

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, November 15, 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 15, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 signed-in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s):

Music trip to New York City (Ryan Decker)

Mr. Ryan Decker presented the itinerary of the Music trip to New York City on May 26-27, 2023 for a minimum of 50 students along with faculty members as chaperones. A music trip usually occurs every other year but due to COVID one has not taken place since 2018.

Senior Class trip (Michele Babbie)

Mrs. Michele Babbie co-chair of the senior class presented two options that the Senior Class is looking to pursue. One is in Boston, MA and the other Philadelphia, PA on June 1-3, 2023. If the board approves of the senior class taking the trip, it will be presented to all the seniors to vote on as to which one they would like to go, majority vote will win. Chaperones will be faculty members as well.

Questions and answers were given. Mrs. Miller stated that the two trips can be added to the agenda for the Board to act on at this meeting. This will allow both groups to start booking hotel rooms, transportation and events.

Public to Be Heard: There was none.

Sub-Committee Reports: Mr. Wheelock brought forth the suggestion of the newly elected Board members' idea of on boarding new Board members. This would involve the newly elected members an opportunity to understand the expectations and responsibilities relevant to being a Board member. A tour of the whole facility would also be ideal especially when the budget and capital projects are discussed. He suggested to schedule a tour a half hour before each board meeting of various building. The members all agreed.

Facilities – Center Stage Company requested to use the auditorium during the Christmas break. A nominal rental fee can be placed along with the hourly wage of having a custodial staff member present and a site supervisor to be on hand to assist the renter as needed. Questions and comments were made but was agreed upon to look into charging a rental fee of \$250 plus staffing coverage.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Craft Show is scheduled for this weekend, November 19th & 20th. Gratitude to Kim Sacco and everyone who is helping in making this happen. It is a lot of work for just 2 days but a great cause as the PTO funds many extras within the school district for the students and staff.
2. Mr. Wheelock acknowledged the Mamma Mia musical presentation that took place this past weekend as a success. Seeing the students perform out of their normal routine was exceptional. Congratulations to all that were involved in making the musical a success.
3. Athletic updates were given. Doug Jones will elaborate in his report at the December board meeting.
 - The girls' soccer team were state finalist but lost 6-3 to Waterford-Halfmoon. The girls played very well and we are proud of their accomplishments this season.
 - Boys' cross country were the Section 3 Class D champions. The team took 4th in state class D meet. Kole Owens was the Section 3 Class D overall champion and finished 4th overall in the State meet. His effort at the State meet qualified him to compete in the Federation meet taking place on November 19.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business

Mrs. Miller stated that motion 8.13 listing Doug Jones as boys' JV basketball coach will now be Jacob Malbouf who was interviewed today, November 15, 2022 and his fingerprint clearance has been received. His pay rate will be step 1 at a rate according to the contract for coaches. Mrs. Miller also stated 8.19 for the music trip and 8.20 for the senior class trip will be included in the vote.

Mrs. Miller stated that she will read 8.1 to 8.20 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 asked that motions 8.5 and 8.6 be removed.

Resolution No. 26 made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to appoint Nathaniel DePerno as a substitute teacher effective November 16, 2022.
- to appoint Tim Gaiser as a per diem substitute teacher effective November 16, 2022.
- to appoint Luke Stayton as a substitute teacher effective November 16, 2022.
- to appoint Gavin Weaver as a substitute teacher effective November 16, 2022.
- that Michael Riccardi's probationary position as a part-time bus driver be permanent, effective November 17, 2022.
- to approve the lease agreement between Small Blessings Preschool and Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the rental of two classrooms.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Small Blessings Preschool (UPK Program) for the 2022-23 school year.
- to accept the resignation of Daniel Dygert as boys' JV basketball coach effective October 27, 2022.
- to accept the resignation of Laura Hoffman as girls' varsity volleyball coach effective September 13, 2022.
- to accept the resignation of Gabrielle Duell as girls' junior varsity volleyball coach effective November 10, 2022.
- 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
Matthew Sprowell	Boys' V Basketball	\$5,629 - 1
Kevin Perrone	Girls' V Volleyball	\$4,927 - 1
Joseph Miller	Boys' V Volleyball	\$5,412 - 12
Mike Eisinger	Boys' JV Volleyball	\$3,914 - 8
John Nicotera	Boys & Girls Indoor track	\$4,232 - 2
Jacob Malboub	Boys' JV Basketball	1

- that the Tax Collector's Report be accepted and also that the Tax Collector's Report for uncollected taxes from Oneida and Herkimer counties for the 2022-2023 school year be accepted and recorded as follows:

Town	Amount of Tax Levy	Amount Collected	Returned to County
Oneida County			
Bridgewater	1,800.54	1,800.54	0.00
Kirkland	8,845.32	7,436.60	1,408.72
Marshall	92,064.29	91,894.75	169.54
Paris	4,932,292.64	4,727,004.80	205,287.84
New Hartford	1,197,892.38	1,141,518.11	56,374.27
Oneida County Total	6,232,895.17	5,969,654.80	263,240.37
Herkimer County			
Frankfort	863,987.57	826,940.40	37,047.17
Litchfield	319,885.39	315,793.74	4,091.65
Herkimer County Total	1,183,872.96	1,142,734.14	41,138.82
Grand Totals	7,416,768.13	7,112,388.94	304,379.19

- that the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for October 31, 2021 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed on November 2, 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 1401657, 1400978, 1400488, 1401650, 103070, 1400543, 1401651, and 1401661, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- to approve the music trip scheduled for May 26-27, 2023 to New York City.
- to approve a Senior Class trip scheduled for June 1st - 3rd, 2023, during the 2023 spring recess. The trip will be either at Boston, MA or in Philadelphia, PA. depending on the outcome vote of the seniors.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 27 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Ms. Weibel,

Mr. Nicotera explained that the pay scale for nurses needs to be readjusted. The turnover in nurses seems to be too frequent. Ms. Weibel also agreed and went to say how nurses play an important part in the health and well-being for students and staff. Nurses also have a license whereby they attended 4 years of schooling.

- to accept the resignation of Christian Hadlock, RN in the high school effective December 7, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 28 made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

Ms. Weibel asked about an increase in the substitute nurse pay. Mr. Wheelock explained that substitute rates are discussed at the end of every academic year to take effect for the next academic year. This can be determined then.

- to appoint Christian Hadlock, RN as a substitute nurse effective December 8, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

Mr. Sacco asked what the "Need to Know Day" is all about that is scheduled for tomorrow, November 16 in the high school. Mrs. Babbie offered her input to what will occur. The event is about everyday life skills which took off from the positivity project. It is an all-day seminar where students sign up for various things such as how to change a tire, pie making which includes community volunteering (pies for craft fair), coding and financial scenarios of checkbook writing. SABA will be visiting to discuss financial wellness and how to keep a job. All are welcome to stop in and see some of the activities if you'd like.

Ms. Weibel stated she heard that the students in Grades 3-8 did very well in math and ELA. Mr. Wheelock explained that the students did score well compared to other districts, but we still have areas that need improvement. The principals will be reviewing the scores and work on identifying areas of weakness and developing plans for improvement.

Resolution No. 29: made by Mrs. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

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

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 30 made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education