

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Lisa Frost and Dawn Miller

Members Absent: Mark Evans

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 7:00 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 the girls varsity softball team did so. To show their appreciation and thanks, the **girls varsity softball team** presented the Board with a plaque for allowing them to go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 28-April 5, 2015.

Superintendent's Report - New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS) Handouts - Mr. Wheelock provided the Board with handouts from NYSCOSS which gave an overview of what Governor Cuomo's reforms to education entail. **BOCES Annual Meeting** - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the BOCES annual meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6:00 p.m. **School Boards Institute (SBI) Awards Ceremony** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that a Sauquoit Valley student, Lauren Leitz, has been selected for SBI's 2015 Career & Technical Education Student Achievement Award. An awards ceremony will be held at the Radisson on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. (check-in) with dinner and program at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 68 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini,

- to appoint Tina Kruger as a substitute laborer effective April 8, 2015.
- to approve the use of one Sauquoit Valley school bus for the purpose of transporting volunteer workers for The Ride for Missing Children on Friday, May 15, 2015.

Resolution No. 68 (Cont'd)

- to approve the disposal of the following excess and obsolete equipment as approved by the Superintendent of Schools through Auctions International, Inc.

Item #1	Jig Saw, Rockwell Series 40-440, 115/220 Volts, 1725 RPM
Item #2	Wood Lathe, Rockwell Series 46-450, 120 Volts
Item #3	Keating Gas Fryer, Input BTU 109000, 115 Volts, Amp .5
Item #4	Dean Gas Fryer, 90,000 BTU HR
Item #5	Table Saw, Model FM-10a, 115/230 Volts, Amp 16/8
Item #6	Advance 26" Advenger, 26" Rider on Scrubber
Item #7	John Deere Gator 4x2 with Curtis Cab, Hour 2474
Item #8	1997 Ford F-350 Dump Truck, VIN #1FDKF38G4VEB74041

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts and the Madison-Oneida BOCES (the "BOCES") during the 2015-2016 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology 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, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures ("the Procedures") governing its right and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid purchase item purchases according to the recommendation of the BOCES if such award is in the best interest of the school district.

- that the minutes of the March 24, 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 103195, 170074, 400868, 103102 and 103101 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mr. Bottini** shared some information brought to his attention regarding utility cost savings. This was similar to an energy performance contract that the Board discussed two years ago. He further spoke about various educational programs introduced over the years to "fix" education. Mr. Bottini indicated that he found one or two things that promoted his teaching capacity, but on the whole, the programs were not a one size fits all. Lastly, Mr. Bottini suggested the Board draft a letter to the State Education Department to express their concerns with the state of education in New York State. **Mr. Dever** expressed his concerns over Common Core and how they are tied to state funding. He also shared how amazed he was of the power that the Board of Regents has on educational policy.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and two people did so. **Jeff Houck**, President, Sauquoit Valley Teachers Association, has concerns with Governor Cuomo's reform agenda as he doesn't know the specifics of the changes being made. Due to the unknown specifics, this could delay the negotiation of the teachers' contract as it could change the proposals they submit. **John Lindberg** questioned what the state school boards association stance is on the education reforms. Mr. Wheelock shared that they were and are opposed to funding being tied to the reforms. Mr. Wheelock also shared his concerns for what the legislature might enact in the remainder of their legislative session now that the budget is adopted. This is where "things" get done with little publicity, but can have negative impacts on school districts or municipalities. **John Lindberg** would love to see a school district not give the tests as he thinks others would follow if one district started it. He said teachers are getting shafted by all of this.

Resolution No. 69 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter. Carried: Ayes 6.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:54 p.m.

Resolution No. 70 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Frost, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education