

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 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  
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 7:15 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

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

**Presentations - Physical Education Plan (Physical Education Department)** - The Physical Education Department (Brett Cardillo, Frank Curriere, Lindsay Kidder, Darleen Philpotts, Courtney Roberts and Scott Smith) was present to review with the Board what information went into the Physical Education Plan as required by the State Education Department. **Certificate of Recognition** - Mrs. Overrocker, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented Lindsay Kidder with a certificate for being recognized as the 2012-2013 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance of the Central North Zone.

**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.

**Superintendent's Report - School Boards Institute (SBI) Legal Issues Workshop** - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the legal issues workshop being held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. **Oneida BOCES Annual Dinner Meeting** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that the Oneida BOCES annual dinner meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. (registration) at Oneida BOCES.

**Resolution No. 62** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- to accept Talia DeFazio's resignation as a regular substitute teacher (Kindergarten), with regret, effective February 18, 2014.

**Resolution No. 62 (Cont'd)**

- to appoint Amanda Flisnik as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 26, 2014 and as a regular substitute teacher (Kindergarten) effective on or about February 24, 2014 (pending commencement of Jessica Rey's actual maternity leave) to June 30, 2014.
- to appoint Ryan Bliss as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 26, 2014.
- to approve the Physical Education Plan as presented on February 25, 2014.
- to nominate John A. Griffin, 9282 Paris Hill Road, Sauquoit, NY 13456, to serve on the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Cooperative Board for a three year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Mr. John Griffin, Sauquoit Valley Central School District.
- that the minutes of the February 11, 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 1400416 and 1400432 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

**Resolution No. 63** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Frost, resolve to approve the retirement of Lynn Stephan as an elementary teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2014.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Mr. Wheelock commented that Ms. Stephan will be greatly missed and thanked her for her years of service. He also said the district is losing an outstanding educator. Mr. Nicotera said Ms. Stephan is an example of an outstanding teacher. Mr. Putnam echoed what Mr. Wheelock had to say and said Ms. Stephan always welcomed criticism and suggestions.

**Resolution No. 64** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that Melanie Carangelo's request for an unpaid child care leave to commence on May 5, 2014 and be continuous through May 23, 2014 be approved. Carried: Ayes 7.

**Miscellaneous Topics** - **Mr. Bottini** expressed his opinion on students becoming college and career ready and concerns with Common Core. He does not support either of these. **Mr. Dever** also expressed his opinion on being college and career ready and Common Core. He asked, as a Board, do we have a responsibility to reflect back to the state on how this impacts Sauquoit Valley. At a future meeting discuss what they can do as a group and perhaps prepare a resolution to send to the state. **Mrs. Frost** asked if we can stop student data from being sent to inBloom. Mr. Wheelock's response was that for one year we would be obligated to utilize inBloom in sharing student data for state and federal education purposes.

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

**Resolution No. 65** made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education