

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Jim Dever, Mark Evans,  
Todd Nelson, Steven Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Members of the Staff

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

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

**Presentations** - **Board Recognition of New Staff/Newly Tenured Staff** - A reception for new staff/newly tenured staff was held prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Wheelock stated Darlene Hutchinson was recognized for tenure and Kathie Dudek (teacher assistant) and Noelle Arcuri (special education teacher) were recognized as new staff.

**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 three students did so. **High School Student Council** - Luanne Miner, High School Student Council Advisor, informed the Board high school student council members were present to let the Board know their goals and initiatives for the 2017-18 school year. **Ellen Canarelli, Kimberly Whittaker** and **Gianna Arcuri** told the Board they are going to try to unite everyone, make all new students feel welcome, do a lot for the community and do a lot of fundraisers. Ms. Miner also stated they are trying to be more active in reaching out to the community and that more student council members will be attending Board meetings. Mr. Mahar also recognized Ms. Miner for her efforts as she has done a tremendous job with student council. Mr. Wheelock commended the students for their involvement in student council.

**Superintendent's Report - Opening Enrollment** - Mr. Wheelock stated that our opening enrollment for the 2017-18 school year is 1,002 and that we are staying pretty stable.

**Resolution No. 11** made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Mr. Evans,

- to create two positions under the Civil Service title of School Bus Attendant/Teacher Aide for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District.
- to accept Anne Rieben's resignation from the title of teacher aide effective September 13, 2017 in order to be appointed to the newly created Civil Service title of School Bus Attendant/Teacher Aide.
- to accept Jackie Corleto's resignation as elementary memory book co-advisor (with Alison Pirger) for the 2017-18 school year effective August 22, 2017.
- 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 Anne Rieben to the position of school bus attendant/teacher aide effective September 13, 2017. Probationary period is pending state classification of this position.
- 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 Tanya Beers to the position of part-time bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective October 10, 2017 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence October 10, 2017 and to expire May 1, 2018.
- to appoint Sean Dwyer as a lead teacher for the 2017-18 school year.
- to appoint Megan Sterling as choreographer for the high school musical for the 2017-18 school year.
- to appoint Alicia Jewell as a social worker intern from SUNY Albany for the 2017-18 school year.
- to appoint Christa Stephens as elementary memory book co-advisor (with Alison Pirger) for the 2017-18 school year.
- to appoint Nicole Wilson as boys junior high soccer coach for the 2017-18 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to appoint Scott Smith as a volunteer assisting a coach in boys modified soccer for the 2017-18 school year pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to approve the professional agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Administrators' Association and the Superintendent of Schools of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District dated July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020.



**Resolution No. 11 (Cont'd)**

- to approve the agreements between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Small Blessings Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year.
- that the minutes of the August 22, 2017 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 102529, 102794 and 102601 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

**Miscellaneous Topics - Sports Teams - Mr. Nicotera** asked what the district's plan is regarding the requests to have a junior varsity softball team and a wrestling team for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Wheelock said he and Mr. Cowen will meet with Doug Jones, Athletic Director, and the requests will be acted on at the first Board meeting in October.

**School Facilities - Mrs. Miller** stated the high school library looks beautiful and the entrance to the elementary school looks wonderful. **Capital Project - Mr. Wheelock** updated the Board on the capital project regarding paying at the middle and elementary school and the glass for the stairwell at the high school. Regarding phase III of the project, he said the state has reviewed the specifications and gave mechanical comments to the architects. **School Business Administrator - Mr. Nicotera** asked about the status of this position. Mr. Wheelock said applications are due by Wednesday, September 20, 2017 and that a committee will be convened to review the applicants.

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

**Resolution No. 12** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:40 p.m.

**Resolution No. 13** made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster  
Clerk, Board of Education