

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. The public and students who would like to be heard will only be heard when called upon.

**Date of Meeting:** August 16, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Judy Kentile

**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:** There was no one.

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

**Sub-Committee Reports:** Audit report was given by Charlie Cowen, Business Administrator. We had our annual internal audit for the 2021-22 school year looks good and in general finances look good. Many of the extras were funded through the coronavirus grant monies and the flexibility in using this money has put us in a favorable financial position for 2021-22. The 2022-23 academic year should be good as well, however, the coronavirus funding will not be available in 2023-24. Absent of the federal funding, our financial situation would not be as favorable as it appears at this time. More will be explained and reviewed in January 2023 when the budget will be discussed for the budget vote in May.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wheelock gave the date of freshmen orientation, August 24. Arrangements and directions will be made and sent out to the middle school parents/guardians on the access of the building for their orientation. Phase I of our Capital Project (roofing) is progressing with an anticipated completion prior to September 6 still being a reality.

Staff Development is August 31 & September 1 with school starting Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>

of September. On September 1 staff will be attending a presentation at the Stanley along with other schools. The presenter is Liz Murray who will be sharing her life experiences on how teachers do make a difference in one's life.

Schedule of events through School Boards Institute were distributed. If anyone sees anything of interest and would like to attend, please let us know.

Mr. Wheelock shared that the suggestions taken from the Board at the July 26 meeting on the homebound instruction policy were included in the policy being voted upon at tonight's meeting.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business** - Mrs. Miller stated that action 8.1 is to be pulled. She will read 8.2 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.

**Resolution No. 9** made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- 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 Tammy DelMedico as a teacher aide effective September 6, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 6, 2022 and to expire on March 24, 2023, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Victoria Miller as a Dignity Act Coordinator in the high school for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- appoint Joseph Sallustio as per diem substitute teacher effective September 6, 2022.
- to approve Aubree Grates as a substitute teacher effective September 6, 2022.
- appoint Darleen Philpotts as per diem substitute teacher effective September 6, 2022.
- appoint Dolores Jones as per diem substitute teacher effective September 6, 2022.
- appoint Cinthia Zielinski as per diem substitute teacher effective September 6, 2022.
- to accept the resignation of Wendy Lampert, Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2022.

- that the following people be appointed to fall 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.

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LEVEL</i>	<i>BOYS OR GIRLS</i>	<i>NAME</i>
Cheerleading	Modified	Boys/Girls	Carli Halliday
Cross Country	Modified	Boys/Girls	Scott Prichard
Cross Country	Varsity (Volunteer)	Boys/Girls	Jamie Accordino
Field Hockey	Modified	Girls	Emily LaSalle
Field Hockey	Varsity (Volunteer)	Girls	Maria Orsino DeSiato
Football	Varsity (Volunteer)	Boys	Kory Lewandrowski
Football	Modified – Head Coach	Boys	Doug Jones
Football	Modified Assistant	Boys	Steve Messenger
Soccer	Varsity - Volunteer	Boys	Todd Prichard
Soccer	Varsity - Volunteer	Girls	Jeff Kuhn

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Contract with Karen Staplin for the 2022-23 school year. The contract will allow Ms. Staplin to transport her dependents to/from home and the Utica Academy of Science located at 160 School Lane, Frankfort, NY 13340.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and New Hartford Central School in the sport of girls gymnastics for the fall 2022 sport season.
- to adopt the Homebound Instruction Policy #7007.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve Budget Transfers for the 2021-22 fiscal year as presented.
- to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM TAX ROLLS AND AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY**

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to raise for the 2022-2023 school year a sum not to exceed \$24,173,900.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED VALUE (apportionment)	EQUALIZ RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	ASSESSED VALUE for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
Fair	209,259,353	1,500	209,260,853	0.7290	332,306,740.26	66.660358%	5,633,762.79	209,259,353.00	23.546761
New Hartford	51,214,130		51,214,130	0.6300	81,292,269.84	16.356064%	1,370,193.50	51,214,130.00	26.910415
Frankfort	31,625,208		31,625,208	0.5800	54,526,220.69	10.970715%	924,413.64	31,625,208.00	29.200279
Litonfield	15,530,469		15,530,469	0.6990	22,210,124.46	4.470303%	376,676.34	15,530,469.00	24.254022
Marshall	2,968,997		2,968,997	0.5000	5,977,994.00	1.202777%	101,348.29	2,968,997.00	33.907123
Kirkland	265,443		265,443	0.4850	588,542.27	0.118415%	9,977.09	265,443.00	34.955797
Bridgewater	89,212		89,212	0.8400	106,204.76	0.021368%	1,800.55	89,212.00	20.182811
	340,992,812		340,994,312		497,016,096.30	1.0000000%	\$8,426,193.00	340,992,812	

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2022 and end October 31, 2022 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 61 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> month free period,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> month interest of 2 percent added.

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- BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS; to the collector of Sauquoit Valley Central School District, Oneida County, State of New York.

You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2022.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$8,426,193 (inclusive of STAR funds) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for

correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his/her property on tax bills provided by the school district in accordance with provisions of Section 922 of Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sum listed on the tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue receipts provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file such receipts as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

- that the Treasurer's Report of Balances for July 31, 2022 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated August 3, 2021.
- that the minutes of the July 26, 2022 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 1401066, 1400709, 1400127, and 1401706 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Naves 0.

Mr. Nicotera just asked a question as to the parent transportation contract. As to who the parent is driving? She is transporting only her own child. Elementary schedule is different than the other grades which makes it difficult for transportation to have a driver cover that time.

**Resolution No. 10** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES (Schoolhouse Construction)

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the "Board of Education") has determined that it is in the best interest of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the "School District") to retain a construction manager to: collaborate with the project architect; provide construction planning; prepare and update as needed the project schedule; assist with bid solicitation and analysis; coordinate the activities of multiple contractors to meet the milestone dates set forth in the project schedule and in compliance with the Contract Documents; provide cost estimating and accounting services; provide project status reports; and provide related professional services ("Construction Management Services") in connection with its 2021 Capital Improvement Project (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the School District previously issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Construction Management Services for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has received proposals in response to the RFP, diligently analyzed the proposals, and conducted interviews of selected candidates as part of the selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as a result of the RFP process, has selected Schoolhouse Construction Services, LLC ("Schoolhouse") as its Construction Manager for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District's administration, legal counsel (Ferrara Fiorenza, PC), and Schoolhouse have jointly prepared a contract for Construction Management Services for the Project ("Contract") which has been submitted to the Board of Education for consideration;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the retention of Schoolhouse to provide Construction Management Services and proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee to enter into the Contract on behalf of the School District in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education with such modifications, additions, and revisions (other than a change to the fees or expenses) as may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively shown by the execution thereof and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the Contract in connection with the Project.

3. Upon Board of Education approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately.  
Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Miscellaneous Topics –**

Mr. Nicotera asked for an update on the capital project with the construction. Mr. Wheelock stated that the middle school roofing is almost completed. Elementary roofing should only take one or two days. The high school should be 3 – 4 days. The crew is working diligently but everything depends on the weather.

Mr. Sacco inquired as to the extra-curricular clubs that were surveyed to the students. He stated Mr. Read surveyed the students to inquire about their interest at the high school and Mr. Sacco encourages that we continue to survey potential student interests for clubs.

Grade curving and the elimination of the top 10 class ranking was brought up by Ms. Weibel. Mr. Wheelock stated that discussion at a high school committee did discuss the prospects of not continuing the top 10 rankings starting with the incoming freshman class. This was only a topic of discussion and any substantial change with this process entail discussion at the Board level as well. At this time there is no change to the current practice.

Ms. Collins asked if there were any COVID restrictions to the opening of school for this year? Mr. Wheelock stated as of now there are no directives coming in from the Department of Education or health. When students arrive September 6<sup>th</sup> it will be normal classes. The cafeteria will remain with single seating in the elementary building. This worked out good last year for supervision of the students. They still have the opportunity to talk to their classmates and sit in close proximity to their friends. In the high school students can sit at tables with their friends. There are 4 classes to 3 lunch periods in the middle school.

**Executive Session –** There was none.

**Resolution No. 11** made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,  
District Clerk  
Board of Education