

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Mark Evans (arrived 7:06 p.m.), Lisa Frost and Dawn Miller

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Charlie Cowen, Business Administrator  
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 7:02 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 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) Legal Issues Workshop** - Mr. Wheelock said he will be attending the legal issues workshop on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel.

**Superintendent's Report - Budget Process** - Mr. Wheelock canvassed the Board for their thoughts on the budget process due to a new business administrator. Mrs. Frost requested account codes for the line items. Mr. Cowen will hand this out at the next meeting. **Architect Meeting** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that he, Mr. Cowen and Steve Parker, Director of Facilities III, met with Ashley McGraw Architects on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 to discuss fixing the turf field. The plan is to get A-Turf on schedule to do the repairs this summer. Other topics discussed were restroom facilities on the athletic field and the water issues in the high school building.

**Resolution No. 66** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- to appoint Gabriella Couchman as a regular substitute teacher (Home Economics) effective on or about March 24, 2014 (pending commencement of Melanie Carangelo's actual maternity leave) to May 23, 2014.
- to appoint Carmella Rice and Jennifer Musch as per diem substitute teachers effective March 12, 2014.
- to appoint Tom Bronk as junior high softball coach for the 2013-14 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- that the minutes of the February 25, 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 103025, 103169, 1400135, 103263, 016131, 1400434, 130029, 150027, 102686, 102637, 102852 and 102674 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for student numbered 1400421 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

**Resolution No. 67** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, resolve to approve the retirement of Elizabeth Mathy as an Office Specialist I, with regret, effective June 30, 2014.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Mr. Wheelock congratulated Mrs. Mathy on her retirement and thanked her for her dedicated service to the district. Mrs. Overrocker thanked Mrs. Mathy very much for helping her out when her children started school. Mr. Putnam also congratulated Mrs. Mathy and stated she knows everybody, is hard working and goes above and beyond what is required of her.

**Resolution No. 68** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bottini, to adopt the 185 day calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by the Superintendents of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties. Carried: Ayes 7.

**Resolution No. 69** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

**Resolution No. 69 (Cont'd)**

## PROPOSITION #1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$340,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses and vehicles at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$340,000. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.
3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

AYES      NAYS

Carried: Ayes 7.

**Miscellaneous Topics** - Mr. Bottini shared information regarding other states fighting Common Core, concussion policy for students and Board/Superintendent relationships. Mrs. Overrocker had a concern regarding the steps coming into the high school building as they are falling apart. Mr. Mahar stated Mr. Parker has been notified of this.

**Public to Be Heard** - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and two people did so. Jim Henck spoke regarding Common Core and how it is affecting his children in a negative way and the sharing of student data with a private company. He asked the Board to take a public stand on Common Core and thanked them for their time. Mr. Bottini said he brought both of those topics up at a previous meeting and it would be nice if the Board could pass a resolution regarding their stand on Common Core. Jackie Gaskell asked if we would need the additional Math teacher if we went back to regular algebra and not Common Core. Mr. Wheelock responded probably not.

**Resolution No. 70** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:51 p.m.

**Resolution No. 71** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education