item #10	Dust-Cat	\$115.00
Item #11	Wood Lathe	\$120.00
Item #12	AV Cabinets, Horticulture Cabinet, Table and Cart	\$39.00
Item #13	Metal Shelving	\$12.00
Item #14	Assorted Electric Motors	\$220.00
Item #15	Barrel Carts	\$62.50
Item #16	2001 Ford E350 Girardin Mini Bus	\$1,075.00
Item #17	Genie Lift	\$210.00
Item #18	Barn Fan, Flag Pole and Discus Posts	\$57.50
Item #19	Track & Amp, Field Mats and Wrestling Mats	\$155.00
Item #20	Rack of Glass Panes	\$57.50

- 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 10th day of June, 2014:

PRESENT: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Lisa Frost and Dawn Miller (arrived 7:56 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mark Evans

Mr. Nicotera presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mrs. Frost:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 10, 2014 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.

Resolution No. 90 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 20, 2014, 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 \$340,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of specific objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$340,000.

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 \$340,000, 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.

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 \$340,000, 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 anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Resolution No. 90 (Cont'd)

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.

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

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Resolution No. 90 (Cont'd)

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts and Madison-Oneida BOCES during the 2014-2015 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of school supplies and school lunch commodities (the "Commodities"); and

WHEREAS, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District ("the School District") is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed an agreement governing its rights and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of the Commodities ("the Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education wishes to appoint a district administrator as a member of a BOCES-wide committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to this Board of Education and making recommendations thereof, all in accordance with the Board of Education's powers under relevant law and pursuant to the terms of the Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the Superintendent of Schools to represent it in all matters related above (the "Committee"); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, the Board of Education agrees (1) to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding; (2) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) to award bid item purchases according to the recommendations of the committee, unless all bids are rejected; and (4) to negotiate directly with the successful bidder(s) after the awarding of contract(s).

- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to use Roundup to manage the weeds growing through the brick walkway leading up to the stadium. Doing so will prevent any potential safety hazards if this weed growth is not contained at this time.
- that the minutes of the May 20, 2014 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 102979, 102956, 103197, 103227, 103092, 102774, 102809, 1400229, 102755, 102841, 102624, 102589, 102552, 102989, 102852, 1400264, 252222, 102587, 103056, 016710 and 103217 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400435 and 1400269 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 5.

Mr. Wheelock introduced Darlene Hutchinson to the Board. He said she has done a wonderful job, has substituted for us many times in various grade levels and it is a great pleasure to welcome her aboard.

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mr. Bottini** shared an email he received about a teacher dressing as a woman following a sex change operation and the legality of such using the appropriate restroom. He questioned non-discrimination laws position on allowing someone who wishes to be recognized by a gender other than their natural born gender to use a restroom in accordance with their desired gender. To our knowledge, the courts have sided with allowing one to use a restroom of their desired gender. Mr. Bottini shared with the Board segments of a draft prank policy. He will email the full version to the Board for their review. Lastly, Mr. Bottini commented on how well done the BOCES annual dinner was. He applauded the preparation for the evening and the various presentations he attended. In the area of Common Core, Mr. Bottini was happy to see efforts being made to incorporate an alternative pathway to graduation through Career and Technical Education. **Mr. Nicotera** expressed some concern with the town planning board in their recent refusal of a United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) proposal to enhance programs at their site on King Road. Mr. Wheelock asked to meet with Mr. Nicotera and members of UCP to better understand what enhancements were suggested and the rationale for refusal.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and four people did so. **Mr. Cowen** told the Board the athletic director had received some donations to purchase a five man football sled and he was seeking the Board's permission to place the order for the sled prior to their formal approval at the June 24, 2014 Board meeting. The Board approved placing the order for the sled. **Mr. Madden** suggested moving the music awards presentation to a bigger room in the future. **Nancy Waldeck**, Grade 4 teacher, stated Darlene Hutchinson is a great, great choice and welcomed her aboard. **Mr. Nicotera** commended Mr. Putnam and Mr. Madden on the staff kickball game. Mr. Putnam said the community was invited and the proceeds from the event went to the Relay for Life. This is an event that Lindsay Kidder, Physical Education teacher, started last year.

Resolution No. 91 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education