

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 auditorium.

**Date of Meeting:** April 5, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Jim Dever, Ron Critelli,  
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.

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

**Presentation(s)**

Mr. Cowen, Business Official, briefly reviewed the proposed budget for 2022-23 and stated that if the board approves tonight's budget, these figures will be on the ballot for the residents to vote on May 17, 2022. The budget for the 2022-2023 school year will be \$24,173,900 which is down (\$462,988) from last year. Questions were answered and comments made expressing a thank you to the hard work in giving the Sauquoit Valley a good financial outlook this year and hopefully future ones. Mr. Nicotera offered to post signs up throughout the district reminding residents of the voting day.

**Public to Be Heard** – There was none.

**Sub-Committee Reports** – Technology – Interactive Flat Panel Boards are being installed in classrooms. These were purchased with SMART Board funds.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Wheelock just read important events and deadline dates.

- BOCES annual meeting is tomorrow Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner, on Middle Settlement Road, BOCES. The BOCES students will be showing their talents.

- Board petitions are due Monday, April 18, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. to the Board Clerk in the upper part of the elementary building for any candidate interested in running.

**Old Business** – There was none.

**New Business** - Mrs. Miller stated that action 8.1 to 8.18 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 8.13 to be pulled.

**Resolution No. 59:** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that Melissa Cain’s probationary position as Data Processor I, be permanent effective March 31, 2022.
- that Kelli Reed’s probationary position as teacher aide be permanent effective March 23, 2022.
- that Shania Taylor’s probationary position as teacher aide be permanent effective March 23, 2022.
- that Amber Gould’s probationary position as bus driver be permanent effective April 6, 2022.
- 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 Jeffrey Kirley to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective April 6, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence April 6, 2022 and to expire December 23, 2022.
- 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 Tyler Matteson to the position of custodian effective April 6, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence April 6, 2022 and to expire October 7, 2022.
- to accept the resignation of Sara Williams, high school teacher effective June 30, 2022.
- to approve Sara Williams to the position of teacher assistant in the teaching assistant tenure area for a probationary period of three years to commence September 2, 2022 and to expire September 2, 2025.

- appoint Lillian Carey as per diem substitute teacher effective April 6, 2022.
- to appoint Sherry Lebo as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective April 6, 2022.
- to appoint Savannah Robinson as a per diem substitute teacher pending fingerprint clearance.
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- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Rome City School in the sport of boys lacrosse for the 2022 sport season.
- to approve the revision of the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and the School Business Administrator.
- to create three (3) positions under the Civil Service title of School Bus Attendant for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District.
- that the minutes of the March 22, 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 1400774, 1400898, 1401503, 1400485, 1400628, 1400763, 1400930, 1401686, 102979, 1401253, 1400682, 103056, 102770, 1400485, 1401655, 1401653, and 1401634 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 60:** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

Mr. Nicotera praised Steve Parker for his dedication and work within the school district. Mr. Wheelock shared that Mr. Parker started out as a laborer, custodian, building maintenance mechanic and in 2001 became Director of Facilities. Steve is a quiet, gentleman with extraordinary knowledge about many aspects of the district's facilities. He was excellent in working with engineers, architect and contractors associated with our Capital Projects; and do so by being mindful of the best interest of the District. He will be missed but we wish him the best of health and a pleasant retirement.

- Resolve, to approve the retirement of Stephen Parker as Facilities Director III, with regret, effective December 30, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 61:** made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to put before the voters on May 17, 2022 the budget for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$24,173,900 and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said district to be levied and collected as required by law.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 62:** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following property tax report card as presented to the Board by the District Treasurer.

<b>2022-23 Property Tax Report Card</b>		
Sauquoit Valley Central School		
Contact Person:	Charles Cowen	
Telephone Number	(315) 839-6313	
	<b>Budgeted 2021-22 (A)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2022-23 (B)</b>
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	24,636,888	24,173,900
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	8,218,220	8,426,193
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable <sup>2</sup>	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	8,218,220	8,426,193
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	294,197	311,836
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	7,778,040	8,114,357
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible	7,924,023	8,114,357

Exclusions (E-B-F)		
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval) <sup>2</sup>	-147,983	
Public School Enrollment	943	950
Consumer Price Index		4.70%

<sup>1</sup>Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup>Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the school tax levy limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

<sup>3</sup>For 2022-23, includes any carryover from 2021-22 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2021-22 (D)	Estimated 2022-23 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	430,742	500,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	727,080	727,080
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	711,886	950,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	2.89%	3.93%

Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/2021 Actual Balance	6/30/22 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2022-23 School Year
Unemployment Insurance	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	4,860	4,860	0
Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	300,429	400,000	0

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

### Miscellaneous Topics

1. Mr. Nelson inquired about the board candidates introducing themselves during a board meeting. Mr. Wheelock stated that it will probably be during the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. Mr. Dever gave a summary of his interpretation of the 60 page Culturally Responsive – Sustaining Education document from the State Education Department. The concept is to treat everyone nicely not just a group or classifying them in a specific category. Mr. Sacco complimented Mr. Dever on his nicely stated review of this subject matter.

**Resolution No. 63:** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss negotiations of teachers contract, personnel, and contractual matter.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:38 p.m.

**Resolution No. 64:** made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
District Clerk