

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: February 15, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mr. Nicotera, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Dawn Miller & Mike Sacco

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools;
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator,
Pete Madden 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 – There was one request but did not show.

Sub-Committee Reports – SBI discussed in Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Wheelock gave a summary of the SBI's zoom meeting with Senators Griffo and Oberacker that was held Thursday, February 10, 2022. Both Senators understand that schools are underfunded. Both confirmed that the State is committed to fully fund (according to the current Foundation Aid formula) all school over the next two years. Sauquoit Valley is already considered fully funded and will receive the minimum 3% increase to Foundation Aid for 2022-23. Senator Oberacker's big concern is the broadband connection that many students do not have access to. Burden of proof was discussed in regards to the Special Needs as to which party has to proof if they are in compliance with students needs as noted on an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). Discussion on the concept of regional high schools to provide more opportunities for students.

2. SBI's Fiscal Workshop - Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom) Dr. Richard Timbs on state funding and federal grants.
3. There are two (2) seats on the school board that are open this May. Petitions for those interested in running are due Monday, April 18, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. to the Board Clerk.

Mr. Nicotera spoke on the two seats that are currently held by Mr. Dever and Mr. Nelson. Mr. Dever held the position for 9 years and Mr. Nelson for 6 years. They served with integrity, honesty and respect. He thanked both of them for their dedication to the many projects and time served and hopes they both will consider to run for re-election this May.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business - Mr. Nicotera stated that action 8.1 to 8.12 will be read as a consent motion and take one vote. The addendum item will be voted on separately. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion.

Mr. Wheelock requested motion 8.5 pulled for a moment. He stated that Mrs. McRorie started out late in the educational profession but had a passion for teaching. She has been an asset in connecting to the students that she teaches, serving as a parent and a teacher. Mr. Nicotera expressed his gratitude and wishes of happiness and great health to Mrs. McRorie on her retirement.

Resolution No. 47: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

- to appoint Anthony Cardillo as a substitute bus driver effective January 19, 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 Michael Riccardi to the position of part-time bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective February 16, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence February 16, 2022 and to expire November 17, 2022.
- to appoint Sarah McNichol as a per diem substitute nurse effective February 16, 2022, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Mallory Snow as a per diem substitute laborer effective February 16, 2022.
- Resolve, to approve the retirement of Tanya McRorie as a secondary teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2022.
- to approve the resignation of Tracy Day as nurse in the elementary building, with regret, effective March 4, 2022.
- Additional Athletic Appointment for 2021-2022

NAME	SPORT	STIPEND/YEAR
Fredric Orsino	Softball	\$4,466 - 9

Amanda Orsino	Asst. Coach	Volunteer
Scott Smith	Boys Varsity Tennis	\$3,554 - 22
John Nicotera	Girls Varsity Track	\$4,232 - 2
Gianna Giruzzi	Assistant Track	\$3,163 - 6
Scott Prichard	Boys Varsity Track	\$5,078 - 21
Kory Lewandrowski	Varsity Baseball	\$4,346 - 5
Chris Hillman	Asst. Coach	Volunteer

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education appoints C&S Companies to provide Construction Management services for Phase I of the capital project at a fee of \$79,560.00.
- that the minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.
- 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 1400893 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Addendum

Resolution No. 48 made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Dever;

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Monahan & Loughlin, LLC in the amount of \$2,088,000.00 as the roof contractor for Phase I of the capital project.

Additional information: The bid is for roof replacement work at the Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Bus Garage per the plan documents prepared by Ashley McGraw Architects, PC. Capital project was approved by the Sauquoit Valley community on December 9, 2021 and approved by SED on January 11, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

1. Mr. Nicotera stated that last week Donna Peckham was recognized as a magnificent dedicated employee with BOCES food service. She is retiring and works here at Sauquoit Valley. She will be missed. Mr. Wheelock shared that she

is a very caring person and always willing to chip in and do more especially when we were hit with the pandemic. Donna was quick to ask what her department can do to distribute meals for the families in the district.

2. Mr. Nelson spoke of the Master Teacher Program. Mr. Wheelock joined in on the explanation of the State's program and how teachers can apply for this through the State and meet many objectives before being considered. One of our teachers, Amanda Hartnett was chosen. She was 1 of 232 chosen for this recognition throughout New York State. Mr. Nicotera congratulated her as well.

There was no executive session.

Resolution No. 49 made by Mr. Dever, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
District Clerk
Board of Education