

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:** March 8, 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, Ron Critelli,  
Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson and Mike Sacco

**Members Absent:** Jim Dever

**Administrators Present:** Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools;  
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator,  
Brian Read and Mark Putnam.

**Others Present:** Staff and community members signed-in.

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

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

**Public to Be Heard** – Kelsey Corleto, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade student discussed her passion for art and facts regarding the art program offered in all three buildings. Kelsey is moving up to middle school in the fall. In the middle school art classes are 40 minutes. In the elementary it is only 30 minutes. She would like to see more time for art provided in elementary school. Many board members thanked her for such an informative and well done presentation.

**Sub-Committee Reports** – There were none.

**Superintendent's Report**

1. Staff Development Day is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2022. There will be no students in attendance, and staff will engage in a variety of professional development offerings either in District or provided through our BOCES. In the high school a guest is coming in to provide professional development for staff to assist them in helping our ENL students.
2. Board Petitions – Due Monday, April 18, 2022 by 5pm in the Superintendent's Office located at the top side of the elementary building.

**Old Business** – There were 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. Wheelock requested to acknowledge 8.9.

**Resolution No. 50:** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to appoint Jesse Heiderich-Martin as laborer effective March 9, 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, does hereby appoint Mallory Snow to the position of substitute school bus monitor effective March 8, 2022.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XIV, Probationary Term, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Paula M. Mallard as a school nurse effective March 14, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on March 14, 2022 and to expire on November 22, 2022.
- to appoint Darlene Hutchinson as a mentor teacher to Alyssa Orsino for the remainder of the 2021-22 academic year.
- to appoint Catherine Massoud as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective March 9, 2022.
- to appoint Catherine Massoud as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 9, 2022.
- to appoint Jacob Anweiler as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 9, 2022.
- to appoint Jared Russell as a per diem substitute teacher effective March 9, 2022.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and the Town of Paris to provide annual cleaning and sweeping of the school parking lots and access roads.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Notre Dame High School in the sport of girls varsity golf for the 2021-22 sport season.

- RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves of a disciplinary agreement between the District and a non-instructional employee.
- Resolution regarding modification of COVID-19 Measures  
**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the local county department of health, State Department of Health, and State Education Department, respectively, to issue periodic health and safety requirements and guidance related to the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 in New York's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements to date have included the appropriate use of face coverings for students, employees, and visitors to school buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of New York and the Commissioner of Health have declared that face coverings are no longer mandated to be universally worn in school buildings in New York State effective March 2, 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Education hereby resolves as follows:

1. Appropriate face coverings are no longer required, but recommended as a mitigation measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for students, employees and visitors to the District's school buildings, unless ordered by the County Department of Health and/or County Executive/Administrator.
  2. The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to modify the District's reopening plan to reflect that face coverings are not mandated in school settings effective March 2, 2022. All other mitigation measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19 will remain in effect.
  3. The Board shall continue to make informed decisions on COVID-19 mitigation measures upon consultation with the County Director of Health.
  4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
- to adopt the 185 day calendar for the 2022-23 school year as recommended by the Superintendents of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.
  - that the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting be approved.
  - that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated February 14, 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 1401535, 1401604, 1401107, 1400625, 1401035, 1401650, 1400908, 1401081, 1401082, 1400410, 1401538, 1400543, 1401319, 1400318, 1400621, 1400269, 1401250, 1400625, 1400962, 1400695, 1400040, 1400543, 102908, 1401537, 1401660, and 1401529 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 51:** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Nelson,

Mr. Wheelock praised Dolores Jones for serving Sauquoit Valley School District for 34 years as an instructor and a motherly figure. She possesses a lot of energy, and integrity to the job. Dee has great rapport with her students and will be missed. He thanked Dee and wishes her the best in retirement.

- resolve, to approve the retirement of Dolores Jones as a Teacher Assistant, with regret, effective July 1, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 52:** Mr. Critelli presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that the following resolution be adopted:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices, Sauquoit, New York, on the 8th day of March, 2022:

PRESENT: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Ronald Critelli, Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson, and Mike Sacco

ABSENT: Jim Dever

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

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RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) 60-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$126,000, ONE (1) 30-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$64,000, AND ONE (1) SUBURBAN VEHICLE, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$60,000, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$250,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed for authorized indebtedness providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses and a vehicle at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$250,000. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.
3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

AYES 6

NAYS 0

### **Miscellaneous Topics**

Mr. Sacco asked about the update on student social distance for lunches? Mr. Wheelock stated that there are no changes to COVID regulates other than no masks. Isolation of exposure to positive cases has changed. One can return after 5 days if that person experiences no symptoms.

Several questions were asked and answered to clarify the art situation that was presented earlier in the meeting.

**Resolution No. 53** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss negotiations of teachers' contract.

Carried: Ayes 6, Naves 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:43 p.m.

**Resolution No. 54** made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Kentile that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss negotiations of instructional contract and a personnel matter.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:52 p.m.

**Resolution No. 55** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
District Clerk  
Board of Education