

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

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

Members Absent: Christine Weber Mangini

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mr. Wheelock.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation - Code of Conduct - Mr. Wheelock reviewed the revisions to the Code of Conduct (per the school attorney's suggestions) with the Board.

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 - Board of Education Sub-Committees - Mr. Wheelock asked the Board's opinion on having a few sub-committee meetings throughout the year to get updated on each area. The Board was in favor of conducting sub-committee meetings for informational purposes and on an as needed basis.

Superintendent's Report - 5th Grade and Freshmen Orientations - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of the 5th grade orientation on August 15-16 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the freshmen orientation on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **Board Policies (First Read)** - Mr. Wheelock provided the Board with the following policies: School Wellness (revised), Special Education Programs and Services (revised) and School Food Service Program and Meal Charge (new). He briefly discussed each of them. **School Boards Institute (SBI) Workshop** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board of the SBI workshop on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Oneida BOCES. The topic is self evaluation models for Board development & improvement. **Superintendent's Contract** - Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board an addendum to his contract that reflects adding a year to the contract, salary for the 2017-18 school year and a Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) contribution.

Old Business - Strategic Plan - Mr. Wheelock asked the Board for their thoughts on the Strategic Plan that was given to them. The plan will be adopted at the August 22, 2017 Board meeting.

Resolution No. 5 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Evans,

- to accept Tyler Denton's resignation as boys junior high soccer coach for the purpose of taking the boys varsity soccer coach position for the 2017-18 school year.
- to adopt the Code of Conduct, Policy #1010, as presented, for the 2017-18 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.
- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Peter Madden, Zane Mahar, Mark Putnam and Ronald Wheelock have completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of teachers, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, Peter Madden, Zane Mahar, Mark Putnam and Ronald Wheelock be certified as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Ronald Wheelock has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of principals, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, Ronald Wheelock be certified as a Lead Evaluator of principals.

- to approve the lease agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Upstate Cerebral Palsy dated July 26, 2017 for the lease of three classrooms at the elementary school for the 2017-18 school year.
- that the minutes of the July 11, 2017 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 quarterly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.

Carried: Ayes 6.

Resolution No. 6 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Evans, to appoint Tyler Denton as boys varsity soccer coach and Tara Litz-Rivera as varsity cheerleading coach for the 2017-18 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport. Carried: Ayes 6.

Resolution No. 7 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the district treasurer be authorized to make inter-appropriation fund transfers in the total amount of \$295,947.34 for the 2016-17 school year. Carried: Ayes 6.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mr. Wheelock suggested to the Board that they consider joining the Rural Schools Association as they advocate for rural schools across the state. The approximate cost to join this association is \$600-\$700. **Mr. Wheelock and Mr. Cowen** reviewed a preliminary financial audit of the 2016-17 school year. The district gained approximately \$577,000 largely due to a \$125,000 grant in aid from Senator Griffo, the refinancing of a bond, a reduced Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) rate and not filling a vacated school psychologist position. The Board discussed building our fund balance that the Comptroller highlighted as being too low and possibly establishing a reserve for capital improvements or the Employees Retirement System (ERS). The Board further stressed that our recent financial history of being at or below the breaking even point given our systemic financial concerns noted by the Comptrollers fiscal stress monitoring system and uncertainty with future state and federal funding for schools, we should be conservative in our approach in managing the financial gain experienced in 2016-17.

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

Resolution No. 8 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster
Clerk, Board of Education