

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 10, 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, Jim Dever, Ron Critelli,
Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Staff and Community members signed-in.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – Jadyn Land, student who was chosen to go to California as a Freedom Writer spoke on sharing her life experience story with the Freedom Writer and subsequently her story was selected to be in the next Freedom Writer's book. She shared some of her story related to her mental health during her days in the middle school. Jadyn is now assisting other middle school students and sharing her life experiences with them as well. She feels that some students have mental emotions that are hard to express. Jadyn thanked Mrs. Purrington for being there to help guide her through those times.

Mr. Cowen, Business Administrator gave an overview on the 2022-23 budget. The proposed budget is \$24,173,900. He also showed a chart of the impact it will be to the residents in various areas of the Sauquoit Valley District. Mr. Cowen reminded everyone of the date, time and location of the election.

Public to Be Heard – There was none.

Board Candidates – Mrs. Miller called the board candidates according to their placement on the ballot to give a brief description of themselves and why they are running to be a board member.

- Patricia Collins
- Jim Dever
- Todd Nelson
- Jeremiah Tylutki
- Lynn Weibel

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wheelock spoke on a few items:

- He reminded everyone of the school election date as being next Tuesday, May 17th, 2022. The polls are open at 7am until 8pm in the high school auditorium lobby. Residents will be voting on the 2022-2023 school budget, bus proposition to purchase two buses and one Suburban. A vote for two open school board seats.
- A bus inspection report for the transportation department came in with a high passing rate of 96.36%. This is a very good report and only demonstrates the care and hard work the mechanics assert in maintaining our buses.
- Board Training Policy was distributed prior to the meeting to the board members. There is only one addition to it. This will be on the next board agenda for approval.
- Construction Management Services: The District plans to interview three construction management services to provide project management for phase two of our upcoming Capital Project. The facilities committee which includes Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera and Todd Nelson will meet to interview the companies.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business - Mrs. Miller stated that action 9.1 to 9.14 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 requested to speak on motion 9.5 (no need to pull).

Mr. Wheelock thanked Mrs. Listovitch for her nearly 25 years of service. The compassion and dedication she showed toward the students is immeasurable. She has made a great impact on many students. She not only cared how her students were doing academically, she cared for their overall well-being. Mr. Wheelock said she will be missed and wished her well in retirement.

Mr. Nicotera asked a quick question to Mr. Cowen about motion 9.8. Motion 9.8 is just for approval to establish the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) reserve fund and at a later time an amount will be decided and placed into it.

Resolution No. 68: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Dever,

- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period: Laura Hoffman, elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2022. Mrs. Hoffman has Professional certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period: Kristen Boice, elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2022. Mrs. Boice has Professional certification in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and an initial certificate in Literacy (Birth –Grade 6).
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period: Jessica Peters, elementary, effective September 1, 2022. Mrs. Peters has Professional certification in Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2), (Grades 1-6), Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period: David Dow, Teacher, tenure area effective October 6, 2022. Mr. Dow has Professional certification in Biology 7-12.
- resolve, to approve the retirement of Mae Listovitch as a teacher assistant, with regret, effective June 30, 2022.
- appoint Paige Harris as per diem substitute teacher effective May 11, 2022.
- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to apply weed control agents to manage the weeds growing throughout the district. Doing so will prevent any potential safety hazards if this weed growth is not contained.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education establish the TRS Contributions Reserve as a sub-fund of the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 6-r.
- to approve the agreement between BOCES and Sauquoit Valley Central School for the cooperative bidding agreement for the 2022-23 academic school year.
- to approve the agreement between the Center for Instruction Technology & Innovation (Oswego County BOCES) and Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- to approve the contract between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Oneida BOCES for the rental of one classroom (\$1,000) to commence on July 1, 2022 and expire June 30, 2023.

- that the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor (May 3, 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 1400904, 1401049, 1401658, 1400944, 1400985, 1401442, 1401312, 103040, 1400334, 1401538, 103195, 103197, 103085, 103085, 1400572, 1401535, 1400084, 1400816, 1401687, 1401651, 1401661, 1401647, and 1401632 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

- Mr. Nelson suggested to give recognition to the transportation department for their great work and the excellent report that was received. Let them know that the Board recognizes them for their hard work and dedication.
- Mr. Sacco also mentioned that the sign in front of the high school is not working properly. Mr. Wheelock stated that he is aware of it and is looking into fixing some of the control feature issues we have had with it. Mr. Sacco also asked if the camera on the football field can also be used for other events such as track meets. Mr. Wheelock said yes it is possible.

Resolution No. 69: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and negotiations of teachers contract.

Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:43 p.m.

Resolution No. 70: made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
District Clerk