

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Public accessed the meeting live starting at 7:00 p.m. at https://youtu.be/jgIEMuL_k-o which was on the school website at www.svcasd.org.

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 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
Patricia Service, Interim District Treasurer, Brian Read,
Pete Madden & Mark Putnam

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

- **Presentation** – Mr. Wheelock reviewed the Safety Plan for the 2020-21 academic year. The public can review it and make comments up to 30 days. The plan is located on the school's website. After the 30 days if there are no changes, it will be submitted to the State Education Department to post. Mr. Nelson reminded Mr. Wheelock of his request last year to add to "Save a Life" format. This is for sporting activities and events sponsored by the school but are outside the school buildings. The format is to have the coach, teacher, or advisor assign delegates within the group/team to have specific duties in case a unexpected situation occurs. The assigned delegates duties would be: calling 911, taking charge if someone is unable to, one may be assigned to stay with victim, etc. Mr. Wheelock will look further into this. Mrs. Weber-Mangini also asked if there is a procedure as to who is the spokesperson for the school. Mr. Wheelock stated it is him. Ms. Vuocolo-Brennan asked if a crisis intervention with the county is available. Mr. Wheelock informed them there is a mental health agreement with the county but there is no formal documentation but if there is a call to the county, they will assist.

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 – There was none.

Superintendent's Report

- Freshmen Orientation, August 19, 2020 at the high school and the middle school is planning a one on one visit for incoming 5th graders to meet their teacher and be acclimated to the building with the 6' social distancing.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 9.1 to 9.20 will be read as a consent motion and take one vote. Motion 9.6 was removed as applicant received full time employment in another district and 9.16 was pulled to vote separately. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion.

Resolution No. 11 made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XIV, Probationary Term, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Renee Bonafield as a school nurse effective September 11, 2020 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 11, 2020 and to expire on April 15, 2021.
- to accept the resignation of Stephanie Alsante, as teacher assistant effective August 13, 2020.
- to approve Gianna Giruzzi to the position of teacher assistant in the teaching assistant tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence September 2, 2020 and to expire September 2, 2024.
- to approve Wendy Lampert to the position of teacher assistant in the teaching assistant tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence September 2, 2020 and to expire September 2, 2024.
- to approve Meghan Roberts' request for a maternity leave to commence on or about October 5, 2020, and be continuous through November 18, 2020; and, to approve her unpaid child care leave to commence on or about November 19, 2020 and be continuous through January 13, 2021.
- to provisionally appoint Emmett Loori as laborer effective August 31, 2020, for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on August 31, 2020 and to expire on March 24, 2021. Compensation will be \$15.28/hr. (Grade 4, Laborer, at Step 5).

- to appoint Jacob Florentino as a substitute laborer, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Cassandra Brooks as a part-time laborer (4.5 hours/day), pending fingerprint clearance, effective September 8, 2020, for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 8, 2020 and expire on April 1, 2021. Compensation will be \$15.28/hr. (Grade 4, Laborer, Step 5).
- to appoint Tyler Merriam to coach boys' varsity soccer, pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- that Jeff Houck be appointed as Content Area Coordinator for Math in the high school level.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Small Blessings Preschool (UPK Program) for the 2020-21 school year.
- to approve the agreement between the County of Oneida by and through the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the School Special Patrol Officer Initiative effective September 2, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- to approve the Consultation Service agreement commencing August 10, 2020 and shall terminate June 30, 2021 unless sooner notification of a 30 day notice by either party. Anticipated date of termination is September 25, 2020 unless new Business Administrator begins sooner.
- to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM TAX ROLLS AND AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District expend for the 2020-2021 school year a sum not to exceed \$24,401,492.00.

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
Paris	238,314,052		238,314,052	0.8500	280,369,472.94	66.117831%	5,327,165.23	238,314,052.00	22.353551
New Hartford	50,619,116		50,619,116	0.7200	70,304,327.78	16.579443%	1,335,818.65	50,619,116.00	26.389608
Frankfort	31,348,242		31,348,242	0.6450	48,601,925.58	11.461497%	923,461.76	31,348,242.00	29.458168
Litchfield	15,336,592		15,336,592	0.7900	19,413,407.59	4.578146%	368,864.80	15,336,592.00	24.051289
Marshall	2,950,572		2,950,572	0.6200	4,758,987.10	1.122283%	90,423.22	2,950,572.00	30.645997
Kirkland	286,281		286,281	0.5700	502,247.37	0.118442%	9,542.96	286,281.00	33.334242
Bridgewater	86,274		86,274	0.9100	94,806.59	0.022358%	1,801.37	86,274.00	20.879690
	338,941,129		338,941,129		424,045,174.95	1.00000000	\$8,057,076.00	338,941,129	

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, 2020 and end October 31, 2020 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:

1st month free period,

2nd month interest of 2 percent added.

- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- that the minutes of the August 5, 2020 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 1401001, 14001434, 1401435, 1401221, and 1401261 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nayes 0

Resolution No. 12 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Ms. Vuocolo-Brennan to reopen 9.16 for a roll call vote.

- 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, 2020 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, 2020.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$8,057,078.00 (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.

Roll Call Vote:	Dawn Miller	<u>Yes</u>
	Anthony Nicotera	<u>Yes</u>
	Michele Brennan-Vuocolo	<u>Yes</u>
	Ronald Critelli	<u>Yes</u>
	Jim Dever	<u>Yes</u>
	Todd Nelson	<u>Yes</u>
	Christine Weber-Mangini	<u>Yes</u>

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics:

1. A reopening plan was to be submitted by August 5, 2020 per the Governor. An extension was requested but the plan was finalized in time and submitted. The governor requested three (3) public forums to be held prior to opening. The panelist of staff were the building administrators, CSE director, transportation supervisor, facilities director and a nurse. One was held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5pm. It lasted until 7:30pm with approximately 134 participants with 125 to 130 questions. The second meeting was today, Tuesday, August 18 from 5pm-6:50pm with 85 participants. Some questions were similar. On the school's website there is a site where we put the most frequently asked questions with a reply, for viewers to read. Mr. Nicotera asked what some of the frequently asked questions were. Mr. Wheelock stated:

- If a family decides to go remote, who do they notify?
- If students start in person and later a family elects to go remote. Can they?
- What is the protocol if someone is tested positive?
- How is the common and frequently used areas cleaned?

Mr. Wheelock explained that temperatures will be taken from everyone including visitors on a daily basis along with a questionnaire. There is an increase in numbers of family homeschooling.

Mr. Dever asked about the staff and how they are handling the different workload, demands and their own family as a parent. Mr. Wheelock explained that they are working very hard to get students engaged and the parents of the community are going through the same thing, juggling work, child/student learning and childcare. While we made plans to open we kept all that in our minds.

2. Mr. Nelson questioned the time frame on a budget/audit committee meeting. With a new business administrator joining soon and the budget vote, it would be wise to meet and discuss the financial outlook of the school. Mr. Wheelock asked Marie Goodman to schedule and possibly 6pm before the next meeting.

Public to Be Heard – There was one concern relating to daycare. Mr. Wheelock stated that every situation is different and all factors must be reviewed.

Mrs. Miller asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Dever stated that he agreed with Mr. Nelson to review the finances as there is a deficit of \$130k. Mr. Wheelock informed everyone of FEMA application that was submitted allowing for just PPE supplies. Mr. Nicotera asked about the BOCES refund money to the district. Mrs. Service replied, part of the refund was received back in March. There will be a decrease in revenue for 2020/20.

Mrs. Miller asked if there was anything else from the public and there was none.

Resolution No. 13 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie Goodman
Board Clerk