

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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

Date of Meeting: July 26, 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, Ron Critelli, Patricia Collins, Judy Kentile, Mike Sacco and Lynn Weibel.

Members Absent: None

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.

Public to Be Heard (All Comments Limited to Five Minutes)

Sub-Committee Reports – There were none.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wheelock shared a new Board policy (Homebound Instruction) for the Board to consider adopting at the next meeting. This policy articulates the State Education Department regulations that requires one hour per day (Grades K-6) and two hours per day (Grades 7-12) of instruction for students who are physically or mentally unable to attend (for more than 10 days) per a doctor's order. Ms. Weibel suggested that more time for students in grades 5 and 6 as they are in the middle school. The Board agreed to add a statement in the policy that additional time may be considered, if needed, on a case by case basis.

Mr. Wheelock also reminded the board members of two handouts at their tables;

1. Contact information for each other.
2. The list of board members on sub-committees.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business - Mrs. Miller stated that action 8.1 to 8.19 will be read 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 8.3 to be pulled.

Resolution No. 5 made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, with the Superintendent's recommendation appoint Victoria Miller in the School Social Worker (part-time) tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2022 and to expire August 31, 2026. (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only).
- to appoint Pete Scialdone and Paul Dischiavo as co-mentors for the 2022-23 school year to Victoria Miller, Social Worker.
- resolve, to approve the change in retirement date for Stephen Parker from December 30, 2022 to July 29, 2022.
- to appoint Stephen Parker as Facilities Director III, on a per diem basis, effective August 1, 2022.
- appoint Alexandra Meislin as per diem substitute teacher effective September 6, 2022.
- that Matthew Larkin's probationary position as laborer be permanent effective July 7, 2022.
- that Holly Snow's probationary position as laborer be permanent effective July 26, 2022.
- to approve Marissa Berry as drama club choreographer for the 2022-23 school year.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. (Head Start) for the period September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- to execute the contract between Sauquoit Valley Central School and BOCES for annual services for the 2022-2023 school year.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Upstate Cerebral Palsy (Tradewinds Program) to provide certain educational services for students with disabilities in the 2022-23 school

year.

- to approve the lease agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES (Summer School) to commence on July 5, 2022 and to expire on August 17, 2022 for the lease of 14 classrooms at the high school.
- to approve the immunization (flu clinic) agreement between Walgreens and Sauquoit Valley Central School District.
- to approve the District Special Education Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.
- that the quarterly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for June 30, 2022 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the July 5, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- 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 1401092, 1401400, 1400984, 1401540, 1401124, 1401243, 1400889, 1401251, 1401423, 1401542, 103003, 1401314, 1401070, 103252, 1400716, 1401400, 102882, 103130, 1400488, 1401070, 102901, 1401062, 1400918, 1400751, and 102680 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 6 made by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Ms. Collins,

Mr. Nicotera would like to take a minute to thank Steve Parker again for his commitment to his work at the school and say thank you to stay on as per diem basis. He stated he often notices Mr. Parker at school checking buildings and grounds after school hours. Mr. Nicotera wishes him the best of health. Mr. Wheelock gave the same sentiment. It is nice to see someone work their way up the ladder in the facilities department as Mr. Parker has done in his 32 years with the District. The District anticipates filling the Facilities Director position in the spring. This position is a civil service exam position and the District will need to utilize the Civil Service list to fill this position.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 7 made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENERGY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the “Board of Education”) has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the “School District”) to undertake an energy performance improvement project to assist the School District to become as energy efficient as possible through installation of new or updated equipment, energy conservation measures, implementation of optimal operation and maintenance procedures, and through other additions and alterations to School District facilities (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board issued a written Request for Proposals (“RFP”) as prescribed by the energy law, the education law, and the New York State Education Department Commissioner’s regulations in accordance with the School District’s procurement policies, procedures and guidelines in order to procure the services of an Energy Services Company (“ESCO”) in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed proposals from interested ESCOs to implement the proposed Project on a guaranteed savings basis; and

WHEREAS, the School District, acting in accordance with the energy law, the education law, and the New York State Education Department Commissioner’s regulations, has selected C&S Operations, Inc. (“C&S”), to be the ESCO to proceed with the Project;

WHEREAS, C&S has conducted a comprehensive review of School District facilities and based on that review has determined and recommended the energy performance improvement measures to be installed or implemented as part of the Project;

WHEREAS, the results of the review and the recommendations from C&S have been reviewed and evaluated by School District Administration to determine which energy performance improvement measures are in the best interests of the School District and the School District’s taxpayers;

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation, School District Administration has identified and recommended the scope of energy performance improvement measures to be installed or implemented as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC, and C&S have jointly prepared a contract (“Contract”) for services in connection with the Project and related professional services which have 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 C&S to provide services in connection with the Project and related professional 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 Board of Education and take all steps necessary or convenient to proceed under the Contract in connection with the Project.

3. The officers, employees and agents of the District are authorized and directed, on behalf of the District, to all actions required or provided for by the provisions of the Contract or related Project documents and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments, and documents, to pay all such fees, charges, and expenses and to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of this resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Contract and the Project documents.

4. Upon Board approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Nicotera asked which company was this one that is being granted the work (as several had given a presentation). Mr. Wheelock explained which company was chosen. This formal contract is to complete the job and oversee the roofing as well. The Schoolhouse will be phase 2.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics – Mr. Sacco expressed his gratitude for the school to give him the opportunity to attend a conference covering school topics of concern; such as Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL) and how school boards benefit when working together. Mrs. Miller agreed that Sauquoit Valley School District is blessed to have a board where members can voice their opinions with each other in a positive and cordial manner for the betterment of the school.

Executive Session – There was none.

Resolution No. 8 made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Ms. Weibel, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman,
District Clerk
Board of Education