

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: March 22, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mr. Nicotera, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Jim Dever, Ron Critelli,
Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson and Mike Sacco

Members Absent: Dawn Miller for part of the meeting

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

Others Present: Staff and community members signed-in.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – Doug Jones, Athletic Director gave a winter sports report summarizing how the teams did and number of participants. The girls' volleyball team was recognized for being a New York State Scholar-Athlete team. Mr. Jones and Mr. Wheelock recognized, on behalf of the Board, our girls soccer, boys volleyball and state champion wrestler. The girls' soccer team was recognized for winning the Class C Section III championship and for advancing to the State regional finals. The boys' volleyball team was recognized for their Class C, Section III and State Regional championship this past winter. The Board also recognized Charlie Tibbitts, who wrestled with New Hartford, for winning the Section III and New York State heavyweight wrestling champion.

Public to Be Heard – Two people e-mailed prior to the meeting but did not appear when called upon.

Sub-Committee Reports – There were none. Mr. Wheelock did recap the budget workshop information that was given prior to this meeting. The budget at this time is \$24,173,900 which is 1.88% less than last year which is due to a \$1.2 million dollars of debt service coming off of the books from a past completed capital project. Our proposed tax levy will be 2.53% which is within the 2% tax cap. Dates to remember are April 5, 2022 Board to adopt a spending plan, May 10 is the public hearing and May 17

the public can vote on the budget which will be held here in the lobby of the auditorium high school.

Superintendent's Report

1. Teacher Tenure Appointments were read.
 - Laura Hoffman Elementary Teacher – Grade 4
 - Kristen Boice Elementary Teacher – Grade 3
 - Jessica Snyder Elementary Teacher – Grade 4
 - David Dow High School Teacher - Science

2. Legislative bill is in the making for discipline students. Government officials are proposing certain parameters regarding suspensions and removals from classes. Essentially, limiting suspension length, if at all, and encouraging alternative means to suspension. Mr. Nicotera did state that many in the educational field do not support this.

3. Zero emissions school buses. New York State is looking to be a greener state by having schools purchase electric buses starting in 2027 with a full transition of the fleet by the year 2035. This is also still being discussed.

Old Business – There were none.

New Business – Mr. Nicotera stated that action 8.1 to 8.15 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.

Resolution No. 56: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that Isabelle (Dianne) Malysa's probationary position as bus driver/custodian be permanent effective March 16, 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 Robert Moore to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations with effective date pending successful completion of road test on March 28, 2022. Probationary period will commence when actual start date has been determined pending successful completion of road test.

- resolve to approve the appointment of Debra Wolak as a substitute school bus attendant, effective March 23, 2022.

- to approve the change in retirement date for Dolores Jones from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

- to appoint Cassandra Duplacy as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 23, 2022.
- to appoint Kassie Berry as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 18, 2022.
- Additional Athletic Appointment for 2021-2022

NAME	SPORT	STIPEND/YEAR
Nicole Becker	Girls Modified Softball	\$2,533 - 1
Doug Jones	Boys Modified Baseball	\$2,917 – 11
Emily Lasalle	Volunteer Track	-----
Scot Alsante	Boys Modified Track	\$2,558 – 5
Darleen Philpotts	Girls Modified Track	\$2,889 - 20

- to approve the temporary use agreement between the County of Oneida and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the use of optical scan voting systems at a total fee of \$800.00. This agreement is for the May 17, 2022 election only.
- to appoint the following individuals as election inspectors and to assist the election officials for the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Rate of pay as noted.
 - Beverly Stefanik, Coordinator \$200.00
 - Marilou Loomis, Inspector \$170.00
- to appoint the following individuals as election officials for the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Rate of pay as noted.
 - Clarissa Hoyland \$80.00
 - Joan Lallier \$80.00
 - Elizabeth Mathy \$80.00
- to appoint Dawn Miller as chairperson of the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to report the results of the vote.
- that the annual election and budget vote be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium, and the public hearing regarding the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium or library. Petitions nominating candidates for office of member of the Board of Education must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022.
- that the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting be approved.

- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- 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 1401604, 1400911, 1401658, 1401484, 103022, 102931, 1400155, 1400395, 103000, 1400804, 103146, 1401383, 1401515, 1401661, and 1401521 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

Mr. Nelson asked if the unified sports will return for basketball. This was in place to occur in March of 2019; however, the pandemic did not permit this happen. He is asking that the District give this consideration for next year.

Mr. Sacco discussed the opportunity to bring drivers' education back to Sauquoit Valley students'. He will look further into it and report back.

Mr. Nicotera gave kudos to Mr. Wheelock, Superintendent and Charles Cowen, Business Official for working so diligently in accomplishing a good budget for the school district especially with keeping the programs intact to better our students.

Resolution No. 57 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations and personnel matter.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Dawn Miller, President arrived.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:13 p.m.

Resolution No. 58 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
District Clerk
Board of Education