

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller, President

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
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer
Brian Read, High School Principal
Peter Madden, Middle School Principal
Mark Putnam, Elementary School Principal

Others Present: Craig Manderville, and Joseph Corleto

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation – There was none.

Public to Be Heard – Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board and no one did so.

Students to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. There were no students present.

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

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wheelock reminded everyone of the invitation to Herkimer BOCES event scheduled for March 26. Anyone interested in attending please contact Marie Goodman so she can make reservations.

Old Business – There was none.

Resolution No. 42 made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo excluding motions 9.7, 9.14 and 9.19.

- to appoint Susan LaFountain as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 11, 2020.

- to appoint Rebecca Evans as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 11, 2020.
- to appoint Amanda Pearson as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 9, 2020.
- to appoint Ashley Taveras as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 9, 2020.
- to appoint Katrina Carro as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective March 11, 2020.
- that Joyce Sheldrick's probationary position as bus attendant be permanent, effective March 10, 2020.
- to appoint Randy Walker, as building maintenance mechanic, effective March 11, 2020, for a probationary period of 8 weeks to commence March 11, 2020 and to expire May 6, 2020, pursuant to all applicable civil service rules and regulations.
- resolve to approve the retirement of Mary Ann Knapp as an Elementary Teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2020.
- resolve to approve the retirement of Theresa Bentley as a CSE/Athletic Secretary, with regret, effective June 30, 2020.
- to accept Abraham (Bryan) Acee's leave of absence as a bus driver effective March 11, 2020 as he is pursuing the position of automotive mechanic/bus driver.
- to accept Joyce Sheldrick's resignation as a bus attendant effective June 30, 2020.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Abraham (Bryan) Acee to the position of Automotive Mechanic/Bus Driver effective March 11, 2020 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on March 11, 2020 and to expire on September 9, 2020.
- to accept the donation of \$500 from the Sauquoit Valley Foundation.
- to adopt the 185 day calendar for the 2020-21 school year as recommended by the Superintendents of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.
- that the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting be approved.

- to appoint Tracy Facchini as advisor to Unified Basketball for the 2019-20 season.
- to appoint Matthew Sprowell as an assistant varsity baseball coach for the 2019-20 season contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR, First Aid, and approval of coaching certifications.
- to approve the 2018-2019 NYS Comptroller Audit together with the district response and corrective action plan as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated February 26, 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 1401384, 1400603, 1400486, 1400395, 103267, 1400437, 1400510, 1401078, 1400318, 1400306, and 1401078 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1401241, 1401345, 1401347, 1401223, 1401244, 1401221, 1401255, and 1401241 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- to appoint Erin Wheelock as a school bus driver effective March 11, 2020.
- RESOLVED, that the board of Education of Sauquoit Valley Central School district, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Brittney Maltese to the position of Teacher Aide, provisionally effective March 11, 2020.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Motion 9.7 was withdrawn. Mr. Wheelock stated that the candidate declined.

Motion 9.14 was opened by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Critelli. Mr. Nelson requested that if approved, wanted to make sure that the school trip regulations and policies will be followed. Mr. Wheelock also informed everyone that Mr. Madden, Principal left a document with input from other schools using WorldStrides for school trips which was asked for at the last meeting. He also thanked Mr. Madden for providing.

- to approve an all-inclusive science trip to Florida during spring recess of 2021. This trip will be opened to interested 7th & 8th grade students during the 2020-21 school year.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Motion 9.19 was reopened by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Nelson asked how many candidates applied. Mr. Wheelock stated only one. Mrs. Miller inquired about the cost and funding as a budget is being formulated for the next school year. Mr. Wheelock explained the expenses and some reimbursement monies to cover the cost by a grant. Mr. Nicotera asked about other sports available for students other than just basketball. Mr. Nelson stated that there is bowling in the winter and a fall one is possible.

- to appoint Sean Dwyer as coach for Unified Basketball for the 2019-20 season contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR, First Aid, and approval of coaching certifications.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution 43 (Authorize Purchase of Buses at May 20, 2020 Annual Meeting)

Recommended Motion: that the following resolution be adopted:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices, Sauquoit, New York, on the 10th day of March, 2020:

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

ABSENT: 0

Christine Weber Mangini presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Michele Brennan-Vuocolo:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION #1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) 60-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$120,000, AND ONE 46-PASSENGER WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SCHOOL BUS AT AN

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$265,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED \$265,000 SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed for authorized indebtedness providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$265,000. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.
3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

AYES 7,

NAYS 0.

Miscellaneous Topics – Mr. Wheelock informed the board that he was approached to volunteer as President of the Chief School Officers which he is considering only if the board approves as his first responsibilities is Sauquoit Valley Central School District. The board approved as long as someone is available in your absence if need be. Mr. Wheelock stated that the principals are well experienced and knowledgeable to handle situations when they arise as they handle them now.

A Sauquoit student, Slater Costantine, won second place in state finals as a pole vaulter. Mr. Nicotera commented that it would be nice to acknowledge him at a meeting.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Mr. Madden read a compliment from his phone that he received about the jazz band and instructor that was performing in the Oneida County Jazz Performance.

Mr. Putnam stated that Mrs. Knapp will be missed as she retires. She is a very special teacher that goes above and beyond for students.

Executive Session - Mrs. Miller asked if there was anything to discuss in executive session. There was none.

Resolution No. 44 – made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Dever that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Goodman, Clerk
Board of Education