

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 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
Charles 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 7:09 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation - High School Counseling Department (Carissa Hajdasz and Peter Scialdone)
- Ms. Hajdasz and Mr. Scialdone together with student intern Cassandra Gleason applied for RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) designation from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and received approval on January 16, 2015. They provided handouts to the Board regarding the process to apply for the designation and stated this has to be renewed every five years. Sauquoit Valley Central School is now one of two school districts in New York State that have received this certification. The Board commended the counseling department for achieving this designation.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Overrocker asked if anyone wished to address the Board and seven people did so. **Jeff Houck** spoke to the Board about partnering with the Sauquoit Valley Teachers Association for ways in which they can reach out to the community to make them aware of the educational issues addressed in Governor Cuomo's state of the state. This matter will be revisited at the next Board meeting. In correlation with the Governor's educational reforms, **Nancy Waldeck** stated she has children who throw up or break down in tears because they have to take a test mandated by the state. **David Shove** also addressed Governor Cuomo's educational reforms and stressed advocacy. He distributed the phone numbers of legislators and stated phone calls should be made to them to express concerns with the Governor's reform agenda. **Mr. Wheelock** stated he appreciates everything being done to get the message to the Governor that his educational reforms are not acceptable in any way, shape or form. At a community forum we should educate the community on how the Governor's reforms to education will really affect school districts and that the state should pay back the monies to districts due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA).

Public to Be Heard (Cont'd) - Mr. Madden asked if it would be appropriate to have Howard Mettelman, District Superintendent, Oneida BOCES, make a statement on behalf of the component districts of Oneida BOCES regarding the Governor's educational reforms to show that we are all on the same page. **Diane Lindberg** spoke about items in the Governor's state of the state such as charter schools and regional high schools. She also addressed community forums. **Mrs. Overrocker** said she and several Mohawk Valley Community College students spent a whole day with legislators in Albany. She said they understand the concerns of their constituents, however, the legislators need solutions to the concerns to take back to the Governor.

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 - Technology - There will be a technology sub-committee meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school conference room to discuss what the district can purchase with monies from the Smart Schools Bond Act.

Superintendent's Report - Scheduling of Board Meeting - A regular Board meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library to approve the Oneida BOCES budget and BOCES Board members. **School Boards Institute (SBI)** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that Distinguished Service Award nominations are due to SBI by Thursday, March 5, 2015. Also, SBI is hosting an affordable care act workshop on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Oneida BOCES and a how to become a school Board candidate workshop on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Oneida BOCES.

Resolution No. 50 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- 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 of Schools, does hereby appoint Jeanette Lewis to the position of laborer effective February 11, 2015 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on February 11, 2015 and to expire on August 12, 2015.
- to approve the agreement made as of December 8, 2014 between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Ashley McGraw Architects, D.P.C. for 2015 building condition surveys in the amount of \$17,218.20 plus reimbursables.
- that the minutes of the January 20, 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 103003, 1400433, 103197, 1400104, 1400068, 1400294, 400850, 102583, 1400435, 170027, 102686 and 1400609 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400488 and 1400269 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mrs. Overrocker thanked Diane Lindberg, Math Counts advisor, for the Math Counts competition held at Mohawk Valley Community College on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Mrs. Lindberg recognized Luke Stayton for winning at the competition. Mr. Madden commended the music department on the musical held recently.

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

Resolution No. 51 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss contractual matters. Carried: Ayes 6.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:57 p.m.

Resolution No. 52 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education