

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 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
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 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 one person did so. David Shove, Music teacher, reminded everyone of the Drama Club's presentation of *Beauty and the Beast* on February 6-8 (Thursday-Saturday), 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Students to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. One student was present. Mr. Wheelock introduced and welcomed Aayush Gosrani our foreign exchange student from India.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - School Boards Institute (SBI) - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the general membership dinner meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Oneida BOCES. A legislative forum will be held. Attending are Mrs. Overrocker and Mr. Wheelock.

Superintendent's Report - Veteran School Tax Exemption - Mr. Wheelock stated we are still waiting for more information from the county on the tax exemption for veterans. A resolution has to be adopted by March 1, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year if the Board wishes to grant this exemption. **Selection of Architect** - Mr. Wheelock opened discussion to select an architect to represent Sauquoit Valley in our future architectural needs. The two finalists are Ashley McGraw and March Associates. After hearing the viewpoints of each Board member, the Board recommended Ashley McGraw and forwarded that recommendation to a resolution to be acted on under new business.

Resolution No. 53 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- to appoint Amanda Eddy as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 22, 2014.

Resolution No. 53 (Cont'd)

- to appoint Darleen Philpotts as junior high boys track coach for the 2013-14 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to appoint Fredric Orsino as varsity softball coach for the 2013-14 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to approve the Sauquoit Valley Central School District as being a host site for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life to be held June 7-8 (Saturday-Sunday), 2014. Proper insurance certificates have been submitted.
- that the minutes of the January 9, 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 quarterly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- 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 103128, 102762, 103044, 103109, 1400084, 1400104 and 103116 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 54 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bottini, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to New York Education Law §2510(3)(a), upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby recall Sara Williams to the position of teacher in the secondary Mathematics tenure area effective January 29, 2014. Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 55 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dever, to table the following motion for review by the Curriculum and Instruction Board of Education Sub-Committee: to increase the substitute teacher pay rates from \$50 for uncertified, \$60 for Bachelor's and \$70 for certified to \$55 for an adult, \$65 for a four year degree, \$75 for a certified teacher, \$85 for a certified teacher in tenure area subbing for and \$90 for a certified teacher in tenure area subbing for who retired from the district effective _____, 2014 to be in compliance with the increase in minimum wage that went into effect January 1, 2014. Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 56 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller, to approve Ashley McGraw Architects to provide future architect services for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District. Carried: Ayes 5 (J. Bottini, M. Evans, D. Miller, A. Nicotera and K. Overrocker); Naves 2 (J. Dever and L. Frost).

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mr. Bottini** spoke regarding a concussion policy, early detection of autism, CPR for students, casino revenues, elimination of double testing, release of student personal data based on Common Core, leaves of absences, nutrition and academic achievement and the Sauquoit Valley Board of Education supporting a resolution to eliminate Common Core in the district. **Mr. Dever** spoke about Common Core and said we should be in touch with what is happening and work for the good of our kids. **Mr. Nicotera** congratulated Coach Orsino on his appointment and asked Mr. Wheelock for his interpretation of the Governor's State of the State address.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and two people did so. **Bruce Gunther** would like to be part of the committee that will be discussing substitute pay rates. Mr. Wheelock will contact Mr. Gunther with the date, time and place of the meeting. **Fred Orsino** thanked the Board, Mr. Wheelock and Doug Jones, Athletic Director, for his appointment as varsity softball coach.

Resolution No. 57 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dever, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education