

**SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Sauquoit, NY 13456**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera, Vice-President

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Michele Brennan-Vuocolo, Ron Critelli, Jim Dever  
Todd Nelson and Christine Weber Mangini.

Members Absent: Dawn Miller

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer

Others Present: Tracy Fracchini, CSE Director for presentation  
Joseph Corleto

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Nicotera, Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) - District Special Education Plan – Tracy Facchini

Tracy Facchini reviewed the District Special Education Plan that was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. The plan highlights regulations and services required to meet the needs of students with disabilities. She explained the various placements and number of Sauquoit students who are there. Mrs. Facchini does travel to the various schools and placement facilities to check on the students and the programs. The Board asked several clarifying questions and commended Mrs. Facchini for her leadership and passion for meeting the various needs of our students.

Public to Be Heard – Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board and no one did so.

Students to Be Heard – Mr. Nicotera asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. No students were present.

Superintendent's Report

- Stop arm – Camera for transportation (Bus)  
This past summer, legislation was passed for cameras to be installed on school buses without having the cost burden added to the schools. The cost for these cameras would be the responsibility of the municipalities that fall within a school

district. The County is considering putting money in their budget to assist with the camera purchase.

- Indoor Track

Doug Jones, Athletic Director and Mr. Wheelock, Superintendent were approached by John Nicotera to start an indoor track team. Mr. Nicotera is willing to volunteer as a coach and provide this opportunity to potentially a greater number of students. Mr. Nelson reminded the Board that the District already has an indoor track team, all but, one athlete who is training with Utica Proctor as a Sauquoit student athlete. Essentially, if other students are interested in indoor track this year, they have that opportunity under the supervision of Utica Proctor's coach. Mr. Nelson also shared if a team was put together at this point in time, it may impact our other winter sports close to the start of their season. The Board agreed it would be best for student interest in indoor track to be canvassed in January and depending on that interest, plan accordingly for the 2020-21 winter season.

- Fine Arts Booster

Christine Kiesel of the Fine Arts Booster is requesting approval to place plaques on the back of the seats in the auditorium as a fundraiser. The Board expressed some concern with putting plaques on the seats and that it is similar to the Sauquoit Valley Foundation brick fundraiser. Mr. Wheelock did contact our architect to inquire if there was any issues with attaching a name plate to the auditorium seat backs. He was informed that it would not affect the integrity of the seat nor would it void any warranty. The Board felt that the Fine Arts Booster should communicate this idea with the Foundation, so, not to conflict with what they are doing with their bricks.

Old Business - Mr. Nicotera asked if there was old business to discuss and there was none.

**Resolution No. 25:** 9.1 – 9.10 made by Mrs. Weber Mangini and seconded by Mr. Dever

9.1 to appoint Joseph Miller as a per diem substitute teacher effective October 23, 2019.

9.2 to appoint Jeff Emerson as a volunteer assisting a coach in boys' volleyball for the 2019-20 season.

9.3 that the 2018-2019 school audit be accepted as presented by the school auditors, Bonadio & Co., LLP, together with the auditor's management letter and that both be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education, New York State Education Department and also the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

9.4 to ratify the bargaining agreement between the District and the School Related Professional's Unit for the time period on July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.

9.5 to approve the district wide safety plan as presented at the October 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

9.6 to approve the District Special Education Plan as presented.

- 9.7 that the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting be approved.
- 9.8 that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills dated 10/15/2019 approved by the claims auditor.
- 9.9 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; 1400440, 1400463, and 102965 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 001401221 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Education.
- 9.10 to appoint William Paddock as per diem substitute teacher (student teacher) from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam effective October 23, 2019.

Mr. Nelson referenced 9.5 about his suggestions to add "Any Can Save a Life," to the Safety Plan.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

Miscellaneous Topics – There was none.

Public to Be Heard – There was none.

**Resolution 26**: made by Mr. Critelli and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo that the Board of Education go into executive session at 9:02 p.m. to discuss contractual matter.

**Carried: Aye 6, Nays 0.**

The executive session was declared over by the Board Vice-President at 10:34 p.m.

Motion made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, and seconded by Mr. Dever.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman, Clerk  
Board of Education