

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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

Date of Meeting: September 28, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President.

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Miller thanked everyone for joining. Mr. Wheelock attended the meeting virtually. Before the start of the meeting Mrs. Miller explained the procedures of how the Board meetings will be held and would appreciate everyone's cooperation. The in-person section to speak on the agenda will be conducted in a civil and respectful manner. The Board will not entertain further discussion on the mask mandate as it is a state mandate and they do not have the authority to change the mandate or any other state mandate. We are allowing time on the agenda for the public but this is not a requirement. Anyone who would like to speak must submit their request and topic to the Board Clerk before 6pm the night of the meeting. If there are multiple people to speak on the same subject, the Board may only hear a few and ask if others have any additional information not already share.

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Ronald Critelli, Jim Dever, Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson, and Mike Sacco.

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

Others Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – There was none.

Public to be Heard – Lynn Weibel thanked Mr. Wheelock for answering some of the questions she had prior to the meeting. She would like the extra curriculum activity choices reviewed. The same groups have been in existence for 20 years since she attended here at Sauquoit. The students should have more choices to choose from such as SADD, STEM, Robotics, 4H, etc. Lynn stated that all the extras would be beneficial for the students' college applications and resumes.

Mrs. Miller thank her.

Mr. Fitzgerald would like a feasibility study executed to see if it is financially wise to contract out the busing. He feels that repairs, payroll and the purchase of buses would save the school money. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the Sheriff's Department has done this.

Mr. Sullivan was called up by Mrs. Miller and he was not present.

Students to be Heard – There was none.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – There was none.

Superintendent's Report – No report.

Old Business – There was none.

Resolution No. 19 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera

- to approve Caroline Arancio, special education teacher in the high school, in the special education tenure area, for probationary period of four (4) years to commence October 15, 2021 and to expire October 15, 2025 (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).
- to appoint Noelle Arcuri as a mentor teacher to Caroline Arancio for the 2021-22 academic year.
- to appoint Kristy Christian as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 29, 2021.
- that Jacob Florentino's probationary position as a laborer be permanent, effective September 29, 2021.
- 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 Mary Bridge to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective October 1, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence October 1, 2021 and to expire May 10, 2022.
- to approve Mary Bridge as a substitute bus attendant per Civil Service rules and regulations, contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective October 1, 2021.

- to appoint Mandi Schmalz as a substitute school nurse effective September 29, 2021.
- **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 Brittney Maltese to the part-time position of school bus attendant contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 29, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 29, 2021 and to expire on May 5, 2022.
- **RESOLVED**; The Sauquoit Valley Board of Education (the School District) has agreed to enter into an agreement with Oneida County (the County), through a contract with American Traffic Solutions, Inc., doing business as Verra Mobility, to participate in the School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring Program (SBPVMP), which is voluntary for school districts located within Oneida County, imposing motor vehicle owner liability for failure of an operator of a motor vehicle to stop for a school bus displaying its red visual warning signals and an extended stop-arm; and

Whereas: the School District is desirous of utilizing the SBPMVP in order to enhance the safety and security of children being transported on school buses, pedestrians, school bus drivers and motorists on public highways in the County, and

Therefore: The Sauquoit Valley's Board of Education authorizes the participation in the School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring Program.

- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances (August 31, 2021) be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- 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 1400997, 1401535, 1401604, 1401266, 1401540, 1401127, 1401603, 1401177, 1401484, 1401307, 1401543, 1401538, 103267, 1401592, 140602, 1401594, 1401614, 1400084, 103129, 1401612, and 1401400 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

Mr. Nicotera stated that at the beginning of the school year four (4) new positions were added. Has the impact made a positive effect?

Mr. Nelson suggested to re-examine the opening plan as it was stated to do at the August board meeting. Just to review and see if there is anything that can be adjusted or improved. This does not have to be focused on just the mask wearing as we know this is mandated by the state. Maybe a canvas survey can be dispersed.

Mr. Nicotera acknowledged Ben LaGalbo, a student who attended. He encourages other students to join as well.

Executive Session – There was none.

Resolution No. 20 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Mr. Sullivan asked about his opportunity to speak at the meeting. He was not present during the public to be heard portion of meeting and this meeting has now adjourned. Mrs. Miller stated he would be added to the October 12, 2021 agenda to speak.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education