

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: May 17, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Ron Critelli, Jim Dever, Todd Nelson and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Judy Kentile

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools; Charles Cowen, Business Administrator.

Others Present: Staff and community members signed-in.

Resolution No. 71: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Dever,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss an educational matter of a particular student.

Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Todd Nelson arrived by 7:00 PM.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:05 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) –

Title I Program: Mr. Wheelock introduced two newly hired reading teachers: Alysia Hladik and Laura Tartaglia who are in the middle school. They explained the program and how the middle school reading support services are being provided. In their presentation they shared how many students are receiving targeted reading services and how they are progressing. Mrs. Facchini also spoke that this program has been missing many students for years as it has only been focused on in grades K-4. Other schools have it K-6.

District Safety Plan: Mr. Wheelock presented the District Safety Plan which is available to review on the Sauquoit Valley Central School District website for 30 days

for the public to have the opportunity to comment. The Board will review any comments and take action during the June 21 meeting.

Public to Be Heard – There was no one.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – There was a facilities meeting interviewing three (3) companies for phase 2 of the capital project which is scheduled to start next year. The three companies chosen will monitor that the project is following safety procedures, the work is on schedule and the work expenses are within the budget.

Superintendent's Report

1. Modified Cross Country Position: There currently is a varsity head coach and an assistant for cross country. Requesting to change the assistant coach position to a modified head coach position. Discussion and comments were made and answered. The Board is in support of making this change and understands that the modified position would incur a higher stipend than the assistant position did.
2. UPK Grant: Mr. Wheelock informed the Board that in our final state aid run for the 2022-23 school year included an additional \$149,000. Mr. Cowen contacted the State for information regarding how this money can be used. This money may only be used to fund a full day UPK program. The grant would support up to 20 students with one teacher and two teacher assistants. The District will still be able to continue with the current two, half day sessions.

Resolution No. 72: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Nelson,

- to go into recess at 8:02 to attend the closing of the budget vote and hear the results.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 73: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that the meeting resume at 8:16 p.m.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business - Mrs. Miller stated that action 9.1 to 9.10 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. Wheelock asked that motion 9.1 be tabled until after executive session or for a later date. Mr. Sacco requested motion 9.2 to be pulled.

Resolution No. 74: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- appoint Katrina Tickle as per diem substitute teacher effective May 2, 2022.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2022-2023 school year.
- to approve the agreement between BOCES and Sauquoit Valley Central School for the cooperative bidding agreement (supplies & equipment) for the 2022-23 academic school year.
- to adopt revised Board Training Policy #2012.
- that the Board of Education award a 2022 summer sabbatical in the amount of \$1,000 to Melissa Leone.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for April 30, 2022 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the May 10, 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 1401233, 1401261, 1401221, 1401451, 1400058, 103153, 103081, 1400533, 1400545, and 1401307 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 75: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Dever,

Mr. Sacco spoke as a parent of a student and board member of Ms. Zumpano's work and her ability to communicate with students in a learning and captive way. His daughter has improved tremendously and feels that Ms. Zumpano is the reason for that. He supports extending her contract as she is a very qualified teacher.

- **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has offered to Ms. Nancy Zumpano that she serve a temporary, non-tenure bearing appointment to the position of math teacher, effective July 1, 2022, the terms of which are more clearly set forth in the Superintendent's letter dated May 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, Ms. Zumpano has indicated her agreement with the terms of employment as set forth in the Superintendent's letter dated May 11, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Nancy Zumpano is appointed to the

position of math teacher, effective July 1, 2022, in a non-probationary capacity without eligibility for an appointment on tenure.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 76: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, at special meeting of such voters duly held on December 8, 2021, duly approved a proposition authorizing an installment lease purchase contract to finance a capital project consisting of energy savings machinery, equipment and apparatus, consisting of lighting, ventilation, insulation and heating improvements to the school buildings and facilities in the School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. According to the regulations of the New York State Education Department, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District is primarily responsible for assuring compliance with the procedural and substantive requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA").

2. Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the proposed energy performance contract project, the Board hereby declares itself lead agency to the extent necessary, if any, for this purpose and hereby finds that the proposed action constitutes a "type II action" as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA and, therefore, is not subject to any further review by the School District under SEQRA. A listing of such type II actions is attached hereto. The action consists of routine activities of an educational institution, with no expansion of existing facilities, as well as, the purchase of equipment and replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind, on the same site.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the District Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast: Approved 6 – 0.

TYPE II LIST

617.5 TYPE II ACTIONS .

- (a) Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from

environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies.

- (b) Each agency may adopt its own list of Type II actions to supplement the actions in subdivision (c) of this section. No agency is bound by an action on another agency's Type II list. An agency that identifies an action as not requiring any

determination or procedure under this Part is not an involved agency. Each of the actions on an agency Type II list must:

- (1) in no case, have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in subdivision 617.7(c) of this Part; and
 - (2) not be a Type I action as defined in section 617.4 of this Part.
- (c) The following actions are not subject to review under this Part:
- (1) maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;
 - (2) replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part;
 - (3) agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings and structures, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming;
 - (4) repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes;
 - (5) street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities;
 - (6) maintenance of existing landscaping or natural growth;
 - (7) construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;
 - (8) routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings;
 - (9) construction or expansion of a single-family, a two-family or a three-family residence on an approved lot including provision of necessary utility connections as provided in paragraph (11) and the installation, maintenance and/or upgrade of a drinking water well and a septic system;
 - (10) construction, expansion or placement of minor accessory/appurtenant residential structures, including garages, carports, patios, decks, swimming pools, tennis courts, satellite dishes, fences, barns, storage sheds or other buildings not changing land use or density;

- (11) extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list;
- (12) granting of individual setback and lot line variances;
- (13) granting of an area variance(s) for a single-family, two-family or three-family residence;
- (14) public or private best forest management (silvicultural) practices on less than 10 acres of land, but not including waste disposal, land clearing not directly related to forest management, clear-cutting or the application of herbicides or pesticides;
- (15) minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment;
- (16) installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways;
- (17) mapping of existing roads, streets, highways, natural resources, land uses and ownership patterns;
- (18) information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action;
- (19) official acts of a ministerial nature involving no exercise of discretion, including building permits and historic preservation permits where issuance is predicated solely on the applicant's compliance or noncompliance with the relevant local building or preservation code(s);
- (20) routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment;
- (21) conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action;
- (22) collective bargaining activities;
- (23) investments by or on behalf of agencies or pension or retirement systems, or refinancing existing debt;
- (24) inspections and licensing activities relating to the qualifications of individuals or businesses to engage in their business or profession;
- (25) purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials;
- (26) license, lease and permit renewals, or transfers of ownership thereof, where there will be no material change in permit conditions or the scope of permitted activities;

- (27) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list;
- (28) engaging in review of any part of an application to determine compliance with technical requirements, provided that no such determination entitles or permits the project sponsor to commence the action unless and until all requirements of this Part have been fulfilled;
- (29) civil or criminal enforcement proceedings, whether administrative or judicial, including a particular course of action specifically required to be undertaken pursuant to a judgment or order, or the exercise of prosecutorial discretion;
- (30) adoption of a moratorium on land development or construction;
- (31) interpreting an existing code, rule or regulation;
- (32) designation of local landmarks or their inclusion within historic districts;
- (33) emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources, provided that such actions are directly related to the emergency and are performed to cause the least change or disturbance, practicable under the circumstances, to the environment. Any decision to fund, approve or directly undertake other activities after the emergency has expired is fully subject to the review procedures of this Part;
- (34) actions undertaken, funded or approved prior to the effective dates set forth in SEQR (see chapters 228 of the Laws of 1976, 253 of the Laws of 1977 and 460 of the Laws of 1978), except in the case of an action where it is still practicable either to modify the action in such a way as to mitigate potentially adverse environmental impacts, or to choose a feasible or less environmentally damaging alternative, the commissioner may, at the request of any person, or on his own motion, require the preparation of an environmental impact statement; or, in the case of an action where the responsible agency proposed a modification of the action and the modification may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, an environmental impact statement must be prepared with respect to such modification;
- (35) actions requiring a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need under articles VII, VIII or X of the Public Service Law and the consideration of, granting or denial of any such certificate;
- (36) actions subject to the class A or class B regional project jurisdiction of the Adirondack Park Agency or a local government pursuant to section 807, 808 and 809 of the Executive Law, except class B regional projects subject to review by local government pursuant to section 807 of the Executive Law located within the Lake George Park as defined by subdivision one of section 43-0103 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and
- (37) actions of the Legislature and the Governor of the State of New York or of any court, but not actions of local legislative bodies except those local

legislative decisions such as rezoning where the local legislative body determines the action will not be entertained.

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/regs/part617.html>

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics – Mr. Sacco addressed the condition of the shed near the track. He feels that it is not safe and would like someone to look at it. Mr. Wheelock thanked him for informing him of it and will look into it.

Resolution No. 77: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss terms and conditions of the supervisor's agreement and for an educational matter of a particular student.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:47 p.m. Meeting resumed at 9:47 p.m. regarding motion 9.1.

Resolution No. 78: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- approval of the revised terms and conditions of employment for Director of Facilities and Transportation Supervisor.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 79: made by Mr. Nicotera and seconded by Mr. Dever, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Goodman
District Clerk