

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

The meeting was held in-person in the high school library. 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: November 29, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Special

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 6:01 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): Dr. Patricia Kilburn, District Superintendent of Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, presented to the Board the search options for the Districts next Superintendent. She spoke of the process, time line and procedures that the District will undertake to fill an open superintendent of schools position. With the knowledge of Mr. Wheelock's retirement being June 30, 2023 the vacant position of superintendent is primarily the school board members' responsibility to hire. She shared that there are two ways to conduct a search for the best qualified candidate. The search can either be a confidential one or an open one. Dr. Kilburn explained the pros and cons of each and answered questions that were presented. Dr. Kilburn explained that the Board could do the search themselves, secure her services as a search consultant, or appoint an outside search consultant. The later could be quite expensive. The Board's next step is to decide how they will conduct the search and if they would like to use a consultant, either Dr. Kilburn or an outside consultant would need to be formally appointed to do so.

Public To Be Heard: Pete Madden, Principal of the Middle School expressed his sincere thank you to Mr. Wheelock for his professionalism and dedication to the district. Mr.

Wheelock is a great leader and should be acknowledged for that as he gave great guidance to him and others. Mr. Putnam echoed Mr. Madden's comments about Mr. Wheelock he listens first and then will give a thoughtful feedback. The visibility of Mr. Wheelock's presence in unloading the buses in the morning and assisting with the students into their family vehicles at the end of the day is noticed and very well appreciated by everyone. Mr. Putnam thanked Mr. Wheelock for all he has taught him. Brian Read, high school principal expressed the same positive supportiveness that Mr. Wheelock has shown. As a new administrator to the district, Mr. Wheelock has been a great leader and shown professional judgement to the students, parents, staff, and himself. Tracy Facchini, Director of Pupil Personnel Service then spoke of how she has worked with Mr. Wheelock for many years. Many look at him for answers to everything, not just work but also morally and personally. Mr. Wheelock will be missed. All thanked Mr. Wheelock for his guidance, support and leadership and have expressed a congratulations to his retirement and wish him the best. Mr. Wheelock acknowledged their comments with a sincere "Thank you." Mrs. Miller also stated a "thank you, to Mr. Wheelock for his service and a thank you to the administration for sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Mr. Nicotera just wanted to state that it is going to be a tremendous task for the Board as a whole to find someone to fill the shoes of Mr. Wheelock. He expressed a thank you to Dr. Kilburn, Ed. for explaining the options and procedures to go forward.

Resolution No. 31: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to accept the retirement of Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools, with regret, effective June 30, 2023.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XIV, Probationary Term, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Donna Farrell, RN as a school nurse effective November 30, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on November 30, 2022 and to expire on May 31, 2023.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: There was none.

Resolution No. 32: made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Ms. Weibel,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss a personnel and a legal matter.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:32 p.m.

Resolution No. 33: made by Mrs. Collins, and seconded by Ms. Weibel,

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Patricia N. Kilburn, Ed. D., District Superintendent of Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, as search consultant effective November 30, 2022, to oversee the process of selection of a Superintendent of Schools for Sauquoit Valley Central School District.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 34: made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education