

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Public was informed to submit comments prior to the meeting (6:00 p.m.) to the Board Clerk's email. The public and students who would like to be heard will only be heard when called upon. The Board meeting was held in the high school auditorium.

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Ronald Critelli,
and Judy Kentile.

Absent: Todd Nelson, Jim Dever & Mike Sacco.

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools; and
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator.

Others Present: Staff & Community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – There were none during the meeting but prior to the meeting at 6pm the capital project was presented to the public.

Public to be Heard – Mandi Schmalz, RN spoke on behalf of all nurses and especially those here at the schools. Nurses are dedicated, caring and work endless hours. She feels that the rate of pay should increase for them. Mrs. Miller thanked her for speaking.

Sub Committee Reports – There were none.

Superintendent's Report – There is nothing new but prior to this meeting at 6pm a presentation of the capital project was held to inform the public and to take any questions. The capital project cost is \$10,785,000. If passed the school will receive 89.1 percent back from state aid. The second proposal is to receive approval to receive an additional 10 percent return from the state for the energy performance contract (EPC) project. The number of attendees in person was one and very low number on line. A separate mailing went out just recently with information as to what is on the ballot. Another reminder is published in the News & Views which will be mailed this week. Mr. Wheelock asked everyone to review the information sent out and come out to vote on December 9, 2021. The hours are 7am until 8pm in the high school lobby of the auditorium. Please vote.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 8.1 to 8.23 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. Motion 8.10 was asked to be removed by Mr. Nicotera.

Resolution No. 28 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

- to appoint Kira Seaman as a substitute teacher effective November 17, 2021.
- to appoint Emily Julian as a substitute teacher effective November 17, 2021.
- to appoint Madeline Kattato as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 3, 2022.
- to appoint Brittney Anderson as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 3, 2022.
- to approve medical leave of absence for Jeanice Gigliotti to commence on November 9, 2021, to be continuous for five weeks or until doctor release.
- to approve Kayla Brittell as a long-term substitute teacher in first grade, effective November 9, 2021, through December 22, 2021, or until classroom teacher returns from leave.
- to appoint Amie Wood as Payroll Clerk, provisional, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations effective November 17, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on November 17, 2021 and to expire on June 22, 2022.
- to appoint Jeanette Lewis as Bus Dispatcher, provisional, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations effective November 17, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on November 17, 2021 and to expire on June 22, 2022.
- to appoint Jean Driskell, RN as a substitute school nurse pending fingerprint clearance.
- to accept the resignation of Emmett Loori, Building Maintenance Mechanic, with regret, effective November 19, 2021.
- to accept the resignation of Heather Wentrick, bus driver, with regret, effective November 19, 2021.
- to appoint Jeffrey Emerson as a volunteer boys' volleyball coach for the 2021-22 season contingent upon student athlete participation and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to dispose of an old air compressor by donating it to the Clayville Fire Department.
- resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education appoint C&S Companies to complete an Energy Audit for the school district for the purposes of developing an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) for the board's consideration.
- that the Board of Education approve an adjustment to the tax warrant for parcel #111.3-2-30.6 (Town of Frankfort) per information provided by Herkimer County Department of Real Property Tax Services. The assessed

value of the property has been adjusted to \$160,000 from \$165,400 and the taxpayer is due a refund of \$160.33.

- that the Board of Education approve an adjustment to the tax warrant for parcel #386.000-per information provided by Oneida County Department of Real Property Tax Services. The property is eligible for the Senior Citizen exemption and a reduction to the tax due in the amount of \$1,714.16 has been calculated and recommended by Oneida County Department of Finance.
- that the Tax Collector’s Report be accepted and also that the Tax Collector’s Report for uncollected taxes from Oneida and Herkimer counties for the 2021-2022 school year be accepted and recorded as follows:

Oneida County	
Bridgewater	\$1,731.72
Marshall	\$82,847.04
Paris	\$4,477,997.96
New Hartford	\$1,065,848.89
Kirkland	\$7,866.82
Herkimer County	
Frankfort	\$834, 817.56
Litchfield	\$296,405.86

- that the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer’s Reports of Balances for October 31, 2021 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed on October 28, 2021.
- 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 1401073, 1401650, 1401603, 1400978, 1401299, 102852, 1401600, and 1401619, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- to appoint John Nicotera as indoor track coach for the 2021-22 season contingent upon student athlete participation and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mr. Nicotera has known Susan Deis as a dedicated, caring person to students and staff. She will be missed. Mr. Wheelock reiterated Mr. Nicotera’s remarks. Mrs. Deis and all the nurses hold an important role. Their work consists of tireless hours showing compassion and the demand of COVID has changed their work load. Mrs. Deis has put 19 dedicated years of work here. I wish her all the best. Ms. Kentile expressed her son’s experience and how the nurses are always there for the students, and even the parents, with answers and support in caring for them.

Resolution No. 29 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Ms. Kentile,

- to accept the retirement of Susan Deis, High School Nurse, with regret, effective December 31, 2021 or until a replacement is hired.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics – Mr. Nicotera recognized students that are in attendance. One specific, Login Houck who Mr. Nicotera congratulated him on his performance at the state cross country competition. Mr. Wheelock also recognized Logan for his status at the event and the great representation for Sauquoit Valley Central School.

Resolution No. 30 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss negotiations for the teachers' union.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 31 made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk