

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: June 21, 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, Ron Critelli, Jim Dever,
Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson and Mike Sacco

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools;
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator,
Doug Jones, Athletic Director.

Others Present: Staff and community members signed-in.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) –

1. Disney Leadership Group – Students involved in the Disney Leadership Group gave a short synopsis of their experience, what they learned and how touching it was for them to be a part of such an emotional volunteer experience. They hope this group will stay in existence for future students. Members of the Board asked how this group or this experience can benefit our school and community going forward. This is something the Disney group and the District will review and consider how we can impact our school community as a whole.
2. Spring Sports – Doug Jones, Athletic Director gave a brief summary of how the spring sports season went. Mr. Jones led a conversation with the Board regarding consideration for maintaining an assistant coach for cross country and having a head coach dedicated to just modified cross country. The Board is in favor of maintaining the assistant cross country positions should our participation numbers warrant that level of additional supervision of our runners on and off campus. Mr. Jones had a sign up for modified cheerleading and has 11 student-athletes interested thus far. There was discussion to consider this program level to be a feeder program for varsity cheerleading where our numbers have been lower in the past few years. The Board is in favor of providing this opportunity to support a modified cheerleading team.

3. Student Recognition – Doug Jones recognized two of our spring track and field athletes for competing at the New York State Track and Field Championship in Cicero-North Syracuse. Freshman, Addison Lazarek medal with a 5th place finish in the triple jump. Though he did not medal, junior, Kole Owens ran a competitive 3200 meter race to complete a very successful season.

Public to Be Heard – There was no one.

Sub-Committee Reports – There were none.

Superintendent's Report

Graduation - Mr. Wheelock reminded everyone that the graduation is this Friday, June 24 in the stadium, weather permitting. He asked which Board members plan on attending. Dawn Miller, Mr. Nicotera, Mr. Dever, Mr. Sacco, and Ms. Kentile will be and Mr. Nelson is unsure as of tonight.

Mr. Wheelock will check on the availability of live streaming it for those unable to attend.

Old Business – There were none.

New Business – Mrs. Miller stated that action 8.1 to 8.31 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. Nelson just asked about the salary of two new teachers starting at the same time and why a salary difference? Mr. Wheelock stated that two teachers may be on the same base step, but have accrued a different number of graduate hours which get compensated at a dollar amount per graduate hour. Also, some teachers may already have a master's degree and others may not as of yet. Mr. Nicotera also spoke on motion 8.1. He said it was nice to see a Sauquoit Valley graduate return to the school as a teacher. Mr. Nicotera also thanked Mr. Wheelock for extending his contract to stay with Sauquoit Valley Central School District and working so hard. Mrs. Miller agreed.

Mr. Nelson also inquired about the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) and Employee Retirement System (ERS) reserve funds. The ERS reserve fund was created a few years ago with monies that exceeded our allowable fund balance limit. We anticipate additional fund balance this year and wish to disperse funds to both the ERS reserve fund and the TRS reserve fund, which was created and Board approved this May.

Resolution No. 85: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to appoint Brittney Kuhn, as a physical education teacher to a physical education tenure area, for 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). Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or

3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).

- to appoint Claire Haile, as a music teacher to a music tenure area, for probationary period of three (3) years to commence September 1, 2022 and to expire August 31, 2025 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only). Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- to appoint Savannah Malerba, as an elementary teacher to an elementary tenure area, for 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). Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- 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 Aleshea Kelly as teacher aide position at the high school effective September 1, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 6, 2022 and to expire on March 22, 2023.
- to appoint Alyssa Cook as mentor teacher for the 2022-23 school year to Vanessa Dykstra.
- to appoint Erika Thall as lead teacher for the 2022-23 school year to Sara Reale.
- to appoint Tina Connor and Ryan Decker as co-lead teachers for the 2022-23 school year to Claire Haile.
- to appoint Jeanice Gigliotti and Connie Stayton to co-mentor teachers for the 2022-23 school year to Savannah Malerba.

- to appoint Frank Curriere as mentor teacher for the 2022-23 school year to Brittney Kuhn.
- to appoint Robert Moore as a substitute laborer effective July 1, 2022.
- to approve Meghan Robert's request for an unpaid child care leave to commence on or about August 31, 2022 and be continuous through November 27, 2022 with a return date of November 28, 2022.
- to approve salaries for the following individuals for the 2022-2023 school year:

| TITLE | SALARY |
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| Business Administrator | \$107,125 |
| Director of Facilities III | \$94,547 |
| Transportation Supervisor | \$60,030 |
| Confidential Secretary To Superintendent | \$46,892 |
| District Clerk | \$3,862 |

- to extend the term and approve the addendum of the existing employment agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Ronald Wheelock dated September 13, 2016 to expire June 30, 2027.
- to approve the salary of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2022-23 school year at \$176,123.
- to approve the revision of the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Confidential Secretary to Superintendent.
- to approve the district safety plan as presented on May 17, 2022.
- to approve the agency agreement between Utica University and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District as it relates to field work and student teaching internships commencing on August 1, 2022 and expiring on August 1, 2027.
- that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following vehicles to be sold by Auctions International.

Vehicle #155 – 2011 International School Bus; VIN 4DRBUAAN3BB264099

Vehicle #165 – 2014 International School Bus; VIN 4DRNZSKKXEB778951

- that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following vehicle to be traded in to Leonard Bus Sales and the trade value of \$12,500 used to reduce the purchase price of the new 60-passenger school bus to be purchased in July 2022.

Vehicle #171 – 2016 International School Bus; VIN 4DRBUC8N4GB159483

- that the Board of Education approve funding of the TRS Contribution Reserve in the amount of \$125,000. Funding to be provided with excess funds available from operations for the 2021-22 school year. (Note: this reserve was established at the May 10, 2022 board meeting, this action item provides for initial funding to the reserve).
- that the Board of Education approve funding of the Employment Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund in the amount of \$100,000. Funding to be provided with excess funds available from operations for the 2021-22 school year. (Note: this reserve was established at the September 25, 2018 board meeting and currently has a balance of \$300,429, this action item will increase the balance by \$100,000).
- to appoint Doug Jones as a teacher on special assignment to serve as the District's Athletic Director for the 2022-23 school year.
- to appoint Keith Kempney as a teacher on special assignment to serve as the District's Director of Technology for the 2022-23 school year.
- to approve revised Board policy #7086; Immunization and Dental Health of Students, as prepared by the Madison BOCES policy office.
- to approve revised Board policy #1040; Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs, as prepared by the Madison BOCES policy office.
- to approve revised Board policy #5010; District-Wide Safety Plans and Building-Level Emergency Response Plan, as prepared by the Madison BOCES policy office.
- to approve the adoption of new Board policy; Title IX Grievance Process, as prepared and recommended by the Madison BOCES policy office.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented dated July 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor signed June 7, 2022.
- that the minutes of the June 7, 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 1400997, 1401638, 103043, 1401275, 1401688, 1400908, 1401695, 1400948, 1401070, 102804, 102755, 102817, 102756, 103092, 1400135, 1400652, 1400522, 1401299, 1400943, 102952, 102882, 102882, 1401266, 1401035, 102770, 1400755, 1401650, 102901, 102901,

103070, 102989, 1401177, 102885, 1401399, 1401081, 103206, 1400910, 1400542, 1401529, 1401638, 1401638, 1401693, 1401688, 1401688, 1401695, 1401695, 1401521, and 1401690 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

Mrs. Miller expressed a big thank you to both Board members, Mr. Dever for his 9 years of service and Mr. Nelson for his 6 years of service. Both have dedicated many hours to the district for the betterment of the students and the district as a whole. Mr. Wheelock also expressed his gratitude.

Executive Session – There was none.

Resolution No. 86 made by Mr. Dever, and seconded by Mr. Nelson that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
District Clerk
Board of Education