

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

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: Jeffrey Kuhn, Craig Manderville, Joseph Corleto, Alison Pirger, Linda Leuthauser, Courtney Roberts, Amanda Hartnett, and Sara Piacentino-Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Presentation - Middle School Science Trip Proposal**

Sara Piacentino-Call and Amanda Hartnett proposed an all-inclusive science educational trip for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students through World Stride program. This will be offered to students every other year with no cost to the District as students will need to self-fund the trip. The trip lasts five (5) days with a cost of \$2,249 which includes everything from flight, room, board, meals, and excursion fees. The first trip they are looking at is Key Largo, Florida. It will be during the April break, 2021. Mrs. Miller commented that this sounds like a good idea giving students the chance to think outside the walls here at Sauquoit. Questions arose in regards to whether it is a school sponsored function, where the liability lies and if it needs school board approved. Mr. Wheelock will look further into it and report back. Mr. Madden, Principal of the Middle School condones the event as it is giving students a broader educational experience that they will never have the opportunity to experience in a classroom.

**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.

**Superintendent's Report** -

- Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board an invitation to attend the high school National Honor Society induction ceremony on March 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that there is an open Board seat for Sauquoit Valley on the OHM BOCES Board. This is a 3 year term and interested candidates may contact Mr. Wheelock.

**Old Business** – There was none.

**Resolution No. 39** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, seconded by Mr. Nelson

- to appoint Alyssa Kuhn as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 5, 2020.
- to appoint Nancy Hartmann as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 5, 2020.
- to accept the resignation of Richard F. Williams as school bus driver effective February 7, 2020.
- to appoint Amie Wood, to the position of provisional payroll clerk, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations effective November 4, 2019.
- to grant Amie Wood a leave of absence from her position as a teacher aide (HS) effective February 5, 2020 as she pursues her provisional appointment as Payroll Clerk.
- that Philip DeAngelo's probationary position as laborer be permanent, effective February 5, 2020.
- that Brianna Lewis' probationary position as laborer be permanent, effective February 5, 2020.
- 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 Tessa Boehlert as a school nurse effective February 25, 2020 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on February 25, 2020 and to expire on November 6, 2020.
- to appoint Nancy Hartmann, RN as a substitute nurse, effective February 5, 2020.

## **Resolution No. 39 continued**

- to approve boys & girls high school unified basketball team contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport.
- to accept a donation of paper from Canfield Printing Company for the art classes.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated January 21, 2020.
- that the minutes of the January 21, 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 1401374, 1400901, 1401319, and 1401073 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Mr. Wheelock read the list of items donated by Canfield Printing and stated that a thank you letter will go out to them for such a nice contribution to the art department.

Carried: Ayes 7 Nays 0.

**Miscellaneous Topics** – Mrs. Miller asked if there was any miscellaneous topics. There were none brought forth.

**Public to Be Heard** - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Courtney Roberts presented a physical activity opportunity to all students in the hopes of reaching out to those not participating in a sport. Two days a week after school from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. the Fitness Center will be opened to students with supervision, to use the equipment at their own level. The students will be able to catch the late afternoon run bus which will not cost the district. Mr. Nelson stated that it is a great idea and thanked Ms. Roberts for her efforts. The only suggestion that he made was to have several work out sheets available for the students to have access to. This will help them to independently work out on their own. Mr. Nicotera, also commended Ms. Roberts for her efforts and hard work to put this program together for the students. The cost to the district to supervise the fitness center would be between \$700 and \$1,000. Mr. Nelson stated that if an approval needs to be brought on by the board, he recommends that the program go forward, as it will benefit students.

**Resolution No. 40** – made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter involving a particular employee.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:20 p.m.

**Resolution No. 41** – made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, seconded by Mr. Critelli that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 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, Clerk  
Board of Education