

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wheelock at 7:02 p.m.

Oath of Office – All the members came to the office and signed the Oath of Office prior to the meeting.

Appointment of President and Vice President for 2020-2021 School Year

Nominations were opened for President of the Board for the 2020-2021 school year and Mr. Nelson nominated and Mrs. Weber-Mangini seconded that Mrs. Miller be President of the Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Resolution No. 1 made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, to appoint Mrs. Miller as President of the Board of Education for the 2020-21 school year.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Nominations were opened for Vice President of the Board for the 2020-2021 school year and Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo nominated and Mr. Dever seconded that Mr. Nicotera be Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Resolution No. 2 made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, seconded by Mr. Dever, to appoint Mr. Nicotera as Vice President of the Board of for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Mr. Wheelock turned the meeting over to the re-elected Vice-President for 2020-21 academic year.

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera, Vice-President

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

Members Absent: Dawn Miller, Ronald Critelli

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation – 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, under sub-committee of Board Operations/Relationships/Development, shared the District should consider looking into the school's nickname "Indians". As this has been a topic of great discussion in the media in regards to professional athletic teams, Mr. Wheelock feels we should engage in discussion to review the continued use of the "Indians" nickname. Mr. Nelson suggested to reach out to someone at the local Indian Nation and have them discuss their ideas and views before any decision is made as to a change. Other board members agreed. Mr. Wheelock stated he will see if he could arrange a meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Board of Education contact information was updated per board members request.

List of Representatives for Board of Education Sub-Committee Meetings was reviewed and board members agreed to stay on the same committees as last year.

SBI 2020-2021 meeting schedule was given prior to meeting.

SBI Representative and Alternate – Mr. Nicotera and Mr. Dever agreed to be SBI representatives for Sauquoit Valley Central School.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business –

Mr. Nicotera stated that action items 11.1 to 11.46 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. 3 made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, seconded by Mr. Dever

- to appoint Kimberly Hibbard to the position of School Treasurer in the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the 2020-2021 school year effective July 1, 2020.
- that the following School District Officers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Tax Collector	Kathryn Wakefield
Clerk	Marie Goodman
Census Enumerator	Brenda Kuhn
School Attorneys	Timothy R. McGill – Bonding Ferrara Fiorenza PC – Other Matters
School Physician	Dr. Christopher Alinea
Attendance Officer	Brenda Kuhn
School Auditors	Bonadio & Co., LLP

- to authorize Deborah Flack as claims auditor for the 2020-2021 school year.
- to authorize Brenda Kuhn as deputy claims auditor for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that Key Bank, M&T Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, NBT Bank and NYSLYAS be designated as depositories for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that the following individuals be authorized to sign checks for the distribution of funds: Kimberly Hibbard, Treasurer; Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent; President of the Board of Education; and Vice President of the Board of Education and that the use of the two signature check for non-payroll checks over \$1,000 (all checks, one signature required) be continued.
- that Kathryn Wakefield be appointed school purchasing agent for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that Kimberly Hibbard be appointed as coordinator of federal funds for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that the practice of previous years be continued to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to grant approval of staff members attending professional meetings and conferences held during the 2020-2021 school year.
- that the Superintendent of Schools be designated to certify payrolls for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to approve budget transfers up to a limit of \$5,000.00.
- to appoint Nicole Becker, 6th Grade teacher for probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2020 and to expire September 1, 2024 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an

ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).

- that the Board of Education meetings will be held generally on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school for the 2020-2021 school year. The actual meeting schedule was adopted on June 23, 2020.
- that the Observer-Dispatch be designed as the official newspaper for legal notices during the 2020-2021 school year.
- that Brian Read and Peter Madden be appointed custodians of the extra-classroom activities fund and that Cheryl Tibbitts and Christine Juliano be appointed treasurers of the extra-classroom activities fund during the 2020-2021 school year.
- that the Treasurer, Kimberly Hibbard be authorized to supervise deposits and investments for the school funds during the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with school district policy and General Municipal Law.
- that Mr. Nicotera be appointed as the Sauquoit Valley Central School Board's representative to the School Boards Institute Executive Committee and that Mr. Dever be appointed as an alternate to this committee.
- that the General Fund petty cash fund be replenished as follows for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - Middle School \$25
 - District Office \$50
- that the Sauquoit Valley Central School Board of Education designates the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services Advisory Council for Career & Technical Education to serve the Sauquoit Valley Central School as its advisory council for the 2020-2021 school year.
- to take all monies that are accumulated in the interest accounts of the high school and middle school student activities funds as of June 30, 2020 and distribute them to student account in the following manner: (a) 70% of the interest total to the High School Student Council and (b) 30% of the interest to the Middle School Student Council.
- to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to declare items as surplus equipment when needed and to dispose of accordingly for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that all policies in effect including the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct be re-adopted for the 2020-2021 school year.
- to approve all credit cards used by the district for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

CARD	AUTHORIZED USER
Mastercard	Ron Wheelock
Home Depot	Joe Corleto, Keith Kempney & Steve Parker

- to appoint the following as Dignity Act Coordinators for the 2020-2021 school year per the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) signed into law on September 13, 2010 which took effect on July 1, 2012:

NAME	TITLE
Mark Putnam	Elementary School Principal
Paul Dischiavo	Elementary School Social Worker
Peter Madden	Middle School Principal
Luanne Miner	Middle School Social Worker
Ed Ryan	Middle School Guidance Counselor
Brian Read	High School Principal
TBA	High School Guidance Counselor
Peter Scialdone	High School Guidance Counselor

- to appoint Stephen Parker, Director of Facilities III, as the district's asbestos Local Educational Agency (LEA) designee for the 2020-2021 school year.
- to establish substitute teacher pay rates as follows for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - \$80 for uncertified
 - \$90 for certified

Due to increase in minimum wage effective January 1, 2021:

- \$85 for uncertified
 - \$95 for certified
- to establish substitute pay rates, unless otherwise stated per contract, for positions in the school related professionals unit for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

POSITION	RATE
Aide	\$13.00
Nurse	\$17.96
Bus Driver	\$16.00
School Bus Attendant	\$14.38
Laborer	\$13.16
Clerk/Office Specialist I	\$13.98
Payroll Clerk/Account Clerk	\$14.50
Office Specialist II	\$14.03

- that the hourly rate for tutoring for the 2020-2021 school year be determined by Step 8 (Bachelor's only) of the teacher's contract; divided by 200 (days/year); divided by 6.5 (hours/day).

- that Keith Kempney be appointed as computer director for the 2020-2021 school year.
- that Alison Pirger be granted an annual stipend of \$1,500 to carry out administrative assistant duties related to the Committee on Special Education. Subject to change dependent upon future need for or alternative means to perform this service.
- to approve salaries for the following individuals for the 2020-21 school year:

Title	Salary
Elementary School Principal	\$101,415
Middle School Principal	\$104,011
High School Principal	\$105,060

- to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, THE Board of Education has been provided evidence that Peter Madden, Brian Read, Mark Putnam and Ronald Wheelock have completed all three sessions of training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of teachers, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, Peter Madden, Brian Read, Mark Putnam and Ronald Wheelock be certified as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, THE Board of Education has been provided evidence that Ronald Wheelock has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of principals, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, Ronald Wheelock be certified as a Lead Evaluator of principals.

- to approve the District Special Education Plan.
- to accept donation of \$329.05 from Abraham Taha, recent graduate, from book royalties earned to assist the school district financially.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2020-2021 school year.

- resolve to approve the retirement of Theresa Thoden as Guidance Secretary, with regret, effective November 9, 2020.
- to appoint Theresa Bentley as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2020.
- resolve to approve the resignation of Philip DeAngelo as Laborer, with regret, effective June 27, 2020.
- to provisionally appoint Jennifer Siniscarco as laborer. Compensation will be in accordance to School Related Professional's contract, for Grade 4, Laborer at Step 5.
- to appoint Philip DeAngelo as a per diem substitute laborer effective June 27, 2020.
- that Fabio Jasiewicz's probationary position as a laborer be permanent, effective May 19, 2020.
- to accept a \$1,370.91 donation from Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors to cover students outstanding balances in the school lunch program as of July 1, 2020.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated June 2020.
- that the minutes of the June 23, 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 and Pre-School Special Education numbered 103129, 103130, 102989, 103303, 103070, 1400118, 1401243, 102885, 1401402 and 1401260 as recommended by the Committee on.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

Mr. Nelson inquired if the district has heard of any plan or information as to the guidance of opening the school. Mr. Wheelock and the administration have met to start looking at the different scenarios that may arise in opening from the COVID-19. There is a superintendent's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2020 to share ideas and understanding of the Governor's order. Nothing is definite but there are expenses that will be associated with the reopening that were not budgeted for. Mr. Nelson and Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo volunteered to join the committee of reopening when one is established.

Public to be Heard – A message from the chat room was also questioning the opening of the school. Mr. Wheelock explained the many different concerns and stated that the public members can also volunteer to be a part of the committee to help with the process of reopening and preparing for a healthy safe school environment for all.

Executive Session – There was none.

Resolution No. 4 made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Clerk