

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

The regular Board of Education meeting was held in-person in the high school library and on line at 7:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/f3sqc7Cz5F0> which was accessible on the school website at www.svcsd.org.

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Staff, community members and Derek LaLonde (MORIC).

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) - Three representatives from Ashley McGraw gave a presentation on the capital project. Several repairs and updates were explained as to the need and reason for the update. Several questions were asked and answered. The Districts 5-years facilities plan and building condition survey were used to identify the facility needs to include on the scope of this project.

Public to Be Heard – Mrs. Miller reminded everyone that the line in the chat room is still open for those who would like to comment. It is being monitored by Mr. Wheelock throughout the meeting.

Several spring coaches were present at the meeting and Ms. Philpotts started the discussion off with a letter that was handed to the board members. The coaches would like the board to review their spring coaches' stipend. Due to COVID the length of the sport seasons were shortened and coaching stipends were prorated time change of the season the stipend was adjusted. The coaches feel that the instruction was the same

as prior years but more intense and demanding as a coach they were working harder and struggled to get the same number of games in. Several other coaches also spoke explaining their sport and what they put into it. The board appreciated their comments and will discuss the situation in executive session later in the meeting.

Students to Be Heard – There were none.

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

Superintendent's Report

1. A boiler was approved to be replaced but in the process of doing so, another issue was found. The metal flu pipe needs replacement or to be rerouted. The cause is unknown at this time and is being reviewed by our engineers and insurance company.
2. Last week Brian Miller, Assemblyman, inquired if Sauquoit Valley Central School would be willing to rent a room for office space at the high between the range of \$10,000 and \$12,000. Mr. Nicotera and Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo agreed. Mr. Critelli stated it is a great idea as long as it is secure to students and staff with guests coming in to visit Mr. Miller. Mr. Wheelock stated that all guests will follow our entry to the building protocol and that staff from Mr. Miller's office would be escorting guests to and from their office. Mrs. Weber-Mangini also agreed and stated that this would be good for Sauquoit students to possible get an internship and learn more about the political process.
3. With the high number of vaccinated public, graduation can occur with a higher number of guests in attendance. Those who were not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask. Graduation ceremony will be Saturday, June 26 at 10am at the stadium. Graduates on the turf and spectators on the bleachers. Board members and staff are welcome to attend. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nicotera, Mr. Dever, Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo and Ron Critelli acknowledged their attendance to be included. Mr. Read will be sending another notification of the change to the seniors and their parents.
4. Mr. Wheelock stated that there are 16 remotely watching the board meeting tonight. As an average there has been 15 – 25 people attending the board meetings remotely. Mr. Nicotera stated that it is good to let the public be informed and if it is not costly, keep the site open for them to attend and be able to voice their opinion. Mrs. Miller agreed.

Old Business

The National Federation of Athletics is providing 2 free cameras with a subscription fee which expires on July 23, 2021. They are offering 2 subscription offers: School district pays an annual fee of \$4,000 or let the public pay \$10.95 a month. A subscriber will have access to all local and away games as long as the other schools also have the cameras installed. Doug Jones, athletic director shared some prospective that he heard from other schools who have the cameras installed already. The Board is in favor of

proceeding with the installation of these cameras free of charge and with the community paying a monthly subscription if they choose to subscribe to this streaming service.

New Business - Mrs. Miller stated that she will read motions 9.1 to 9.21 as a consent motion. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion. Motions 9.9 and 9.10 were pulled for further discussion. Mr. Nicotera requested 9.15 to be pulled. Mr. Wheelock then acknowledged the resignation of Craig Manderville, transportation supervisor. He wished him well in his new position at another school (Mount Markham) and thanked him for his service.

Resolution No. 76 made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, and seconded by Mr. Nelson

- to accept the resignation of Craig Manderville, transportation supervisor, with regret, effective June 30, 2021.
- to appoint Viktoriya Lyubezhanina as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective June 23, 2021.
- to appoint Mallory Snow as Colgate Seminar Advisor for the 2021-2022 school year.
- to appoint Sara Call as Ski Club Advisor for the middle school.
- to appoint Erika Thall as Social Studies Content Area Coordinator in the elementary building.
- at the recommendation of the Superintendent to compensate Mike Brockway \$60 per day, in addition to his pay as custodian, for assuming temporary additional duties related to management of facilities operations.
- that Keith Kempney be appointed as computer director for the 2021-2022 school year.
- that Douglas Jones be appointed as athletic director for the 2021-2022 school year.
- to appoint Jeffrey Kuhn as a volunteer Varsity soccer coach for girls during the 2021-22 academic year.
- to accept the leave of absence from Emmett Loori to accept the Building Maintenance Mechanic position.
- to appoint Emmett Loori as Building Maintenance Mechanic, provisional, pursuant to passing the Civil Service exam.
- to accept the leave of absence from Melissa Cain to accept Data Processor 1 position at the middle school.

- 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 Melissa Cain to the position of Data Processor, 1, effective September 1, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 1, 2021 and to expire on March 29, 2022.
- to appoint Jill Clarke as a substitute bus driver, effective July 1, 2021.
- to approve the salary of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2021-22 school year at \$169,186.
- to establish the following paid holiday schedule for 2021-22 for 12 month employees as per the school related professionals' contract:
 - July 5
 - September 6
 - October 11
 - November 11, 25 and 26
 - December 23, 24, 30, and 31
 - January 17
 - February 21
 - April 15
 - May 30
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented dated May 31, 2021.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills dated June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 approved by the claims auditor signed June 15, 2021.
- that the minutes of the June 8, 2021 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 1401289, 1401307, 102607, 1401092, 1400755, 1401530, 103130, 1401202, 103263, 103303, 102770, 1400135, 103043, 1401203, 102858, 1401275, 102817, 1401403, 1401503, 103070, 103252, 102885, 103206, 1400918, and 1401524 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0

Resolution No. 77 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo

Mrs. Miller stated that the school and board are very fortunate to retain Mr. Wheelock as Superintendent. She stated that when she thanked him for all his work during the COVID situation his response was, it was not just me, everyone here did their part to make it happen. The other board members thanked him as well. Mr. Nicotera did state that when behind closed doors and disagreements are expressed, there are never hard feelings. Nice to work with.

- to extend the term of the existing employment agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Ronald Wheelock dated March 10, 2009 to expire June 30, 2026.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0

Miscellaneous Topics - Mrs. Miller gave a gracious thank you to Mrs. Weber-Mangini and Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo for the years of service given to the Sauquoit Valley School District.

Mr. Nicotera commented on the architects' informative presentation and how great this company is to work with and their willingness to listen to suggestions. As board members we take the notes and relay the information to them. Mr. Wheelock agreed that the school sets goals to achieve but it depends on the cost and what are the greatest priorities. The scope of this year's project was due to the evaluation of the needs of each building. Mr. Wheelock explained the time frame. Once the State Education Department approves the project, the architects will start the process for bidding the project. If there are any funds leftover then other repairs may be addressed.

Mr. Critelli praised Ms. Purrington, middle school teacher, for her work with students that was recognized on WKTV. He recommended that others should go to the WKTV website and view it.

Public to Be Heard – There was none.

Mrs. Brennan-Vuocolo thanked everyone for all they do and have done as this is her last meeting as a board member.

Mr. Nicotera also expressed his concern of the low number of voters who turned out for the last school election. He believes that something different should take place to increase the number and interest. Possibly consider a different voting location within the District.

Resolution No. 78 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss contractual and negotiations related to the teacher association.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 10:21 p.m.

Resolution No. 79 made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo that the meeting be adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk