

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Tuesday, June 8, 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/BozkfvUGWjs> which was accessible on the school website at [www.svcasd.org](http://www.svcasd.org).

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mr. Nicotera, Vice-President.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Nicotera at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Dawn Miller

**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)** - Research Fair presented by Michelle Babbie, Marisa Cardillo with students; Zackary Murphy, Arianna Seymour, and Meghan Gallagher

Three students from Mrs. Cardillo's grade 12 dual credit (MVCC credits) English class presented their research projects and spoke about the importance and relevance of the research process. The students spoke of how learning the process to properly research a topic allowed them to have a deeper understanding of their topic and it prepares them for research/writing projects they will encounter in college. The group also expressed their gratitude to Mr. Read, Principal for letting them have this opportunity. Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo commended all of them for the work and time put into this. She understands as a faculty member in a college setting how this will be beneficial to students when they graduate from high school.

Mr. Nicotera introduced both newly elected board members who were present at the meeting; Mike Sacco and Judy Kentile. He congratulated them and is looking forward to them joining in July.

**Public to Be Heard** – Mr. Sacco inquired about where the District stands with the State’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiative. Mr. Wheelock explained that the state has provided a framework for schools to consider and anticipates further direction in the future.

**Students to Be Heard** – There were none.

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

### **Superintendent’s Report**

- Two thank you notes were received for the board.
  1. JamieLeigh Accordino for her tenure appointment and expressed her delight to be working at Sauquoit Valley.
  2. The other from the drama club thanking the Board for the opportunity to perform in person.
- Mr. Wheelock shared with Board that he is recommending that the District consider hiring two reading teachers at the middle school to address emerging needs relative reading levels for some students. The District would use recently approved federal stimulus monies to fund these two positions.
- Mr. Wheelock also proposed to the Board a need to hire a school counselor or social worker to provide added support the growing mental well-being needs of our students. Mr. Nicotera suggested looking into filling that position through BOCES whereby a percentage can be reimbursed back to the school. Mr. Dever commented on offering teachers a summer position to work with students. Mr. Nelson supports the administration and Mr. Wheelock in making the right decision to meet the needs of the students.
- The state recently amended its guidance on facial coverings while participating in activities outdoors. A survey went out Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and the vast majority were in agreement to let students, staff and visitor be able to not wear their facial covering when outdoors and when participating in outdoor sporting activities if they want. Masks must still be worn at all times while inside of school and on the school buses.

### **Old Business**

National Federation of High School Network live-stream equipment of two cameras was discussed. The District has the opportunity to receive two cameras plus installation, free of charge, to be able to live-stream school events to the public. It was suggested to place one in the middle school gymnasium as it is where most modified basketball and all levels of boys and girls volleyball are played. It was discussed to put one in the high school gym as well, however, that would have to be at the District’s expense. There is a cost of \$5,000 for a third camera. The units are not portable, once mounted it stays there. This can be reviewed at a later time to see if another is needed in the future for the high school. Mr. Nelson feels that the school should go forward in making a decision as the offer is void at the end of June. There are 2 ways to handle the subscription; the school pays \$4,000 a year for everyone to view or let the public pay \$10.95 a month. A question was raised from the chat room in regards to admission money lost if everyone is able to live stream the games. Mr. Wheelock answered the question that all sporting events are

free to attend. With the uncertainty of the usage it is hard to determine how to handle the subscription. Mr. Dever feels that the viewers can pay the subscription and then look at the numbers of viewers to see if the plan should be changed. Mr. Wheelock will meet with Mr. Jones, Athletic Director and report more information at the next meeting.

**New Business** – Mr. Nicotera stated that he will read motion 9.1 to 9.25 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.

**Resolution No. 69** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo

- to appoint Brian Campbell as a long-term substitute counselor in the high school, effective September 2, 2021 until such time counselor returns from leave.
- to accept the leave of absence of Cheryl Richards as Data Processor 1, effective June 30, 2021.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XI (Eligible List), Probationary Term, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Cheryl Richards to the position of Office Specialist I. Probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on July 1, 2021 and to expire on January 11, 2022.
- to appoint Diane Keida to be a substitute teacher aide, effective September 1, 2021.
- to appoint Mary Ellen Busa to be a substitute teacher aide, effective June 9, 2021.
- to appoint Mary Ellen Busa to be a substitute bus monitor, effective June 9, 2021.
- to appoint Douglas Judd as a long-term substitute teacher for a teacher out on medical leave to commence on June 7, 2021 and continue through June 25, 2021, or until such time the regular teacher returns from leave.
- to appoint Danielle Hughes as a substitute teacher, effective June 9, 2021.
- to appoint Jane Alamond as a substitute bus driver, effective September 1, 2021.
- resolve, to approve the resignation of Sean Dwyer, special education teacher, with regret, effective August 31, 2021.

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint Tracy Facchini to the position of Director of Pupil Personnel Services in the Sauquoit Valley Central School District in the Director of Pupil Personnel Services tenure area effective July 1, 2021, for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence July 1, 2021 and expire July 1, 2025.
- to approve salaries for the following individuals for the 2021-2022 school year:

TITLE
Elementary School Principal
Middle School Principal
High School Principal
Business Administrator
Director of Facilities III
Transportation Supervisor
Secretary to the Superintendent
District Clerk

- to approve the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

July 6 (Organizational Meeting)	February 1
July 27	February 15
August 17	March 8
September 14	March 22
September 28	April 5
October 12	April 26
October 26	May 10 (Budget Hearing)
November 16	May 17 (Budget Vote & Meeting)
December 14	June 7
January 4	June 21
January 18	

Budget workshops will precede each meeting starting January 18 to April 26.

- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular positions for the 2021-2022 school year.

<b>Keith Hatch</b>	Art Club (Secondary)
<b>Ryan Decker</b>	Vocal Ensemble
<b>Henryk Lotyczewski</b>	Band (Jazz Ensemble)
<b>Melanie Carangelo &amp; Alissa Reilly-Stewart</b>	Class Advisor (Freshman)
<b>Alissa Reilly-Stewart</b>	Class Advisor (Junior)
<b>Michelle Roche-Babbie</b>	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)
<b>Peter Scialdone</b>	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)

<b>Melanie Carangelo</b>	Class Advisor (Sophomore)
	Colgate Seminar
<b>Ryan Decker</b>	Dramatics Director
<b>Jamie Leigh Accordino</b>	Math Counts Advisor
<b>Christa Stephens</b>	Memory Book (Elementary)
<b>Alison Pirger</b>	Memory Book (Elementary)
<b>Tina Connor &amp; Alison Pirger</b>	Morning Program Coordinator(All School Assembly)
<b>Peter Scialdone</b>	National Honor Society (High School)
<b>Melissa Leone</b>	National Honor Society (Middle School)
<b>Marisa Cardillo</b>	Newspaper
<b>Tammy Purrington</b>	Reading Club (Middle School)
<b>Stephanie Carbone</b>	Special Work on Stage (High School Musical)
<b>Natalie Powers</b>	Student Council (High School)
<b>Kristine DePerno</b>	Student Council (Middle School)
<b>Joe Corleto &amp; Amanda Hartnett</b>	Technology Club (Middle School)
<b>Jody Hildreth</b>	Webmaster (Building-District)
<b>Keith Hatch</b>	Yearbook Advisor (High School)
<b>Tammy Purrington</b>	Yearbook (Middle School)

- that the following people be appointed as content area coordinators for the 2021-2022 school year.

<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-4)</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
<b>Beth Thomas</b>	1 Math
<b>Tonya Sullivan</b>	1 Science
<b>Christina Connor &amp; Tiffany Lupia</b>	1.5 ELA / Reading

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8)</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
<b>Jamie Leigh Accordino</b>	1 Math
<b>Sara Call</b>	1 Science
<b>Joe Macrina</b>	1 Social Studies
<b>Melissa Leone</b>	1 ELA

<b>HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
<b>Jeff Houck</b>	1 Math
<b>Michael Eisinger</b>	1 Science

<b>Ryan Miller</b>	1 Social Studies
<b>Mindy Kemp</b>	1 ELA

<b>K-12</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
<b>Lindsay Kidder &amp; Darlene Philpotts</b>	1 Physical Education / Health
<b>Ryan Decker</b>	1 Music
<b>Colleen Luczak</b>	.5 Art
<b>Scot Alsante</b>	.5 Home & Careers (7-12)
<b>Michelle Roche-Babbie</b>	.5 Library
<b>Joe Corleto</b>	1 Technology
<b>Alissa Reilly-Stewart</b>	1 Foreign Language (7-12)

- that the following people be appointed to fall athletic coaching positions for the 2021-22 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>BOYS OR GIRLS</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Cheerleading	Varsity	Boys/Girls	Tara Litz
Cross Country	Head Coach	Boys/Girls	John Nicotera
Cross Country	Assistant Coach	Boys/Girls	Scott Prichard
Field Hockey	Varsity	Girls	Alyssa Orsino
Football	Varsity	Boys	Joe Inglis
Football	Asst. Varsity	Boys	Todd Martin
Football	Asst. Varsity - Volunteer	Boys	Ben Vanderpool
Football	Jr. High	Boys	Dale Walker
Football	Asst. Jr. High	Boys	Steve Messenger
Soccer	Varsity	Boys	Dan Dygert
Soccer	Varsity	Girls	Courtney Roberts
Soccer	Jr. High (Modified)	Girls	Scot Alsante
Tennis	Varsity	Girls	Lindsay Kidder

- to approve the contract between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Oneida BOCES for the rental of one classroom (\$1,000) to commence on July 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022.
- to approve the bid from Hart Heating & Sheet Metal in the amount of \$44,000 for work necessary to repair the piping at the high school boilers.
- to approve the Phase 1 agreement with Ashley McGraw Architects, D.P.C. to provide professional services related to the 2021-2022 Capital Project, which consists of roofing renovations.

- 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, and 31
  - January 17
  - February 21
  - April 15
  - May 30
  - June 20
  
- that the minutes of the May 18, 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 1400127, 1400058, 1400138, 1401433, 1400716, 102952, 102882, 102583, 1401451, 1400488, 102886, 103256, 102626, 1400686, 1400742, 252222, 102804, 102755, 1401445, 102763, 103000, 1401236, 1400420, 102756, 1401095, 103234, 1401201, 1400948, 1400816, 102587, 1401062, 103268, and 1401260 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

Mr. Nicotera abstained from motion 9.18 Athletic Appointments

**Resolution No. 70** made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, and seconded by Mr. Critelli

- resolve, to approve the retirement of Jane Alamond as a bus driver/custodian, with regret, effective August 31, 2021.

Mr. Nicotera praised the exceptional work that Jane Alamond did in the many roles she did throughout the district. He wished Ms. Alamond the best. Mr. Wheelock also spoke highly of Ms. Alamond as she is a dedicated employee who will be retiring and has already offered to be a substitute bus driver.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Resolution No. 71** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Dever

- resolve, to approve the retirement of Linda Leuthauser as a bus dispatcher, with regret, effective June 30, 2021.

Mr. Nicotera commented on the warm reception that Linda Leuthauser gives inside and outside of the school. He wishes her a great retirement. Mr. Wheelock also wishes Linda a great retirement as she moves to Florida. Linda started out as an aide and dedicated herself to the district most recently as a bus dispatcher. Her ability to connect with students at various grade levels was outstanding and greatly appreciated.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Resolution No. 72** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo

- that the results of May 18, 2021 annual meeting be recorded as follows:

	YES	NO	TOTAL
<b>Budget</b>	188	99	217
	YES	NO	TOTAL
<b>Bus Proposition</b>	207	80	215

Three (3), Three (3) Year Terms	
Mike Sacco	226
Ronald P. Critelli	201
<b>Write Ins:</b>	
Judy Kentile	30
Megan Lennon	12
Mike Jouben	5
William Burton	2
Connie Griffin	2
Jeremiah Tylutki	2
Peter Dawes III	1
Liam Davies	1
Benjamin Furner	1
Ian Green	1
Chris Huller	1
Elizabeth Mathy	1
Ryan Miller	1
Dave Pastorelli	1
David Thall	1

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Resolution No. 73** At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Sauquoit, New York, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021:



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

ABSENT: Dawn Miller

Mr. Ronald Critelli presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mr. Todd Nelson:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 8, 2021 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 18, 2021, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific object or purpose hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$250,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific object or purpose described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of two (2) 60-passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum cost of \$125,000 each.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$250,000, (b) the Sauquoit Valley Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$250,000,

and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows: **AYES** 6      **NAYS** 0

**Miscellaneous Topics** – Mr. Nicotera asked about a different location for the board budget vote. Mr. Wheelock will address possible locations in February of 2022 before the next election.

**Public & Students to Be Heard** – There was none.

**Resolution No. 74** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations.

Carried: Ayes 6, Naves 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board Vice-President at 9:26 p.m.

**Resolution No. 75** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Naves 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,  
District Clerk  
Board of Education