

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

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

Members Absent: Steven Shrey

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator
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 7:03 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentations - European Trip (Sean Dwyer and Carissa Hajdasz) - Mr. Dwyer and Ms. Hajdasz, organizers of the European trip, shared pictures and the highlights of their trip to Europe with the students. They thanked the Board for allowing them this opportunity and providing this experience for the students. Students and parents also spoke stating this was a wonderful experience. Mr. Mahar said Mr. Dwyer wants to create a Culture Club.

Guidance Department (Pete Scialdone and Carissa Hajdasz) - As there has been an increase in career and technical education spending by the district due to student interest, Mr. Scialdone and Ms. Hajdasz, High School Counselors, presented the pathway to career technology. They described the tools they use at each grade level, beginning with grade 8 and ending with grade 12, to help students choose their career path. **2017-2018 Budget - Mr. Cowen** presented the proposed 2017-18 school budget. He explained the budget process and reviewed year-to-year budget and revenue comparisons. He also highlighted some cost savings in the 2017-18 budget. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Michelle Ward** spoke regarding her support of the petition that has been submitted regarding the replacement of the boys varsity soccer coach.

Board Candidates Comments - **Mr. Nicotera** and **Mrs. Miller** spoke concerning why they are seeking re-election to the two open seats on the Board of Education.

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 - School Boards Institute (SBI) - Mr. Wheelock stated he, Mr. Nicotera and Mr. Dever will be attending the Distinguished Service & Student Achievement Awards dinner on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Twin Ponds.

Old Business - School Tax Exemptions - Mr. Cowen stated we should add school tax exemptions for veterans under old business going forward so we don't lose track of it.

Resolution No. 61 made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Weber Mangini,

- 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: Darlene Hutchinson, elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2017. Ms. Hutchinson has Professional certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).
- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to use Roundup to manage the weeds growing through the brick walkway leading up to the stadium. Doing so will prevent any potential safety hazards if this weed growth is not contained at this time.
- that the minutes of the April 25, 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 103040, 1400711, 102901, 102886, 102952, 1400653, 1400877, 1400622, 1400943, 102875, 102885, 100399 and 1400404 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400877 and 1400622 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

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Resolution No. 62 made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss contractual and personnel matters. Carried: Ayes 6.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:32 p.m.

Resolution No. 63 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster
Clerk, Board of Education