

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Public can access meeting live starting at 6:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/mr1r1Ppx8yk> which can be found on the school website at www.svcasd.org.

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular – Meeting took place remotely via Google Meet

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller, President

Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent took roll call:

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

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer
Brian Read, High School Principal
Pete Madden, Principal
Mark Putnam, Elementary Principal

Others Present: Members of the Community/Staff and Derek LaLonde (MORIC).

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Mrs. Dawn Miller, President.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – There were none.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Wheelock reminded everyone that the date of the Board of Education election is June 9, 2020 via absentee ballot only. One will be mailed to each residence in Sauquoit Valley School District. If there is more than one voter, they can contact the Board Clerk and request a ballot. The three items up for vote are:

1. Budget for 2020-2021 school year
2. One (1) 60 passenger bus and one (1) 45 passenger with wheelchair accessibility.
3. Two seats on the board. Dawn Miller and Anthony Nicotera have filed for reelection.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business –

Resolution No. 54 – made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Jim Dever excluding motion 9.5 “Use Roundup to mitigate weed growth throughout the campus.”

- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period and any applicable APPR amendments from the State as a result of Executive Orders by the Governor related to the school closure from March 18, 2020 through June 26, 2020: Christa Stephens, Kindergarten, effective September 1, 2020, pending any new guidance as a result of the March 18 – June 26, 2020 school closure.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period and any applicable APPR amendments from the State as a result of Executive Orders by the Governor related to the school closure from March 18, 2020 through June 26, 2020: Noelle Arcuri, Resource Teacher in the High School, effective September 1, 2020, pending any new guidance as a result of the March 18 – June 26, 2020 school closure.
- that Randy Walker’s probationary period as building maintenance mechanic become permanent effective May 6, 2020 based upon the successful completion of his probationary period.
- that Brian Davoli’s probationary period as a bus driver become permanent effective May 13, 2020 based upon the successful completion of his probationary period.
- that the minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated April 30, 2020.
- 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 1400625, 1401317, 1401296, and 102637 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo to reopen discussion on 9.5 motion. The term "Round up" may be implied as the brand name and not the meaning of lawn work. That brand has ongoing litigation which claim is unsafe. Mr. Wheelock will look into the wording and the product being used to mitigate the lawn.

Resolution No. 55 - Motion made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Dever to table 9.5 Approval for Use of Roundup.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0

Miscellaneous Topics –

- Mr. Nicotera asked if there was any update on graduation procedures. Several suggestions have been brought up but Mr. Wheelock stated that he was not given any information as to guidelines to hold the ceremony. He is still waiting.

Public to Be Heard – Questions and comments were done via remotely in a chat format.

- Many questions in regards to graduation, such as: Can the graduation be held on the turf? Drive up or drive by graduation? Have a remote graduation and then a larger one in the summer? Mr. Wheelock responded when he answered Mr. Nicotera.
- There was a problem submitting the AP exam. Mr. Read, High School Principal responded. He stated that this is an outside organization handling the AP exams and is not Sauquoit Valley Central School. The organization is aware of the situation and another exam will be given again in June.
- The digital sign scrolling in front of the high school of seniors' names is greatly appreciated by many. Mr. Read added that he was proud of the students and how they are handling the coronavirus in regards to the quarantine. The students have displayed their talent and knowledge of social media, and video to good use. This shows how the students will succeed in life, that they can accomplish great things in the future. The Elementary and Middle School are also working on various ways to acknowledge their students to proceed to the next level of education.

Mrs. Miller thanked everyone for their input that it is important to hear other thoughts, ideas and concerns. If anyone would like to comment more or have questions, she reminded them to feel free to contact the board members, Mr. Wheelock or administrators.

Resolution No. 56 - made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Nicotera that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

Mrs. Miller had to leave the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Resolution No. 57 - made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini that the meeting be adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "G".

Marie Goodman, Clerk
Board of Education