

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 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 7:05 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 - Curriculum and Instruction - Mr. Wheelock thanked the Curriculum and Instruction Sub-Committee for their time in discussing substitute teacher pay rates. **Audit Committee** - Mr. Cowen informed the Board that every five years a request for proposal has to be sent out to auditors and that this needs to be done between now and the end of April. He will send a request for proposal to The Bonadio Group, D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP and Moore & Hart.

Superintendent's Report - Physical Education Plan (First Read) - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board he will email them the Physical Education Plan for their review. The Physical Education Department will present their plan to the Board at the February 25, 2014 Board meeting. **SBI Distinguished Service Awards** - Mr. Wheelock let the Board know if they have any nomination(s) for the Distinguished Service Award that they have to be submitted by Thursday, March 6, 2014. **SBI Legal Issues Workshop** - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the SBI Legal Issues Workshop on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. **Veteran School Tax Exemption** - Mr. Wheelock stated there is nothing new to report. If the Board is going to proceed with a school tax exemption for veterans, this will have to be acted on at the February 25, 2014 Board meeting as approval is needed by March 1, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year.

Resolution No. 58 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Frost,

- to appoint Brittany Fisher, Karri Tibbitts, Heather Matthews and Brianne Slatton as per diem substitute teachers effective February 12, 2014.
- to appoint Karri Tibbitts as a substitute teacher aide effective February 12, 2014.
- to appoint Nancy Chynoweth as junior high girls track coach for the 2013-14 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to appoint Donald (Eric) Bullock, Allan Lallier and Douglas Owen as volunteers assisting a coach in boys baseball for the 2013-14 season pending completion of adult basic CPR.
- to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

APPOINTED OFFICIALS					
Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hours/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (Based on Record of Activities)
Census Enumerator	Brenda Kuhn	8	7/1/13- 6/30/14	N	1.65
District Clerk	Laurie Kloster	8	7/1/13 - 6/30/14	N	3.12

- that the minutes of the January 21, 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 103195, 103003, 102885, 1400068, 400891, 1400210, 180061, 1400294, 1400366, 102512, 1400346, 102589, 102468, 102674, 103234, 400850 and 170027 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 103286, 1400421, 1400435 and 1400433 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 59 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bottini, resolve to approve the retirement of Donald Pierno as a secondary Science teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2014. Carried: Ayes 7.

Mr. Wheelock commented that Mr. Pierno always acted in a very professional manner and understood his subject area well. Mr. Mahar also stated he is a remarkable Science teacher, cares about the students and that he will be sorely missed.

Resolution No. 60 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Miller, to increase the substitute teacher pay rates from \$50 for uncertified, \$60 for Bachelor's and \$70 for certified to \$70 for uncertified and \$80 for certified effective February 12, 2014. Carried: Ayes 6 (J. Dever, M. Evans, L. Frost, D. Miller, A. Nicotera and K. Overrocker); Nays 1 (J. Bottini).

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mrs. Frost** complimented the Music Department on the play, *Beauty and the Beast*. **David Shove**, Music teacher, spoke regarding seating issues at Saturday nights performance of the play as people were sitting in the aisles and the balcony. Mr. Wheelock said this concern will be addressed prior to next years production of a play. **Mr. Bottini** spoke regarding bringing Project Purple to Sauquoit Valley Central School. It is a program to help families with alcohol and drug addiction. Mr. Mahar stated we are looking into this through Insight House. Paul Vitagliano, Prevention & Training Director at Insight House, is putting together a grant to bring Project Purple to the area. Mrs. Overrocker will also check on Project Purple as she thinks they are coming to Mohawk Valley Community College. **Mrs. Overrocker** commented on how well our middle school Math Counts Team, facilitated by Diane Lindberg, Math teacher, did at their recent competition. The team qualified for the state competition this spring.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and two people did so. **Bruce Gunther** thanked the Board, on behalf of the substitutes, for increasing the substitute teacher pay rates. **Peter Madden** commended everyone for their part in the production of *Beauty and the Beast*. He also added that a renovated auditorium would be a fantastic addition to this district.

Resolution No. 61 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education