

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Public accessed the meeting live starting at 7:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/TEv08hrvvtM> which was on the school website at www.svcsd.org.

Date of the Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Dawn Miller, President

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:00 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charlie Cowen, Business Administrator

Others Present: Staff, community members and Derick LaLonde (MORIC).

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – There was none.

Public to be Heard – There was none in the chat room.

Students to be Heard – There was none in the chat room.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – The State sponsored COVID Leave policy was emailed to the board prior to the meeting for review. This is a supplemental policy to the already established Family Medical Leave Act policy. There are more updates to several policies and they will be sent to the board for review and discussed at another meeting.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wheelock announced that the School Board Institute "Meet the Candidate" with Congressman Anthony Brindisi was tonight, Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Claudia Tenney is scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m. Assemblyman Brian Miller and his opponent Chad McEnvoy met previously and the program was well planned, but sparsely attended.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 9.1 to 9.8 will be read as a consent motion and will take one vote. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion.

Resolution No. 18 made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, and seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini

- to appoint Kelli Reed as a per diem substitute teacher effective October 8, 2020.
- to accept Renee Bonafield's resignation as middle school nurse, with regret, effective October 28, 2020.
- to appoint Hayley Mielnicki as a volunteer cross country coach for the 2020-21 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to appoint Fredric Orsino as a volunteer girls varsity field hockey coach for the 2020-21 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- that the minutes of the September 29, 2020 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated May and June.
- that the Treasurer's Report of Balances be approved as presented.
- 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, 1401270, 1400753, 1002800, 102626, 1401452, 102763, 1400127, 252222, 1401092, 102852, 1401445, 103252, 1401260, 1401443, 1401309, and 1401307 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0

Miscellaneous Topics – Mr. Nicotera asked, if there is a target date as to the school opening to full in-person learning? Mr. Wheelock stated that at this point everything in place is working with only minimal outbreak of COVID and until the social distancing guidelines are lessened we won't see a shift in our instructional model. We will look into this later in the school year should the guidance permit us.

Mr. Nelson asked about the Center State Conference in regards to winter sports. Are the coaches appointed for the winter sporting events and will they be able to play? Mr. Wheelock stated that there is a meeting scheduled for league President's with Section III and as the chair of the Chief School Officers Committee in the Section, he plans on attending. Mr. Nelson stated that the low to moderate sports included bowling, indoor track, skiing and swimming.

Mr. Nelson's second question was Sauquoit Valley District's financial status. Is it possible to schedule another audit? Mr. Wheelock agreed that this is a great idea and one will be scheduled. This will be one of many including public forums, so when it comes time for the school vote the public will be informed.

Motion 9.2 was passed and Mr. Nicotera just asked if it is the salary that is causing the turnovers. Mr. Nelson suggested to approach local colleges at their Career Days. Ms. Brennan- Vuocolo commented on that MVCC has one and she thinks it may be a virtual one this year and agrees that it is a good idea. There was none in the chat room.

Public to be Heard – There was none in the chat room.

Students to be Heard – There was none in the chat room.

Executive Session – There was none.

Resolution No.19 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk