

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officers: Anthony Nicotera and Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Mark Evans, Lisa Frost and Dawn Miller

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
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 7:04 p.m. by Mr. Nicotera.

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

**Presentation - Music Awards (Music Department)** - David Shove, music teacher, thanked everybody for coming to the music awards to recognize those students that go beyond the regular school day in their musical pursuits. Certificates were given to the students for their achievements by the music department. Mr. Wheelock congratulated and commended the students for a job well done.

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

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

**Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - Facilities and Transportation** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board he will be getting a group together next week for a walking tour of the buildings/campus to get a visual of the proposed work to be done in the capital project. **Extra-Curricular Activities** - The extra-curricular activities sub-committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss an athletic placement process policy as we have students in grades 7-8 who coaches feel would be better served participating at the junior varsity or varsity level. This policy is sport specific and the district can modify it as it sees fit. Mr. Wheelock read the policy to those in attendance.

**Resolution No. 89** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini,

WHEREAS, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a Board of Education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils; and

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WHEREAS, these pupils are to be allowed to compete at levels that are appropriate to their physical maturity, physical fitness and sport skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Education Department issues the competition standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Athletic Placement Process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process for the requested sport and level.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Mr. Nicotera turned the meeting over to Mrs. Overrocker at 7:35 p.m.

**Superintendent's Report - Worker's Compensation Policy (First Reading)** - Mr. Wheelock explained the policy to the Board and stated we are basically putting our current practice regarding worker's compensation into policy. This policy will be adopted at the next Board meeting. **Board of Education Members Awarding Diplomas** - Mr. Wheelock asked that Board members e-mail him with the names of any graduates they wish to hand a diploma to. **2015-16 Board of Education Meeting Calendar (Draft)** - The Board was provided with a draft meeting calendar for the 2015-16 school year. The calendar will be adopted at the next Board meeting. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony** - Mr. Wheelock handed out 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony invitations. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. **Prom** - Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board a card he received from Rosemary Facchini with a newspaper clipping in it regarding Sauquoit Valley students voting two students with special needs as king and queen of the prom.

**Old Business - Board Statement to SED (State Education Department)** - Mr. Bottini, Mr. Dever and Mr. Wheelock will meet to review the draft statement to SED prepared by Mr. Bottini on behalf of the Board. The statement will be sent to the Board before the next meeting for their review. Mr. Nicotera suggested the letter be sent now as a representation of the current Board. Mrs. Overrocker suggested making bulleted items to get points across and Mrs. Frost said Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) has to go in the letter. **Sports Boosters Fundraiser** - Mr. Wheelock stated he is waiting for a response from our insurance carrier regarding the Sports Boosters fundraiser.

**Resolution No. 90** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- to appoint Carina DeSimone as a long-term substitute teacher (elementary school) effective September 2, 2015 to December 23, 2015 or until such time as the regular teacher returns.
- to appoint Bridgette Miller as a per diem substitute teacher effective June 10, 2015.
- to appoint Jay Sweet as a substitute laborer effective June 10, 2015.

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- to establish the following paid holiday schedule for 2015-16 for 12 month employees as per the school related professionals contract:
  - July 3
  - September 7
  - October 12
  - November 11, 26 and 27
  - December 24, 25 and 31
  - January 1 and 18
  - February 15
  - March 25
  - May 30
  
- to accept the bids for surplus equipment as listed below per the agreement with Auctions International, Inc.

<b>BIDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH ON-LINE AUCTION</b>		
Item #1	Jig Saw, Rockwell Series 40-440, 115/220 Volts, 1725 RPM	\$78.50
Item #2	Wood Lathe, Rockwell Series 46-450, 120 Volts	\$262.79
Item #3	Keating Gas Fryer, Input BTU 109000, 115 Volts, Amp .5	\$67.50
Item #4	Dean Gas Fryer, 90,000 BTU HR	\$74.50
Item #5	Table Saw, Model FM-10a, 115/230 Volts, Amp 16/8	\$73.50
Item #7	John Deere Gator 4x2 with Curtis Cab, Hour 2474	\$2,850.00
Item #8	1997 Ford F-350 Dump Truck, VIN #1FDKF38G4VEB74041	\$2,750.00

- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to use Roundup to manage the weeds growing through the brick walkway leading up to the stadium. Doing so will prevent any potential safety hazards if this weed growth is not contained at this time.
  
- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts and Madison-Oneida BOCES during the 2015-2016 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of school supplies and school lunch commodities (the "Commodities"); and

WHEREAS, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District ("the School District") is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed an agreement governing its rights and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of the Commodities ("the Agreement"); and

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- to adopt the following resolution (cont'd):

WHEREAS, this Board of Education wishes to appoint a district administrator as a member of a BOCES-wide committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to this Board of Education and making recommendations thereof, all in accordance with the Board of Education's powers under relevant law and pursuant to the terms of the Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the Superintendent of Schools to represent it in all matters related above (the "Committee"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, the Board of Education agrees (1) to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding; (2) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) to award bid item purchases according to the recommendations of the committee, unless all bids are rejected; and (4) to negotiate directly with the successful bidder(s) after the awarding of contract(s).

- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2015-16 school year.
- to approve the agreement between Insight House Chemical Dependency Services, Inc. and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the 2015-2016 school year.
- that the minutes of the May 19, 2015 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 102952, 103190, 102764, 102885, 103197, 1400229, 100099, 103206, 102752, 180064, 100699, 103129, 102488, 1400484, 102763, 102979, 252222, 102587, 102852, 103000, 103056 and 180064 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400267, 1400269, 1400281, 1400420, 1400268 and 1400488 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

**Resolution No. 91** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Carried: Ayes 7.

Mr. Wheelock asked Mr. Mahar to join the Board in executive session.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:31 p.m.

**Resolution No. 92** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller, RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby votes to terminate the services of Robert Murdoch, a probationary teacher, effective June 30, 2015. The Superintendent of Schools shall notify the teacher of this decision. Carried: Ayes 7.

**Resolution No. 93** made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dever,

- to adopt the following resolution:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Sauquoit, New York, on the 9th day of June, 2015:

PRESENT: Joseph Bottini, James Dever, Mark Evans, Lisa Frost, Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera and Kim Overrocker (arrived 7:20 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Frost presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mr. Dever:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 9, 2015 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 19, 2015, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$308,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The specific objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of one 60-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$113,071, one 36-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$105,260, one 20-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$45,043, and one suburban at an estimated maximum cost of \$44,626.

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Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$308,000, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor, (b) the Sauquoit Valley Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$308,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

**Resolution No. 93 (Cont'd)**

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
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Carried: Ayes 7.

**Miscellaneous Topics** - Mrs. Miller went to the Great Escape with the beginning band students who performed in front of music professors. The kids received a trophy, were rated superior and did a phenomenal job. She also stated Sauquoit Valley has a great music program. Mr. Bottini shared a true story about a history teacher who removed all the desks from her classroom and asked her students how they earned the right to have a desk. They were told it is the veterans that earned them the right and gave them their freedom.

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

**Resolution No. 94** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education