

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Mark Evans and Dawn Miller

Members Absent: Lisa Frost

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Mark R. Putnam, Elementary School Principal  
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

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

**Presentation - Winter Sports Report (Doug Jones)** - Doug Jones, Athletic Director, distributed to the Board a summary of the winter sports teams accomplishments and highlighted each teams achievements.

**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 none did so. No students were present.

**Superintendent's Report** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that the following people are due for tenure appointment consideration as indicated. If any member of the public has a question, please call him. This list will be published in the *News & Views*).

NAME	JOB TITLE	END DATE OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD	DATE RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED TO BOARD
Charles Cowen	Business Administrator	7/8/2016	March 2016
Sean Dwyer	Special Education Teacher	9/1/2015	May 2015
Michael Flagg	School Psychologist	9/1/2015	May 2015
Carissa Hajdasz	School Counselor	9/1/2015	May 2015
Mallory Hardy	Teacher Assistant	3/1/2016	November 2015
Patricia Monaco	Reading Teacher	9/1/2015	May 2015
Jessica Roark	Grade 1	9/18/2015	May 2015
Courtney Roberts	Physical Education Teacher	9/1/2015	May 2015
Melissa Weaver	Mathematics Teacher	9/1/2015	May 2015
Meghan Welcher	Special Education Teacher	9/1/2015	May 2015
Tricia Wright	Kindergarten	9/1/2015	May 2015

**Resolution No. 65** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Miller,

- to appoint Scott Prichard as boys varsity track coach for the 2014-15 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to appoint David Nauss as a volunteer assisting a coach in modified baseball for the 2014-15 season pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to approve a Notre Dame student to compete with our girls modified track team as a team of one representing Notre Dame.
- that the annual election and budget vote be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium and the public hearing regarding the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Petitions nominating candidates for office of member of the Board of Education must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015.
- that the minutes of the March 10, 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 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 102882, 103092, 102809, 1400101, 1400096, 103153 and 102800 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

**Miscellaneous Topics** - **Mr. Bottini** apologized for his testiness at a previous Board meeting and explained why he thought his motion wasn't better received. He also shared his reflections of the Bill Daggett presentation at the School Boards Institute on Thursday, March 12, 2015. Though he felt his presentation was fine, he cautioned the Board about embracing people claiming to be experts in education. He shared that he sees the Common Core curriculum as an erosion of our educational system and a means to reduce local and moral control in our schools. **Mr. Nicotera** thanked those in the audience for their help in putting together the educational forum. Regarding the forum, **Mrs. Overrocker** said people learned something that they didn't know about and also thanked everybody. **Jeff Houck** also thanked those involved in supporting and preparing for the forum. **David Shove** also stated the forum was very well done by everyone, there was a phenomenal turn out and kudos to the Board and the committee. He further shared that he will be sending an open letter to Governor Cuomo. The purpose of the letter is to recognize the Governor's reforms as being a great way to bring school communities together to rally for education and oppose his reform agenda. **Mr. Dever** expressed his concerns over the state testing program and how connections with students have become secondary to teaching to a test. He is also concerned with the Governor's Commission to determine that schools are failing, yet only one person on the commission was involved in education. **Mr. Madden** shared compliments to the Board that were expressed to him regarding the Board's involvement in the Monday, March 23, 2015 educational forum.

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

**Resolution No. 66** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Carried: Ayes 6.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:07 p.m.

**Resolution No. 67** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dever, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education