

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera

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: Members of the Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Nicotera.

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

**Public to be Heard** – Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board none 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.

**Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – Facilities and Transportation –**

**Mr. Wheelock** shared that the facilities committee met prior to the Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. to continue discussions on use of the new fitness center. Waivers for staff and community were shared, reviewed and amended to meet our needs. The committee agreed that there will be a brief orientation process for all persons wishing to utilize the fitness center. Cameras and a card access reader will be installed to provide continuous monitoring of the fitness center. For the month of June 2019, the fitness center will be available for community use on a limited scheduled basis. Starting on June 1 until June 27, 2019, the fitness center will be open, free of charge, for District residents on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Mr. Nelson** asked what the District's plan is for replacing the turf field when its useful life has expired. Mr. Wheelock shared that this would need to be included in our next Capital Project within the next 3-5 years.

**Superintendent's Report – Announce Board of Education Candidates/Draw for Ballot**

**Order** – Mr. Wheelock announced the Board candidates for the two open seats on the Board of Education. Draw for ballot order resulted in the following: Jim Dever appears first and Todd Nelson appears second. **SBI's Distinguished Service/Student Achievement Awards Dinner**

**Meeting** - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that this dinner meeting will be held on Thursday May 9, 2019 at 5:15 (check-in) at Twin Ponds. **Ski Club (Extra-Curricular Activity)** – Mr. Wheelock asked the Board if they would approve including a ski club advisor in the Middle School on the list of clubs and activities that annually gets distributed to all staff to indicate their desire to be advisor of said clubs and activities. The club was established this school year and was well attended. The Board unanimously agreed to include the ski club on the club and activities annual list.

**Resolution No. 50** made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Dever,

- resolve to approve the retirement of Brenda Sherwood as Laborer, with regret, effective July 31, 2019.
- to appoint Amie Wood as a per diem substitute teacher effective April 24, 2019.
- that Joyce Goodenough's probationary position as a laborer become permanent effective April 24, 2019 based upon the successful completion of her probationary period.
- to approve an agreement between the Town of Paris and Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the cleaning and sweeping of the parking lots and access roads of the School District on or before May 31, 2019
- for approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.

WHEREAS, the BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and

WHEREAS, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 19, 2019 and an information meeting was presented at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES on April 3, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education **APPROVES** the tentative administration budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$3,699,383.62 for 2019-2020.

- approval for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services election.

WHEREAS, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

WHEREAS, notification was received on March 21<sup>st</sup> of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Resolution No. 50 (Cont'd)**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the person or persons indicated as follows:

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Michael J. Moore, (Clinton Central school District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Michael J. Moore  
7540 Foote Road  
Clinton, NY 13323

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Gary P. Nelson, (Holland Patent Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Gary P. Nelson  
9384 Coates Road  
Holland Patent, NY 13354

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Dr. Gary W. Porcelli, (New York Mills Union free School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Dr. Gary W. Porcelli  
29 West Drive  
New York Mills, NY 13417

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Russell Stewart, (Waterville Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Russell Stewart  
1993 State Road 12B  
Deansboro, NY 13328

**Resolution No. 50 (Cont'd)**

- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- 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 1400763, 1401001, 1400488, 1401240, 102875, 102965, 103006, 1401253, 1400898, 1401253, 1401049, 1401191, 1401090, 1400463, 1400604, 1401082, 1401043, 1401077, 1400893, 1401107, 1400621, and 1400420 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1401233 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

**Resolution No. 51** made by Mrs. Weber Mangini and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Voucolo to open discussion on the minutes from the April 9, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. Nelson stated that the minutes indicated that Allison Moreau was the third leader scorer for girls' basketball in New York State, when in fact, she was the third leading scorer for girls' basketball in Section III. This will be amended in the minutes to reflect this correction.

Carried: Ayes 6

**Miscellaneous Topics** – Mr. Nicotera complimented the School Board Institute's Annual Showcase of Regional Programs and Initiatives held at BOCES on March 28, 2019. He further complimented Mark Putnam and Christa Stephens for representing Sauquoit Valley at this showcase and promoting the Little Bees Early Literacy Program established at the Elementary School. Mr. Nelson complimented the showcase as well and highlighted one of the programs, Unified Sports, that was on display supported by the state athletic association. He shared that this program allows regular education students and special needs students to participate together in select interscholastic sports. This gives students who otherwise would not have an opportunity or could not make a particular team at their school to compete for their school in this unique interscholastic sports opportunity. He stated that this opportunity continues to grow and gain support throughout this state.

**Public to Be Heard** – Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board and none did so.

**Resolution No. 52** made by Mr. Critelli and seconded by Mrs. Weber Mangini,

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following property tax report card as presented to the Board by the District Treasurer.

**Resolution No. 52 (Cont'd)**

<b>2019-20 Property Tax Report Card</b>			
Sauquoit Valley Central School			
Contact Person:	Kimberly Hibbard		
Telephone Number	(315) 839-6313		
	Budgeted 2018-19 (A)	Proposed Budget 2019-20 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	22,160,416	23,939,313	8.03%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	7,728,886	7,927,687	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable <sup>2</sup>	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	7,728,886	7,927,687	2.57%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	364,674	382,292	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	7,364,212	7,545,395	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F)	7,364,212	7,545,395	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval) <sup>2</sup>	0	0	
Public School Enrollment	1,036	1,035	0%
Consumer Price Index			2.44%

<sup>1</sup>Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup>Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the school tax levy limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

<sup>3</sup>For 2018-19, includes any carryover from 2017-18 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

**Resolution No. 52 (Cont'd)**

	Actual 2018-19 (D)	Estimated 2019-20 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	57,721	20,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	727,080	727,080
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	823,172	450,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	3.71%	1.90%

Carried: Ayes 6.

**Resolution No. 53** made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, seconded by Mrs. Weber Mangini, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald J. Wheelock  
District Clerk