

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Public accessed the meeting live starting at 7:00 p.m. at [https://youtu.be/\\_iXmTzN5AU4](https://youtu.be/_iXmTzN5AU4) which was located on the school's website at [www.svcasd.org](http://www.svcasd.org).

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, September 29, 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:** Anthony Nicotera, Michele Brennan-Vuocolo, Ronald Critelli, James Dever, Todd Nelson, and Christine Weber-Mangini

**Administrators Present:** Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools  
Charles Cowen, District Treasurer.

**Others Present:** Staff, community members and Derek 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** – Mr. Wheelock attended a “Meet the Candidates” zoom meeting. Both candidates were present for the 101<sup>st</sup> Assembly District: Assemblyman Brian Miller and candidate, Chad McEvoy. Mr. Wheelock stated that the school funding was the main topic which both candidates are very supportive of. The state needs to help the schools financially and not depend on federal support alone. Schools were instructed to retain the hourly staff last spring as they were receiving state aid and did retain their hourly employees. However, the state has withheld 20% of the school's end of the 2019-20 school year state aid which for Sauquoit ranges between \$180,000 - \$200,000 withheld. They are aware of the increase purchases in PPE, cleaning supplies, and the extra things required by the state for the schools to reopen. The state had no plans in place on how to assist.

### **Superintendent's Report**

School Safety of Excellence award is an annual program sponsored by Utica National Insurance. Schools are evaluated by a survey and receive points. BOCES helped

Sauquoit Valley in achieving a high score that resulted in a \$500 donation along with a plaque indicating we achieved at the Titanium level.

**Old Business** – There was none.

**New Business**

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 9.1 to 9.17 will be read as a consent motion and 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. 16** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo

- to appoint Ms. Trisha Moore as a mentor teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.
- to accept Lindsay Kidder's resignation as girls' tennis coach.
- to appoint Scott Smith as varsity girls' tennis coach for 2020-2021 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR, First Aid, and approval of coaching certifications.
- to approve Melissa Cain's request for a maternity leave to commence October 14, 2020 and be continuous through, on or about January 4, 2021; and, to approve any unpaid child care leave needed during this time period.
- to approve Melissa Cain's request for a FMLA leave to commence October 19, 2020 and be continuous through December 14, 2020.
- to appoint Kelli Lynn Reed as a 1:1 teacher aide elementary position depending upon student need, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Keith Kempney as District Data Protection Officer.
- to accept the Education Records policy.
- to accept the Information Security Breach Policy.
- to accept the Protection of Student, Teacher, Principal Personal Information (Data Security and Privacy) policy.
- to approve the district safety plan as presented on August 18, 2020.
- to approve the independent contractor/consulting agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and the Hamilton Central School District to provide services to one Sauquoit Valley student who attends New Life Christian School for the 2020/2021 school year.

- to approve the immunization agreement between Walgreens and Sauquoit Valley Central School District.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances (April 30, 2020) be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting be approved.
- 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 1400604, 1401453, 1400683, and 1401451 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

**Miscellaneous Topics** – Mr. Wheelock welcomed Charlie Cowen as he returns to Sauquoit Valley as District Treasurer/Business Administrator, a position that he held 3 years ago. Board members are very pleased to have him back and look forward to his expertise.

Mr. Wheelock then gave an update on the school's operations. There are no positive cases reported. Some children had minor conditions but were not considered COVID. Pre K through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are running every day and the students are enjoying it as well as the teachers. Grades 5 to 12 are hybrid. Several sporting teams are up and running. There is a limit to the number of spectators per player to attend. Mr. Nelson gave information on the availability of 2 free cameras per school district being given by the National Federation of Athletes.

Mr. Nicotera suggested that everyone working in Sauquoit Valley School District from administrators, food service, maintenance and etc. have been doing an exceptional job in maintaining the opening of school in a safe manner for everyone. He would like Mr. Wheelock to send a district wide email with a letter from the Board members stating that they recognize, hear and appreciate the hard working job that they are all doing. Mr. Wheelock agreed that the staff have been great. The food service workers are BOCES employees but some are residents of Sauquoit and have worked all summer providing meals to our families that requested them. He thanked the Board for recognizing everyone and would be glad to do that on behalf of all the school board members.

**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. 17** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk