

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

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

Members Absent: Anthony Nicotera

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer  
Mark R. Putnam, Elementary School Principal  
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal  
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

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

**Public to be Heard** - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Ron Thrasher** shared with the Board a concern that parents were not notified after a stranger in a van approached a few members of the girls' track team a couple of weeks ago. He had contacted the school about this and did not hear back; therefore, he shared this concern with the Board. Mr. Wheelock indicated that he would look into this and get back to him.

**Students to be Heard** - Mrs. Miller asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. No students were present.

**Presentation - Recognition of Allison Moreau, Girls Basketball** – Doug Jones, Athletic Director, presented Allison Moreau with her basketball jersey encased in a frame to commemorate her outstanding basketball career and for being the third leading scorer in Section III with 2,286 career points.

**Superintendent's Report** – **Revised Policy No. 4033 – Use of District Credit Card** – Copies were given to the Board members of the approved, revised policy.

**Old Business - Tax Collection** – Kim Hibbard shared that she met with our tax collector, Kathryn Wakefield, to discuss scheduled tax collection times. The District is proposing that during the month of September, there will be three days per week designated for tax collection purposes and two days per week in October. The selected days and hours designated for tax collection are to be determined and once the schedule is finalized, this information will be posted to our web site and mailed out with the tax bills.

**Resolution No. 47** made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo,

- resolve to approve the retirement of Jacalyn Gaskell as Bus Dispatcher, with regret, effective June 30, 2019.
- resolve to approve the retirement of Steven Schreck as part time Transportation Supervisor, with regret, effective June 30, 2019.
- to appoint Amy Bepko as a long-term substitute teacher (elementary school) effective April 4, 2019 through June 2, 2019, or until such time as the regular teacher returns.
- to appoint William Braman as a per diem substitute teacher effective April 10, 2019.
- that Linda Kopczenski's probationary position as a laborer become permanent effective April 10, 2019 based upon the successful completion of her probationary period.
- that Scot Alsante be appointed as boys junior high (modified) track coach for the 2018-19 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- that Darlene Philpotts be appointed as girls junior high (modified) track coach for the 2018-19 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to extend the contract with Turner Construction Management Services an additional three months due to the numerous delays encountered in the auditorium. The extension will go out to July 31, 2019, at a cost of \$35,000 per month.
- to approve the terms and conditions for legal services as presented for the 2019-20 school year.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.
- that the monthly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the March 26, 2019 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 1401256, 1400669, 1400503, 1400628, 1400682, 103044, 103022, 1400096, 103206, 1401080, 1400475, 1400155, 1400834, 1401250, 1400835, 1400654, 1400463 and 1400475 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6

**Miscellaneous Topics** – **Todd Nelson** proposed that the District engage in the budget development process in September, rather than January, and take a more pro-active approach to building the budget as opposed to a reactive approach. His concern is that we typically react to the Governor's budget proposal and start the budget process determining how we will mitigate our budget gap. He proposes we devise a pro-active plan in building the budget well before we know where the State will be with their budget. Take a more long-term planning approach, rather than a short-term reaction.

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

**Resolution No. 48** made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Devers, to put before the voters on May 21, 2019 the budget for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$23,939,313 and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said district to be levied and collected as required by law.

Mr. Wheelock shared that the tax levy to support this budget is 2.57%, which is within the State's attainable tax levy limit.

Carried: Ayes 6

**Resolution No. 49** made by Mrs. Weber Mangini, seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald J. Wheelock  
District Clerk