

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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](mailto:mgoodman@svcsd.org). The public and students who would like to be heard will only be heard when called upon.

**Date of Meeting:** September 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:** Community members signed-in.

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

**Public to Be Heard:** Three requests were made.

1. Chris Roberts wanted to inform others of his lawsuit that he has filed against the district and certain individuals in the District, regarding COVID related procedures and protocols that were put in place last year. He feels that they should not have been in place. Studies are showing many that received the vaccinations are now having strokes. He also stated that schools should not change terminology on gender. Children are young and this may confuse them. He heard that distancing in schools is still occurring and wonders why?

Mrs. Miller called Peter Bianco to speak. He was not present.

2. Michelle Babbie introduced herself as the high school librarian, senior class advisor and president of the teachers' union. She also took the time to thank the board for the new furniture purchased in the library and that the staff and students love it.
3. Peter Bianco arrived and Mrs. Miller called upon him to speak. Mr. Bianco discussed similar outcomes to the vaccinations and the number of deaths associated with the vaccine that Chris Roberts spoke of. He feels that there is harm in receiving the vaccine and no test results have proven what it is doing to children. Other vaccines for diseases have been pulled such as polio as it is believed have caused some people to die from it. So, why

promote COVID vaccines if people are dying from it? The vaccine is not fully approved. It was offered only for emergency use. He further feels that schools should not be promoting the vaccine.

**Presentation(s):** There was none.

**Sub-Committee Reports:** There was none.

### **Superintendent's Report**

1. Opening Enrollment: Mr. Wheelock stated the enrollment chart was given to the board members showing the enrollment trends since 2013. The number of 924 students enrolled is of today and may fluctuate throughout the year.
2. There is a SBI General Membership Meeting, Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Oneida BOCES. Topic: **School Law & Legal Overview** if anyone would like to attend, please contact him or Marie Goodman to make the registration.
3. Mark your calendars if you are interested in a flu shot. Walgreen's has offered to distribute the flu vaccine at a flu clinic here in the elementary building on September 23, 2022 from 11:30 to 4pm. Please bring your insurance card if you are interested.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business** - Mrs. Miller stated that she will read 8.1 to 8.15 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. Mrs. Collins requested to have motions 8.5 and 8.6 pulled to be voted on separately. Before the vote Mr. Nicotera commented on Sauquoit Valley's status of bus drivers. He asked if some drivers have a dual role; bus driver/custodian? Mr. Wheelock answered, yes.

**Resolution No. 12** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Ms. Weibel,

- to appoint Emily Julian as a long-term substitute teacher in the middle school, special education, effective September 6, 2022 and be continuous through late November 2022 or until the teacher returns.
- 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 Cynthia Snow to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 14, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 14, 2022 and to expire April 4, 2023.
- 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 Randy Moore to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion

of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 14, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 14, 2022 and to expire April 4, 2023.

- to appoint Mae Listovitch as a substitute teacher effective September 14, 2022.
- to appoint Terrance Mielnicki as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 14, 2022.
- that Jesse Heiderich-Martin's probationary position as laborer be permanent effective September 8, 2022.
- that the following people be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the 2022-23 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Cross Country	Volunteer Assistant	Gianna Giruzzi
Football	Volunteer Assistant	Austin Bullock
Modified Boys' Soccer	Coach	Brittney Kuhn

- to accept the resignation of Paula Mallard, RN, elementary nurse effective October 5, 2022.
- to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Kirley, bus driver effective September 22, 2022.
- to appoint Bailey Bach as per diem substitute teacher effective September 14, 2022.
- that the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated through August 30, 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 1400943, 1401073, 1401366, and 1401725 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 13** made by Mr. Critelli and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to appoint Kayla Collins as per diem substitute teacher effective September 14, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 2 (Mrs. Collins & Ms. Kentile)

**Resolution No. 14** made by Mr. Sacco and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

- to appoint Kayla Collins as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective September 14, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 2 (Mrs. Collins & Ms. Kentile)

**Miscellaneous Topics** – Mr. Sacco commented on the SBI workshop that is being offered. The topic is the same as the one he attended and sent the other board members information that he has gained from it. On another note, Mr. Sacco asked about having a separate line on the budget ballot for additional School Patrol Officers (SPO), similar to the bus proposition.

Mr. Nicotera asked for an update on the capital project. Mr. Wheelock stated the roofing piece is almost completed. The edging around the roof edges need to be fasten down and that should conclude the roofing phase of the Capital Project. Phase 2 is being presented to the state for approval. Once approved we hope to start the work on the field in the spring or early summer, with all other work to start in the summer of 2023. Mr. Nicotera commented on how beautiful the fields and grounds are. The workers do an impeccable job in maintaining the grounds. He also commented on the Town of Paris assisting in making the district look good.

**Resolution No. 15** made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:42 p.m.

**Resolution No. 16** made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,  
District Clerk  
Board of Education