

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Kim Overrocker, Jim Dever, Mark Evans (arrived 7:09 p.m.), Dawn Miller, Steven Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator

Others Present: Members of the Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mr. Nicotera.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public to Be Heard - Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. Steve Philpotts, cross country coach, expressed his concerns about the course his team runs on and asked the Board to consider making improvements to the course through the upcoming capital project. He stated any improvements would be phenomenal for the kids and they deserve it. He thanked the Board for their time. Mr. Wheelock said he would meet with Doug Jones, Athletic Director, and Steve Parker, Director of Facilities III to discuss this matter.

Students to Be Heard - Mr. Nicotera asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. No students were present.

Superintendent's Report - 5th Grade Orientation - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the 5th grade orientation on August 18-19 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Freshman Orientation** - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the freshman orientation on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **School Boards Institute (SBI)** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board of SBI's Board of Education Leadership Development Program on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Oneida BOCES.

Resolution No. 5 made by Dr. Overrocker, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- to accept Constance Stayton's resignation as a long-term substitute teacher assistant (middle school) in order to accept the position of elementary teacher effective July 29, 2015.
- to accept Brenda Sherwood's resignation as a bus driver effective July 28, 2015 in order to accept the position of laborer effective July 13, 2015 contingent upon Board approval as a laborer at the July 28, 2015 Board meeting.

Resolution No. 5 (Cont'd)

- to appoint Constance Stayton to the position of teacher in the elementary tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence September 1, 2015 and to expire September 1, 2019 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- to appoint Michael Eisinger to the position of teacher in the science tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence September 1, 2015 and to expire September 1, 2019 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- to appoint Brenda Sherwood to the position of laborer pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations effective July 13, 2015 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence July 13, 2015 and to expire on January 11, 2016.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Michael Riccardi to the position of substitute bus driver effective July 29, 2015.
- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular positions for the 2015-16 school year.

NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Keith Hatch	Art Club (Secondary)
Stephanie Paine	Band (Jazz Ensemble I)
Henryk Lotyczewski	Band (Jazz Ensemble II)
Carissa Hajdasz	Class Advisor (Freshman)
Alissa Reilly-Stewart	Class Advisor (Junior)
Michelle Roche-Babbie	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)
Nicole Goodelle	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)
Melanie Carangelo	Class Advisor (Sophomore)

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Ryan Miller	Colgate Seminar
Ryan Decker	Dramatics Director
Jamie Leigh Csizmar	Math Counts Advisor
Jackie Corleto	Memory Book (Elementary)
Alison Pirger	Memory Book (Elementary)
Christina Connor	Morning Program Coordinator
Alison Pirger	Morning Program Coordinator
Peter Scialdone	National Honor Society (High School)
Melissa Leone	National Honor Society Co-Advisor (Middle School)
Nicole Gibbons	National Honor Society Co-Advisor (Middle School)
Marisa Cardillo	Newspaper
Tammy Purrington	Reading Club (Middle School)
Tammy Purrington	SADD (Middle School)
Stephanie Paine	Special Work on Stage (High School Musical)
Lisa Valentine	Student Council (High School)
Kim Sheehy	Student Council (Middle School)
Joe Corleto	Technology Club (Middle School)
Jody Hildreth	Webmaster (Building-Elementary School)
Joe Corleto	Webmaster (Building-Middle School)
Keith Hatch	Webmaster (Building-High School)
Jody Hildreth	Webmaster (District)
Ryan Miller	Yearbook Advisor (High School)
Chris Kisiel	Yearbook (Middle School)

- that the following people be appointed as content area coordinators for the 2015-16 school year.

ELEMENTARY (K-5) - 4.5 POSITIONS	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Beth Thomas	1 Math
Tonya Sullivan	1 Science
Nancy Waldeck	1 Social Studies
Christina Connor & Tiffany Lupia	1.5 ELA/Reading

SECONDARY (6-12) - 5 POSITIONS	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Chris Kisiel & Jeff Houck	1 Math
Sara Piacentino-Call	1 Science
Ryan Miller	1 Social Studies
Kim Sheehy & Mindy Rigo	1 ELA
Alissa Reilly-Stewart	1 Foreign Language

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K-12 - 4.5 POSITIONS	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Lindsay Kidder & Darleen Philpotts	1 Physical Education/Health
David Shove	1 Music
Keith Hatch	.5 Art
Scot Alsante	.5 Home and Careers
Michelle Roche-Babbie	.5 Library Media
Joe Corleto	1 Technology

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Peter Madden, Zane Mahar, Mark Putnam and Ronald Wheelock have completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of teachers, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, Peter Madden, Zane Mahar, Mark Putnam and Ronald Wheelock be certified as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Ronald Wheelock has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of principals, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, Ronald Wheelock be certified as a Lead Evaluator of principals.

- to approve the agreements between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Small Blessings Preschool for the 2015-2016 school year.
- that the Board of Education approve leases with Upstate Cellular Network d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the installation of equipment in and/or on the elementary school, middle school and high school for the purpose of enhancing cellular service within the school buildings and for surrounding nearby customers. (Lease payments of \$12,000 annually plus \$1,000 for utility costs will be paid to the district).
- that the district treasurer be authorized to make inter-appropriation fund transfers in the total amount of \$1,203,527.38 for the 2014-15 school year.
- that the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting be approved.

Resolution No. 5 (Cont'd)

- 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.
- to accept the letter of intent from Turner Construction Company dated July 16, 2015 for pre-referendum services for the capital improvement project in the amount of \$12,000.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Public to Be Heard - Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board and no one did so.

Resolution No. 6 made by Dr. Overrocker, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:03 p.m.

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mr. Shrey** spoke of his concern on how common core learning standards have impacted students in their special area courses. Teachers are becoming more reluctant to send students to pull out subjects such as music lessons for fear they miss too much of what they are required to teach. Some schools, especially at the elementary level focus much of their time on math and ELA at the expense of other areas such as social studies and science. Mr. Shrey also shared that there may be an opt-out movement on the first day of school where parents submit their intentions to opt-out of state testing at that time. **Ms. Weber Mangini** congratulated Stephanie Paine, music teacher, and band students who have been playing at various community venues over the summer. They did a great job.

Resolution No. 7 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Overrocker, 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