

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

The meeting was held in-person in the high school auditorium. Public was informed to submit comments prior to the meeting (6:00 p.m.) to the Board Clerk's email: mgoodman@svcsd.org. The public and students who would like to be heard will only be heard when called upon.

Date of Meeting: December 13, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Patricia Collins, Ron Critelli, Judy Kentile, Mike Sacco, and Lynn Weibel.

Members Absent: No one.

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools, and Charles Cowen, Business Administrator.

Others Present: Staff & Community signed-in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s):

Doug Jones, Athletic Director gave a fall sports report on how the teams performed along with their academic standings.

Doug Jones and Mr. Wheelock acknowledged the athletes on the girls' soccer team, cross country team and the 2 girls who performed in gymnastics (New Hartford's team). Each student was given a certificate for being sectional champions in their respective sports:

Girls' varsity soccer: Section III Champions; State runner-ups
Boys' Cross Country: Section III Champions; 4th in the State Meet
Gymnastics: Section III Champions

Public To Be Heard: Jerry Tylutki was unable to attend but asked that his letter be read in regards to the school mascot. Mr. Nicotera read it. Mrs. Miller thanked Mr. Tylutki for sharing.

Sub-Committee Reports: Mr. Wheelock stated that prior to the board meeting board members were given a tour of the middle school. He invited interested board members to take a tour of the elementary school prior to the January 3, 2023 meeting at 6:15pm.

Superintendent's Report:

School Mascot Discussion – Mr. Wheelock explained that the state has given a directive for all schools to devise a plan to go about changing the school logo and mascot if it currently has one that represents Native Americans. Districts are required to make a commitment to change nickname and imagery; as well as, devise a plan on how we will get there by the end of the 2022-23 school year. All changes should be made by the end of the 2024-2025 school year. It is clear that the use of the Indians name has to change, however, it is uncertain at this time if our logo needs to change if we come up with a new nickname that can incorporate our current logo.

Preliminary Budget Discussion – Mr. Wheelock stated that on January 17th, 2023 board meeting will be the start of the 2023-24 school budget discussions. He turned it over to Mr. Cowen who explained that the first meeting will only be a preliminary draft of the budget. Some of the federal monies will no longer be available which will mean a review in positions and programs. Once reviewed any comments, additions or edits can be made and will be reviewed. If there are any positions or programs to be included in next year's budget, the Board should feel free to discuss with Mr. Wheelock, or Mr. Cowen.

Special Board Meeting – A special board meeting with Dr. Patricia Kilburn is scheduled for December 21, 2022 at 6pm in the high school library to discuss a timeline and the steps to start taking to fill the superintendent's position.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

Mrs. Miller stated that she will read 8.1 to 8.21 as a consent motion and take one vote. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion. Mr. Nicotera requested motion 8.21 to be pulled.

Resolution No. 35: made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to accept the resignation of Tyler Matteson, custodian effective November 25, 2022.
- to appoint Tyler Matteson as a per diem substitute laborer, effective November 28, 2022.
- to approve Sarah Camacho's request for a maternity leave to commence on or about January 23, 2023 and be continuous through August 30, 2023; and, to approve her unpaid child care leave to commence on or about March 6, 2023 and be continuous through June 23, 2023.

- to appoint Abigail Dudek as a long-term substitute teacher in the elementary school, Grade 2, effective January 23, 2023 and be continuous through the end of 2023 academic year unless teacher returns sooner.
- to appoint Andrew Pezzulo as a long-term substitute teacher in the elementary school, Grade 3, effective April 27, 2023 and be continuous through the end of 2023 academic year, unless teacher returns sooner.
- to approve Caroline Arancio-Clowes' request for a maternity leave to commence on or about January 27, 2023 and be continuous through March 10, 2023; and, to approve her unpaid child care leave to commence on or about March 11, 2023 and be continuous through May 1, 2023.
- to appoint Kala Goodenough as a per diem substitute nurse effective December 14, 2022.
- to approve Jacob Florentino's resignation as laborer effective December 13, 2022.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Jacob Florentino to the position of custodian effective December 14, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on December 14, 2022 and to expire on June 14, 2023.
- to appoint Katrina Weil as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 14, 2022.
- to appoint Katrina Briody as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 14, 2022.
- to appoint Lynne Lindsay as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 14, 2022.
- to appoint Lynne Lindsay as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective December 14, 2022.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Sauquoit Valley Sports Boosters in the amount of \$3,663.00 for the purpose of purchasing a sound system for the high school gymnasium (\$2,463.00) and uniforms for the volleyball teams (\$1,200.00) and that the Board also authorizes a budget modification to increase account code A2855.200-00 in the amount of \$2,463.00 to allow for the purchase of the sound system.

- that the following people be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the winter 2022-23 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

NAME	SPORT	Stipend/Year
Scot Alsante	Boys' Modified Basketball	\$3,181 - 17
Nicole Wilson	Girls' Modified Basketball	\$3,000 - 6

- that the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 29, 2022 be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for October 31, 2022 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed on November 16, 2022 and December 1, 2022.
- 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 1400806, 1401698, 1401594, 1401723, 1401637, 1401237, 1401542, 1401543, 1401767, 1401453, 1400319, 1400485, 1401307, 1400359, 103200, and 1401660 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 36: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

- to appoint Brett Cardillo as an assistant indoor track coach effective December 12, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, and Abstain 1 (Mr. Nicotera)

Miscellaneous Topics:

Mr. Sacco asked about the capital project involving the track, if it included a steeple chase. If a stereo component was within the specs of the capital funding. Mr. Wheelock stated that the steeple chase is still being considered, but a new or upgraded sound system is not part of the project.

Resolution No. 37: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss a contractual and a legal matter.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

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

Resolution No. 38: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education