

# SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Sauquoit, NY 13456

Public accessed the meeting live starting at 7:00 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/QVxFa8LYq9E> which was located on the school website at [www.svcasd.org](http://www.svcasd.org).

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mrs. Dawn Miller, President

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:04 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.

**Public to Be Heard** - There was none in the chat room.

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

**Presentation(s)** – There was none.

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

## **Superintendent's Report**

- School Boards Institute's Zoom Forum is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 on "Connected Community Schools Initiative." The registration was sent prior to this meeting for those interested in joining.

- At the last meeting we decided to have a return date of January 11, 2021 after the holidays. COVID case numbers are climbing within the county. Sauquoit Valley is not considered in the yellow zone as of today. It is unknown as to the matrix that is being used to determine when an area is classified a specific zone. Many factors were reviewed as to the reopening; hospitalization rates have increased, staffing issues, another strain of the virus is appearing, and the number of group gatherings for the holidays. Mr. Wheelock suggested to reopen on January 19, 2021. Mr. Wheelock requested that families inform the school of any COVID cases to help assist in monitoring the COVID impact in our community. Mrs. Miller and Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo agreed. Mr. Nelson agreed as well and commented on the fact that the families would appreciate the notice a head of time. Mrs. Miller asked about the results from the testing survey? Mr. Wheelock 230 responses were received. Based on the numbers so far the District is just under the 20% requirement for students should we need to test. There is enough staff willing to be tested. Mrs. Weber-Mangini asked, who covers the cost of the testing? Mr. Wheelock stated that the state does.

**Resolution No. 29** made by Mrs. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Brennan-Vuocolo, to extend the return date of school from January 11 to January 19.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

**Old Business** - There was none.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Miller stated that action items 9.1 to 9.13 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 if the position of teacher aide will be filled. Mr. Wheelock stated, yes.

**Resolution No. 30** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Critelli

- to approve leave of absence for Mary Stout as teacher aide to pursue position of Clerk in the high school effective December 15, 2020.
- to appoint Brad Moore as per diem substitute teacher effective January 6, 2021.
- to appoint Kyle Swiecki as per diem substitute teacher effective January 6, 2021.
- to appoint Olivia Brink as per diem substitute teacher effective January 6, 2021.
- to approve Joyce Goodenough's resignation as laborer effective December 31, 2020.
- to adopt revised School Food Service Program & Meal Charge Policy 5016 as presented.

- to adopt revised Volunteer Assisting a Coach Policy 6019.
- to adopt revised Education of Homeless Children Policy 7015.
- to adopt revised Determination of Student Residency Policy 7019.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated November 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 and December 1 to December 18, 2020.
- that the minutes of the December 15, 2020 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 1401505, 1400624, 1400728, and 1401218 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

#### **Miscellaneous Topics –**

- Mr. Nelson stated that the January regents are cancelled. How is the school handling that time allowed for students? Mr. Wheelock shared the high school will operate on its normal schedule during the January regents week.
- Mr. Nicotera mentioned the Federal Stimulus package and asked if there is any idea of the amount allocated to schools? Mr. Wheelock stated at this time the schools are not informed as to the dollar amount. Discussion on federal money going directly to the school has not been confirmed either.
- Mr. Nelson asked about budget discussion for Sauquoit Valley School District. Mr. Wheelock acknowledged that the budget will be discussed more in detail at the next Board meeting which will start with the budget workshop at 6pm.
- Mr. Dwyer asked about the school vaccinations. Mr. Wheelock stated the county reached out to area schools to canvas their interest in being point of dispensing for the vaccine. Depending on the logistics of running a vaccination clinic, Sauquoit Valley would be interested in conducting one.

**Public to Be Heard** - One message in the chat room; will the budget meeting be live for everyone to participate? Mr. Wheelock said, yes, the meeting will be just like this giving everyone the opportunity to ask questions or comment.

**Resolution No. 31** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:20 p.m.

**Resolution No. 32** made by Mr. Critelli, seconded by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk