

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Jim Dever (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Mark Evans, Todd Nelson, Steven Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Resolution No. 9 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Weber Mangini, to remove Item 9.11 (Superintendent of Schools Contract for Ronald Wheelock) from the August 16, 2016 Board agenda. Carried: Ayes 6 (J. Dever was absent for the vote).

Presentation - Softball Trip (Fred Orsino, Varsity Softball Coach) - Mr. Orsino provided the Board with a proposed itinerary for a girls varsity softball trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in April 2017 and reviewed the costs associated with the trip. He also brought to the Board's attention the possibility of a girls junior varsity softball program due to the numbers being there and said some people have expressed an interest in coaching this.

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

Students to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller 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 that a section of the roof at the elementary school had to be reinforced with steel per building codes. Hopefully this will be completed by the start of school and he will let the Board know if anything changes.

Superintendent's Report - Opening Day Information - Mr. Wheelock stated staff development days will be held on September 6-7 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2016 and the agenda for those days hasn't been fully designed yet. **New Staff/Newly Tenured Teacher Reception** - The reception will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the high school library. **SBI (School Boards Institute) Meeting** - SBI is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" night on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club. A reminder will be sent to the Board regarding this.

Resolution No. 10 made by Mr. Dever, seconded by Mrs. Weber Mangini,

- to accept, with regret, Michael Flagg's resignation as a school psychologist effective July 22, 2016.
- to accept Elizabeth Sira's resignation as a long-term substitute teacher (high school mathematics) effective August 4, 2016.
- to appoint Natalie Bock to the position of teacher in the secondary social studies tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence September 1, 2016 and to expire September 1, 2020 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period and completion of all requirements for Professional certification: Jeanice Gigliotti, elementary tenure area, effective November 29, 2016. Ms. Gigliotti has Initial certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and Initial certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).
- to appoint John Hurteau as a long-term substitute teacher (high school mathematics) effective September 6, 2016 through October 16, 2016 or until such time as the regular teacher returns and as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2016.
- to appoint Susan Sanderson as a substitute teacher aide effective September 1, 2016.
- to appoint Alison Fontana as a social worker intern from SUNY Albany for the 2016-17 school year.
- to appoint Ryan Decker as K-12 music content area coordinator for the 2016-17 school year.
- to appoint Meghan Welcher as girls varsity field hockey coach for the 2016-17 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to appoint Devin Clive as a volunteer assisting a coach in girls varsity soccer for the 2016-17 season pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to adopt the Code of Conduct, Policy #1010, as presented, for the 2016-17 school year which includes the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) signed into law on September 13, 2010 and became effective July 1, 2012 and the language on cyber bullying that took effect July 1, 2013.

Resolution No. 10 (Cont'd)

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to raise for the 2016-2017 school year a sum not to exceed \$20,711,400.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED Value (apportionment)	EQUALIZ RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	Assessed Value for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
Paris	236,326,470	1,500	236,327,970	1.0000	236,327,970.00	65.048464%	4,791,678.04	236,326,470.00	20.275672
New Hartford	51,266,781		51,266,781	0.8170	62,750,037.94	17.271733%	1,272,291.13	51,266,781.00	24.817067
Frankfort	30,482,892		30,482,892	0.7150	42,633,415.38	11.734702%	864,415.67	30,482,892.00	28.357404
Litchfield	15,177,205		15,177,205	0.9000	16,863,561.11	4.641637%	341,917.87	15,177,205.00	22.528382
Marshall	2,783,345		2,783,345	0.6450	4,315,263.57	1.187762%	87,494.31	2,783,345.00	31.434951
Kirkland	213,330		213,330	0.6500	328,200.00	0.090336%	6,654.43	213,330.00	31.193144
Bridgewater	78,334		78,334	0.8500	92,157.65	0.025366%	1,868.55	78,334.00	23.853581
	336,328,357		336,329,857		363,310,605.65	1.00000000	\$7,366,320.00	336,328,357	

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this Board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2016 and end October 31, 2016 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 61 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the Board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows: 1st month free period, 2nd month interest of 2 percent added.

- to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS; to the collector of Sauquoit Valley Central School District, Oneida County, State of New York. You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2016.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$7,366,320 (inclusive of STAR funds) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the tax rolls but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his/her property on tax bills provided by the school district in accordance with provisions of Section 922 of Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sum listed on the tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue receipts provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file such receipts as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the Board of Education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

- that the minutes of the July 19, 2016 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 102885, 1400127, 1400769, 1400809 and 1400755 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mr. Shrey shared his continued concern with the over use and abuse of 3-8 state testing. He stated that the tests are manipulated by the State Education Department to get more kids to take them. Data comparison between years is flawed in that the testing format this year changed from what it has been. Kids saw shorter tests, were given unlimited time to take the tests and the cut scores to determine achievement level vary from year to year. Mr. Shrey complimented the Board for their understanding and compassion for the needs of students and parents

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

Resolution No. 11 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 10:06 p.m.

Resolution No. 12 made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education