

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

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

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

Others Present: Sign in sheet

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

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

**Presentation** - Kathie Dudek and Carissa Hajdasz gave a presentation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of planning for the Disney Leadership trip and looking for the support of the Board of Education. Over the summer Ms. Hajdasz has integrated the knowledge of the leadership trip into the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Freshmen Seminar curriculum for all students at Sauquoit Valley Central School District. Volunteering is an important outcome from the trip and will be instilled into the curriculum as a very important part in learning and giving back in their own community. The organization is looking to hold various fundraisers to assist in the cost of the trip along with seeking grant opportunities. Last year eleven students participated and they would like to take twelve this year. Mr. Nelson thanked both ladies for taking this project on and giving Sauquoit students the opportunity to be good leaders and great citizens. Mr. Wheelock, also, complimented the leaders for taking on this leadership vision that started out with 8<sup>th</sup> graders, with the goal of expanding to expanding to the high school.

**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** – There was nothing to report.

**Superintendent's Report** - Opening Day Information will be mailed out tomorrow, Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Mr. Wheelock stated staff development days are scheduled for September 3-4 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2019. Students will return to

school on Thursday, September 5, 2019. New Staff/Newly Tenured Teacher Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. in the high school library prior to the Board meeting.

**Old Business** – There was none.

New Business

**Resolution 10** made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, excluding 9.6 and 9.14.

- 9.1 to accept, with regret, Zane Mahar's resignation as High School Principal, effective August 2, 2019.
- 9.2 to accept, with regret, Elizabeth Hale's resignation as a bus driver, effective August 26, 2019.
- 9.3 to appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Kyle Hutchinson, teacher, in the secondary social studies tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2019 and to expire September 1, 2023 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time). Mr. Hutchinson currently holds an initial certification in Social Studies 7-12.
- 9.4 to approve Anthony F. Sirianni as a social worker intern working with Paul Dischiavo at the elementary building.
- 9.5 to appoint Marissa Berry, as a Choreographer for the high school musical during the 2019-2020 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file from previous substitute employment.
- 9.7 that Gianna Giruzzi and John Nicotera be appointed as assistant cross country coaches for the 2019-20 school year at \$1,547 each. Appointment contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport, completion of adult CPR/First Aid and approval of coaching certifications.
- 9.8 to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kristen Willson, girls' JV soccer coach.
- 9.9 that Cory Patterson be appointed as girls' junior varsity soccer coach for the 2019-20 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the

sport and pending completion of adult CPR/First Aid and approval of coaching certifications.

- 9.10 to appoint Zachary Thomas, Kory Lewandrowski, & Pat Passalacqua as volunteers assisting a coach for varsity football for the 2019-2020 season pending completion of adult CPR/First Aid and approval of coaching certifications and to appoint Bruce Gunther as a volunteer assisting a coach in tennis for the 2019-2020 season pending completion of adult CPR/First Aid.
- 9.11 to amend the minutes of the June 18, 2019 (approved July 9, 2019) meeting to include September 10, 2019 on the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2019-20 school year.
- 9.12 to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Upstate Cerebral Palsy for students attending the Tradewinds program for the 2019-20 school year.
- 9.13 to approve the lease agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Upstate Cerebral Palsy for the lease of classrooms at the elementary school for the 2019-20 school year.
- 9.15 that the Board of Education approve Change Order #EC-23 in the amount of \$35,045.76. Amount to be added to the contract with Knapp Electric, Inc. for Project #003-015.
- 9.16 to adopt the following resolution:  
WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to raise for the 2019-20 school year a sum not to exceed \$23,939,313.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED Value (apportionment)	EQUALIZ RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	Assessed Value for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
<i>Paris</i>	237,766,881		237,766,881	0.8700	273,295,265.52	67.251954%	5,331,524.43	237,766,881.00	22.423327
<i>New Hartford</i>	49,986,808		49,986,808	0.7630	65,513,509.83	16.121434%	1,278,056.82	49,986,808.00	25.567882
<i>Frankfort</i>	30,784,617		30,784,617	0.6800	45,271,495.59	11.140319%	883,169.65	30,784,617.00	28.688668
<i>Litchfield</i>	15,333,101		15,333,101	0.9000	17,036,778.89	4.192377%	332,358.49	15,333,101.00	21.675882
<i>Marshall</i>	3,067,211		3,067,211	0.6400	4,792,517.19	1.179333%	93,493.83	3,067,211.00	30.481710
<i>Kirkland</i>	213,653		213,653	0.5700	374,829.82	0.092237%	7,312.29	213,653.00	34.225077
<i>Bridgewater</i>	82,634		82,634	0.9100	90,806.59	0.022346%	1,771.48	82,634.00	21.437686
	337,234,905		337,234,905		406,375,203.43	1.00000000	\$7,927,687.00	337,234,905	

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this Board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2019 and end October 31,

2019 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 60 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the Board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> month free period, 2<sup>nd</sup> month interest of 2 percent added.

- 9.17 to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS; to the collector of Sauquoit Valley Central School District, Oneida County, State of New York.

You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2019 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2019.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$7,927,687 (inclusive of STAR funds) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his/her property on tax bills provided by the school district in accordance with provisions of Section 922 of Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sum listed on the tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of



the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue receipts provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file such receipts as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

- 9.18 that the minutes of the July 30, 2019 meeting be approved.
- 9.19 that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated July 12, 2019, July 31, 2019 and August 15, 2019.
- 9.20 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 1401203, 0103130, and 0103102, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 102587, 1401243, and 1401274 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- 9.21 to appoint Bridgette J. Miller as a teacher assistant within the Middle and Elementary Schools, effective September 3, 2019.

Mr. Nelson asked that Motions #9.6 and 9.14 be removed to discuss further.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nayes 0.

## **Resolution 11**

Motion 9.6 was opened by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera.

To reappoint Steve Philpott's appointment as varsity cross country coach for the 2019-20 school year be amended to reflect an agreed upon change in pay rate. He will be compensated at 1/3 of the full stipend for the head coach position (\$1547). The remaining stipend will be split with two other approved assistant coaches. Appointment contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport, completion of adult CPR/First Aid and approval of coaching certifications.

Carried: Ayes 6, Abstain 1 (Mr. Nicotera).

- 9.6 Mr. Nelson expressed his concern that the cross country program only has a head coach and one assistant coach for boys and girls varsity and modified cross country. His belief is that students should be separated between the varsity and modified levels and have the appropriate coaching at each level. He feels the District should have at least one coach for the boys' varsity, one for the girls' varsity, and a modified coach. Mr. Wheelock concurred with Mr. Nelson's viewpoint on this matter and stated the past success of the program shadowed the fact of the coaching alignment for the program is lacking. He further stated that this would be a topic of discussion at the extra-curricular committee meeting slated to take place, per the teacher's contract, during the 2019-20 school year.

## **Resolution 12**

Motion 9.14 was opened by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Critelli.

Mr. Nelson shared his concern with securing the services of Function Better Physical Therapy as opposed to the services of certified athletic trainers. While he feels Function Better does a good job for the scope of work they perform, he feels we would provide our athletes a much better service if they were being served by athletic trainers who are specifically trained to treat, prevent, and guide injury management. He feels athletic trainers can provide more comprehensive preventative measures to avoid injuries rather than providing a service more designed for treating injuries. Mr. Wheelock shared that while he agrees with this contention, the reality is there are no athletic training services readily available. The District was fortunate to have the Slocum Dickson athletic training services for several years at no charge for most of those years. This service and any like it are no longer available. Mr. Wheelock further noted that we cannot contract for a trainer ourselves as it is not financially sound for us to do so and we have several other staffing desires we would like to entertain as well. Mr. Wheelock will discuss this concern with neighboring Districts; as well as, re-visit the discussion with our BOCES.

- 9.14 to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Function Better Physical Therapy for athletic evaluation services for the 2019-20 school year, pending receipt of fingerprint clearances.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

**Miscellaneous Topics**

Mr. Wheelock introduced Kyle Hutchinson (sitting in the public seating) to the board as a new hire as of tonight's vote. He came from Frankfort with high recommendations.

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

**Resolution 13** made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 7 , Nays 0 .

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:39 p.m.

**Resolution 14:** that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marie Goodman  
Clerk of the Board