

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2015
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
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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. Nancy Waldeck, 4th grade teacher, on behalf of the 4th grade classes, invited the Board to step back in time to the colonial era on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Students will be demonstrating different trades from that time period.

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 - Facilities and Transportation - The Facilities and Transportation sub-committee met prior to the Board meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming capital project. Mr. Wheelock reviewed the scope of the project with the Board. Mr. Cowen distributed to the Board a breakdown of different dollar amounts for the project and what the cost would be to the taxpayer for those various scenarios.

Superintendent's Report - School Boards Institute (SBI) Awards Ceremony - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. (check-in) with dinner and program at 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson. Lauren Leitz, student, will be receiving SBI's 2015 Career & Technical Education Student Achievement Award. **Announce Board of Education Candidates - Draw for Ballot Order** - Mr. Wheelock announced that Mark Evans, Steve Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini will be running for the three open seats on the Board of Education. Draw for ballot order resulted in their names appearing on the ballot as follows: Steve Shrey, Christine Weber Mangini and Mark S. Evans.

Resolution No. 71 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- that Jeanice Gigliotti's request for an unpaid child care leave to commence on September 2, 2015 and be continuous through January 3, 2016 be approved.
- to appoint Samantha DiPietro as a per diem substitute teacher effective April 22, 2015.
- to appoint the following inspectors for the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at a rate of \$8.75 per hour:
 - Clarissa Hoyland (Chair)
 - Winifred Canarelli
 - Elizabeth Cardillo
 - Joan Lallier
 - Marjorie Moore

and to appoint Kim Overrocker as chairperson to report the results of the vote.

- to approve the district's Professional Development Plan as per Part 100 of the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education.
- to approve Friday, May 22, 2015 as an unused snow day providing there is no further need for snow days.
- that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign two copies of the Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Questar III BOCES.
- that the minutes of the April 7, 2015 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 100399, 102989, 102756, 400895, 102624, 140305, 102901 and 102674 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mr. Bottini gave special recognition to two students from Sauquoit Valley who were selected by the Observer-Dispatch as teen all-stars: Ethan Evans and Caleb Wheelock. Mr. Bottini also expressed that the Common Core curriculum ought not to impede a teacher's ability to teach to the heart in order to get to a student's head. He has great concern that Common Core detracts from this premise and erodes local control in a school district.

Miscellaneous Topics (Cont'd) - Mr. Dever asked, as a Board, is it their responsibility to communicate back to state officials how Sauquoit Valley is being impacted by the changes they are making. He believes that it is and has asked district administration to compile a report on how Sauquoit Valley has been impacted by lack of funding and the various educational reforms that have and continue to occur.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Mr. Madden** thanked Mr. Bottini for giving the address at the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Resolution No. 72 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bottini, to put before the voters on May 19, 2015 the budget for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$20,041,201 and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said district to be levied and collected as required by law. Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 73 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dever, WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature adopted a 2015-2016 state budget that includes state aid to school districts. Therefore, this report to the state is completed with the Board of Education's best information as of today.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following property tax report card as presented to the Board by the Business Administrator.

2015-16 Property Tax Report Card			
Sauquoit Valley Central School			
Contact Person:	Charles Cowen		
Telephone Number	(315) 839-6313		
	Budgeted 2014-15 (A)	Proposed Budget 2015-16 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	19,510,300	20,041,201	2.72
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	6,975,624	7,177,518	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	6,975,624	7,177,518	

Resolution No. 73 (Cont'd)

F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	85,361	
	Budgeted 2014-15 (A)	Proposed Budget 2015-16 (B)	Percent Change (C)
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	6,975,624	7,092,173	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	6,975,624	7,092,157	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval) ²	0	16	
Public School Enrollment	1,024	1,030	0.59
Consumer Price Index			1.62

¹Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

²Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the school tax levy limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³For 2015-16, includes any carryover from 2014-15 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2014-15 (D)	Estimated 2015-16 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	17,014	20,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	817,183	727,683
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	384,568	450,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	1.97%	2.25%

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 74 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss contractual, personnel and legal matters.

Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 11:09 p.m.

Resolution No. 75 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education