

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Public was able to access the budget meeting live that started at 6:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/uFpNQ8ZIEto> which was located on the school website at [www.svcasd.org](http://www.svcasd.org). The regular Board of Education meeting followed right after.

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mrs. Dawn 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

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public to Be Heard** - Dawn Miller, President of the Board invited people to comment. There were none. Mr. Wheelock also stated that the chat room is open and he is monitoring it throughout the meeting, so feel free to comment or ask questions at any time.

**Students to be Heard-** There was none in the chat room.

**Presentation(s)** – Mr. Wheelock presented the Pandemic Safety Plan established as a guidance from State Education to remain open in case a pandemic occurs as it had in March of last year (2020). The plan is to be accessible to the public for review for 30 days, which was placed on the web as of the last board meeting. A public hearing is to be held. Today a summary of it will be given and then at the board meeting on April 13, 2021 it will be on the agenda to be adopted. A brief description was given. Mr. Wheelock invited others to comment. Mr. Nicotera did inquire if the staff from outside agencies such

as BOCES and Pre-K follow Sauquoit Valley's policies, plan and procedures? Mr. Wheelock stated that they all do, as they are within our building daily.

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

**Superintendent's Report**

- Staff development day is Friday, March 19, 2021.
- Board petitions are due Monday, April 19, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. There are three open board positions. If anyone is interested in running, please stop by the Superintendent's Office in the upper end of the Elementary Building to pick up the packet with petitions.

**Old Business** - There was none.

**New Business**

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 9.1 to 9.10 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. Nelson requested 9.1 to be pulled. Mr. Nelson stated that he has nothing to comment on 9.1 just would like to abstain voting on the motion.

**Resolution No. 42** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Dever

- to provisionally appoint Anthony Cardillo as a 10 month part-time laborer effective March 10, 2021, for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on March 10, 2021 and to expire on November 30, 2021. Compensation will be \$15.28/hr. (Grade 4, Laborer, at Step 5).
- that Brittney Maltese's probationary position as teacher aide be permanent effective March 10, 2021.
- resolve to approve the retirement of Diane Keida as a teacher aide, with regret, effective June 30, 2021.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and the Town of Paris to provide annual cleaning and sweeping of the school parking lots and access roads.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Notre Dame High School in the sport of girls golf for the 2021 Varsity sport season.
- to approve Mike Eisinger, boys' varsity volleyball stipend to be \$5,167 which will be pro-rated depending on season length for the 2020-21 school year.

- that the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated February 23, 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 1401082, 1401434, 1400621, 1400410, 1400437, 1400359, 1400306, 1400327, 1400654, 1401062, 1401223, 1401221, 1401511, and 1401493 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

**Resolution 43** made by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo

- to appoint Mark Perrin as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 10, 2021.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0. Abstain 1 (Todd Nelson)

**Resolution 44 (Authorize Purchase of Buses at May 18, 2021 Annual Meeting)**  
made by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Mr. Critelli

that the following resolution be adopted:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices, Sauquoit, New York, on the 9th day of March, 2021:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION #\_\_

Shall the following resolution be adopted to with:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) 60-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$125,000 EACH, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$250,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS,

OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed for authorized indebtedness providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$250,000. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

AYES 7

NAYS 0

Mr. Nicotera commented on the transportation reimbursement that is being discussed in the governor's office. He was wondering if reimbursement will exist for the future purchase of buses. Mr. Wheelock explained that the funds in question with the state are that of the time frame from March through June due to COVID 19. Reimbursement for purchasing of buses will still be available. Mr. Nicotera thanked him for the clarification.

**Miscellaneous Topics** – Mrs. Miller took a moment to commend those involved with the sporting events. She viewed the live streaming of some of the games and witnessed how well organized the games were. It was great to see students playing and showing their talents. Mrs. Miller also expressed her thanks to everyone who made this happen.

Mr. Nicotera shared that the high school National Honor Society induction was a virtual event honoring many students. Mr. Scialdone did a very good presentation acknowledging the well-deserved hardworking students.

**Public to Be Heard** – Greg Cuthbertson asked if the required amount of instructional time established by New York State Department of Education is being met with the changes that occurred due to the pandemic? Mr. Wheelock stated that yes, he believes we are.

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

**Resolution No. 45** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:33 p.m.

**Resolution No. 46** made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,  
District Clerk  
Board of Education