

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:** April 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, Jim Dever, Ron Critelli, Judy Kentile, and Todd Nelson.

**Members Absent:** Mike Sacco

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

**Others Present:** Community members signed-in.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Wheelock informed the Board of an amendment to the agenda on item 8.1 in that the date of 4/18/22 is to be amended to reflect 6/30/22 as the correct date.

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

**Public to Be Heard** – Elisabeth Johnson, high school student spoke on how Mrs. Miner has impacted her life starting from middle school up to high school. Mrs. Miner was very supportive, showed compassion, care and provided resolution to her personal needs. Elisabeth wanted to say, "Thank you and wished Mrs. Miner a great retirement."

**Superintendent's Report** – There was nothing to report. At this time candidate names were drawn as to the placement on the election ballot.

1. Patricia Collins
2. Jim Dever
3. Todd Nelson
4. Jeremiah Tylutki
5. Lynn Weibel

**Old Business** – There was none.

**New Business**

Mrs. Miller stated that action 8.1 to 8.17 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 to speak on motions 8.7 & 8.8 (no need to pull).

Mr. Nicotera stated that motion 8.7 are individuals nominated from their own school districts. These individuals are outstanding and dedicated.

Mr. Nicotera explained the importance of 8.8 for both BOCES and Sauquoit School District. BOCES is in need to find locations to accommodate space for student's educational programs. Space is needed and Sauquoit Valley will benefit as the rooms will receive revenue. Mr. Wheelock informed everyone that all five (5) rooms in the basement of the elementary building are rented to outside agencies along with two (2) others rooms in the elementary school are rented by BOCES. BOCES is also renting two (2) rooms in both the middle and high schools.

Mr. Wheelock also commented on motion 8.1. He thanked Mrs. Miner for her years of service and the compassion and devotion she showed toward the students she worked with.

**Resolution No. 65:** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Dever,

- resolve, to approve the retirement of Luanne Miner as Social Worker, effective June 30, 2022.
- to accept the resignation of Joseph Busa, bus driver effective April 13, 2022.
- that Stefanie Roberts' probationary position as teacher aide be permanent effective April 10, 2022.
- that Marissa Rice's probationary position as teacher aide be permanent effective April 10, 2022.
- that Cassandra Brooks' probationary position as custodian be permanent effective April 21, 2022.
- for approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.

WHEREAS, the BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and

WHEREAS, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 18, 2022 and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on March 25, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education **APPROVES** the tentative administration budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of

Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$3,936,838.70 for 2022-2023.

- approval for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services election.

WHEREAS, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

WHEREAS, notification was received on April 14 of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the person or persons indicated as follows:

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term held by Mr. Michael J. Moore, prior to his resignation, currently held by Mr. Timothy Thomas by appointment (Clinton Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Timothy Thomas  
10 Hamilton Place  
Clinton, NY 13323

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Gary P Nelson, (Holland Patent Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Gary P. Nelson  
9384 Coates Road  
Holland Patent, NY 13354

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Gary W. Porcelli, Ed. D., (New York Mills Union Free School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Gary W. Porcelli, Ed. D.  
29 West Drive  
New York Mills, NY 13417

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Russell Stewart, (Waterville Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Russell Stewart  
1993 State Road 12 B  
Deansboro, NY 13328

- to approve the BOCES contract for Rental of Facilities (6 classrooms) to commence on September 1, 2022 and expire June 30, 2023.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for ancillary services associated with rental of 6 classrooms commencing on September 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2023.
- Agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School and RIC for Administrative Computer Services.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District desires to enter into a 5 year contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES in order for the Regional Information Center to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 602-7710 Administrative Computer Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed \$253,338.00 plus related borrowing fees, plus Regional Information Center support during the term of this contract, finalized by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education, for a period of 5 year(s); 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26.

- to approve Friday, May 27, 2022 as unused snow day providing there is no further need for a snow day.
- that the quarterly (Jan. – Mar. 2022) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for March 31, 2022 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills 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 1401414, 1400604, 1401063, 102774, 102809, 102924, 1400096, 1400437, 1400463, 1400503, 1400646, 1400148, 1400327, 1400569, 1400654, 1400397,

1401592, 1401001, 102852, 1400603, 103116, and 1400739 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

- **RESOLUTION**; Resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District approves of a Separation Agreement and General Release with a tenured employee.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

### **Miscellaneous Topics –**

Mrs. Miller just commented on how mature and presentable the Sauquoit Valley students were when they were out soliciting support for their sporting teams. She attended the invitational track meet this past Friday and was impressed with the turnout.

Mr. Wheelock commended two seniors (Ben LoGalbo and Alena Weibel) who spoke at a press conference held here at Sauquoit with the Sheriff's Department for their annual "No Empty Chair Campaign". He was impressed with their poise and positivity in the message they shared with the press. This is an informational campaign for students to be aware of not texting while driving, watch your speed, be aware of your surroundings and make the right decisions for yourself and for those around you so there is no chair empty at graduation.

**Resolution No. 66:** made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss a student matter and updates to the negotiations of teachers contract.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:50 p.m.

**Resolution No. 67:** made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Dever, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
District Clerk