

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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  
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer  
Mark R. Putnam, Elementary School Principal  
Peter R. Madden, Middle 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 - Rube Goldberg** - Mr. Putnam provided the Board with some background information on the Rube Goldberg projects completed by the elementary school students. Four groups of students spoke about their projects and then gave a demonstration. **2018-2019 Budget** - Ms. Hibbard presented the 2018-19 budget in the amount of \$22,160,416 that carries a tax levy of 2.91% which is within the allowable limit. She uploaded a video to the school's web site that explains the tax levy. Voting on the budget, Board seats and bus proposition will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the elementary school in room 421.

**Public to Be Heard** - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board and two people did so. **Mr. Putnam** invited the Board to attend The Little Bee Early Literacy Reading Program on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school. He said 80 people have signed up for this. He also invited them to a parent meeting regarding the Positivity Project and summer reading loss on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Mr. Madden spoke regarding Amanda Hartnett's tenure appointment. He said she is a fantastic teacher with a lot of energy.

**Board Candidates Comments** - Ronald P. Critelli, Jr., Christine Weber Mangini and Michele Brennan-Vuocolo spoke regarding their candidacy for the three 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.

**Superintendent's Report - End of the Year Celebration** - Mr. Wheelock distributed an invitation to the Board from the Sauquoit Valley Teachers Association for the end of the year celebration being held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Daniele's Valley View.

**Resolution No. 58** 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: Amanda Hartnett, Science 7-12 tenure area, effective September 1, 2018. Ms. Hartnett has Professional certification in Chemistry 7-12.
- that Tanya Beers' probationary period as a bus driver become permanent effective May 9, 2018 based upon the successful completion of her probationary period.
- to appoint Leigh Harris as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 9, 2018.
- to appoint Christopher Spiwak as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 9, 2018.
- to appoint Carissa Troxell as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 9, 2018.
- to approve Friday, May 25, 2018 as an unused snow day providing there is no further need for snow days.
- 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.
- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts and Madison-Oneida BOCES during the 2017-2018 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of school supplies and school lunch commodities (the "Commodities"); and

WHEREAS, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District ("the School District") is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed an agreement governing its rights and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of the Commodities ("the Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education wishes to appoint a district administrator as a member of a BOCES-wide committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to this Board of Education and making recommendations thereof, all in accordance with the Board of Education's powers under relevant law and pursuant to the terms of the Agreement;

**Resolution No. 58 (Cont'd)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the Superintendent of Schools to represent it in all matters related above (the "Committee"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, the Board of Education agrees (1) to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding; (2) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) to award bid item purchases according to the recommendations of the committee, unless all bids are rejected; and (4) to negotiate directly with the successful bidder(s) after the awarding of contract(s).

- that the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.

Carried: Ayes 6.

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

**Resolution No. 59** made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Carried: Ayes 6.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 10:05 p.m.

**Resolution No. 60** made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk  
Board of Education