

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The regular and budget hearing Board of Education meeting was held in-person in the high school auditorium and on-line starting at 7:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/HEMm6AILSyw> which was located on the school website at www.svcasd.org.

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President.

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Ronald Critelli

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.

Board Candidates Comments

- Mike Sacco introduced himself and expressed his interest to run for the school Board. He now lives in Sauquoit on Snowden Hill. He has relatives in Sauquoit as well as his own children that attend our school. Mike went on listing some of the traits he would bring to the board; his objectiveness, fact finding ability and will refer to people that know more than him on a specific topic. He hopes to better educate himself on the educational process and share that knowledge with others.
- Mr. Wheelock read Ronald P. Critelli interest to run for a second term on the Board. Mr. Critelli was out of town for this meeting. He believes Sauquoit Valley provides a solid education for students, which is what he felt when he

was a student here. The past several years he focused on the financial challenges the school faces. He has a BA in human resources and is seeking re-election for another three years.

- Mr. Wheelock took a moment to remind everyone that there are three open board seats. Two candidate names are listed and will show up on the ballot. There will be three lines to write in a candidate as well. You can only vote for up to three candidates.

Presentation(s) – Charlie Cowen, Business Administrator presented the 2021-2022 budget. The budget hearing for the 2021-2022 school budget vote which will occur next Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The budget amount of \$24,636,888 will be presented for a vote by the tax payers with a 2% tax levy increase for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Our tax cap limit is .19% which would raise approximately \$15,000 for the District. This will require an affirmative vote of 60% of the voters. Sauquoit's largest revenue is from the state aid. Mr. Cowen showed a spreadsheet of the impact on the voters' tax bill for specific towns. Mr. Cowen ended by showing and reading exactly what the voters will be voting for; budget, bus proposition and three candidates to the board. There were no questions.

Public to Be Heard – There was none. Mrs. Miller reminded listeners that anyone can place a question or comment in the chat room throughout the meeting. Mr. Wheelock will be monitoring it. Mrs. Miller did pause for people to send any questions. Mr. Wheelock stated that there was nothing in the chat room.

Students to Be Heard - There was none.

Subcommittee Reports - No reports at this time.

Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Wheelock had three reminders and a recommendation:

- Just a reminder what Mr. Cowen stated next Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 polls are open at 7am until 8pm in the high school lobby of the auditorium. Voters will be expected to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
- Reminder that board approved the give back of three unused snow days and this Friday is the first one. May 28th and June 18th are the other scheduled days off. June 18th starting with next year's calendar it will be celebrated as a holiday. If there is inclement weather and a day needs to be rescinded, one of these days will be used.
- Prom now moved from May 15th to June 18th. Final word from the NYS Department of Health came out stating proms and balls cannot occur until June 1.
- Recommendation to add an administrative position. Mr. Wheelock is recommending that the current position of the CSE director become a 12-month administrative position. She will have more responsibilities added to the role including oversight of special education teachers and pupil personnel

job titles. The position will be Director of Pupil Personnel Services. She has held this role for over 10 years. Mr. Nelson asked, is that salary increase entered into the 2021-22 budget that is coming up for vote? Her salary has been captured in next year's budget. Mrs. Miller asked, if she is in a classroom teaching? Mr. Wheelock shared that this person is currently a teacher on special assignment and that she does not have classroom teaching responsibilities.

Old Business There was none.

New Business Mrs. Miller stated that she will read motion 10.1 to 10.14 as a consent motion and take one vote. If there are any questions or comment, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion. Mr. Nicotera requested Motions 10.7 & 10.8 pulled.

Resolution No. 62 made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, and seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini

- to appoint JamieLeigh Accordino, on elementary tenure effective September 25, 2021.
- to appoint Tegan Lewis, special education tenure effective September 24, 2021.
- to appoint Erika Thall, elementary tenure effective September 25, 2021.
- to appoint Katherine Dudek, teacher assistant, Level III tenure effective September 1, 2021.
- to appoint Patricia Murphy, science teacher, to a secondary science tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2021 and to expire September 1, 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 Lisa George as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 12, 2021.
- to approve the resignation date of Jeffrey Sann from June 30, 2021 to August 31, 2021.
- to appoint the following as election officials for the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 on an as needed basis:
 - Brian Read
 - Pete Madden
 - Mark Putnam
 - Tracy Facchini

- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2021-2022 school year.
- that the minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor (dated April 29, 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 1401435, 1401243, 1401066, 1401074, 1400985, 103040, 1400334, 1400484, 103197, 103085, 1400669, 1401181, 1400084, 1400962, 1401400, 1401383, 1401398, and 1401307 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Mr. Nicotera expressed his gratitude to Jill Clarke for being an outstanding employee as a bus driver and one that will be missed. Mr. Wheelock agreed and stated that not only is Mrs. Clarke a great bus driver, she also knew every family and went out of her way to assist those on her route.

Resolution No. 63 motion made by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo

- to approve the retirement of Jill Clarke as a bus driver, with regret, effective June 25, 2021.

Mr. Nicotera praised Mr. Hughes as a fantastic bus driver. Mr. Wheelock also praised Mr. Hughes for his dedication to Sauquoit.

Resolution No. 64 motion made by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini

- to approve the retirement of William Hughes as a bus driver, with regret, effective May 7, 2021.

Miscellaneous Topics – There was none.

Public & Students to Be Heard - There was none.

Resolution No. 65 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss negotiations specific to our administrator and teacher union.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Mr. Wheelock explained that the board will go into executive session. When the board comes out of executive session it will be only to adjourn the meeting. There will be no other business discussed after executive session.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:30 p.m.

Resolution No. 66 made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Mr. Dever, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education