

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting - Virtual

Public accessed the meeting live that started at 7:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/7P8F15CpvNU> which was located on the school website at www.svcasd.org.

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 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, Ronald Critelli, James Dever, Todd Nelson, and Christine Weber-Mangini.

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator;
Brian Read, High School Principal,
Pete Madden, Middle School Principal, and
Mark Putnam, Elementary Principal.

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) - None Scheduled

Public to Be Heard – There was none. Mrs. Miller reminded everyone that they are welcome to ask questions or make comments in the chat room throughout the meeting.

Students to Be Heard – There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wheelock stated that there are three (3) open board of education seats to vote on at May 18th election. Two residents have submitted petitions and one seat can be appointed by the board after the election or one chosen from write-in candidates. He then showed the two candidates names and pulled them from a container; Mike Sacco will be first listed on the ballot and then Ronald Critelli.

A discussion on future in person Board of Education meetings was then discussed. Board members were in favor of returning to in-person and to still give the public the option of in-person and remote. Mr. Wheelock will arrange to have both accessible but possible having the in-person in a different room other than the library giving more space for the public to meet the social distancing guidelines.

Subcommittee Reports – Finance Committee:

Charlie Cowen shared the March Revenue Status and Appropriation Status reports and stated they will be submitted at the second board meeting of every month for the board's information. If anyone has any questions they can ask. Revenue recognized 18.6 million dollars and on the expenditure side 14.2 million was incurred. This is a result of the collection of the vast majority of taxes which was due by the end of March. The counties will reimburse the school in April. The state's fiscal year ends on March as well and that is the reasoning for the revenue side to look better than the expenditure side. Expenditure side will catch up over the next three months as there are debt service payments and multi-payroll checks for teachers that will be written in June. Mr. Cowen suggestions that this academic year 2020-21 will be a break-even year. So far, he feels that the fund balance and retirement contribution reserve will not be needed to be used. We will monitor and look at the reports and see where things are in June. Again, Mr. Cowen stated that the reports are for review and if there are any questions at any time, feel free to ask him.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 9.1 to 9.16 will be read 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 asked about 9.4 the rental of classrooms. He asked if there are other classrooms available for BOCES or other agencies to rent from Sauquoit Valley if the need becomes available. Mr. Wheelock stated that there may be a few in the elementary building but he will look into it if the need request arises.

Resolution No. 60 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mrs. Weber Mangini,

- to approve the designation of the firm of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., to be the financial consultant to the Sauquoit Valley Central School District.
- for approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.

WHEREAS, the BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and

WHEREAS, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 29, 2021 and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 14, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education **APPROVES** the tentative administration budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$3,786,150.05 for 2021-2022.

- approval for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services election.

WHEREAS, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

WHEREAS, notification was received on March 29 of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 14th, 2021

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the person or persons indicated as follows:

to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Doreen Corbin, (Brookfield Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mrs. Doreen Corbin
P.O. Box 155
Brookfield, NY 13314

to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Elaine M. Falvo, (New Hartford Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mrs. Elaine M. Falvo
10 Deer Run Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Evon M. Ervin, (Utica City School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Joseph H. Hobika, Jr., Esq.
1417 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501

to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Charlene A. Hartman, (Westmoreland Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mrs. Heather Johnson
5939 Shed Road
Rome, NY 13440

- to approve the BOCES contract for rental of facilities (6 classrooms) to commence on September 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for ancillary services associated with rental of 6 classrooms commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022.
- to appoint two additional coaches - 2020-21
 - to appoint Douglas Jones as modified baseball coach for the 2020-21 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
 - to appoint Chris Hillman as volunteer varsity baseball coach for the 2020-21 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR, approval of coaching certifications and fingerprint clearance.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Rome Free Academy in the sport of boys varsity lacrosse for the 2020-21 sport season.
- to approve the disposal of a Ford Minibus (vin # 1FDXE45P16DA72514), no longer in use, as approved by the Superintendent of Schools through Auctions International, Inc.
- to approve Friday, May 14, Friday, May 28, 2021; and June 18, 2021 as unused snow days providing there is no further need for snow days.

- that the quarterly (Jan. – Mar. 2021) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for March 31, 2021 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor (April 15, 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, 1401124, 1400908, 1400944, 102774, 102809, 102924, 1400543, 1400503, 1401312, 103195, 140096, 1401001, 102852, 1401445, and 1400695 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- to approve Kelli Reed as a temporary teacher aide, effective April 28, 2021.
- to approve Henry Rieben as a part-time teacher aide, effective April 28, 2021.

Miscellaneous Topics – The transition of back to school in-person went smoothly and the students were very excited to come back. Mr. Nicotera complimented the grounds crew for beautifying the grounds. Everything looks excellent, very meticulously groomed and cut, very impressive. Let them know they did a great job!!! Mr. Wheelock agreed.

Public to Be Heard – There was none.

Executive Session – There was none.

Resolution No. 61 made by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education