

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 1, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mrs. Miller, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

Others Present: Staff and community members signed-in.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Resolution No. 42: made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss an appeal of a student discipline matter.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:42 p.m.

Presentation(s) - There were none.

Public to Be Heard – There were none.

Sub-Committee Reports – Last Tuesday there were about 30 people who joined the School Boards Institute (SBI) zoom meeting with the Assembly representatives in this area. The assembly persons are committed to phasing in Foundation Aid for those schools who have been underfunded. Sauquoit Valley has not been underfunded in the State's eye and will received to minimum 3% increase in Foundation Aid for next year. The canceled Senators meeting is rescheduled to February 10th, 2022 at 6 p.m. This is a zoom meeting which the board members have received an email prior to this meeting with the link to join.

Superintendent's Report – There was none.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business - Mrs. Miller stated that action 9.1 is voided and items 9.2 to 9.10 will be read as a consent motion and take one vote. An addendum item added to the agenda will be voted on after these. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to vote or pull a motion for further discussion.

Mr. Nicotera requested motion 9.5 pulled.

Resolution No. 43: made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Dever,

- to appoint Paige Covert as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 2, 2022.
- to appoint Karla Pedulla as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 2, 2022.
- to appoint Alyssa Orsino, to the position of teacher in the elementary tenure area, for probationary period of four (4) years to commence March 7, 2022, unless able to start sooner, and to expire March 7, 2026 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- that the quarterly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Ed Wadas Foundation in the amount of \$14,895.09 for the purpose of purchasing an indoor batting cage and that the Board also authorizes a budget modification to increase account code A2855.200-00 in the amount of \$14,895.09 to allow for the purchase of the batting cage.
- that the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor (dated Jan. 24, 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 1401456, 1401427, 1401043, 1401073, and 1401452 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Mr. Wheelock gave praise to Darleen Philpotts who plans on retiring at the end of this academic year. She started working in Chadwicks until they merged with Sauquoit Valley. She is a dedicated, tremendous colleague who worked professionally as a physical education teacher. It was a pleasure to work with her and wish her the best.

- Resolved, to approve the retirement of Darleen Philpotts as a physical education teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2022.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Addendum

Resolution No. 44 made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the Appeal of a Student Disciplinary Matter be:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the “Board”) received an appeal of a student disciplinary matter arising under the District’s Code of Conduct Policy;

and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the matter in executive session, to protect the privacy of a student’s education records and personally identifiable information under federal and State law, pursuant to a motion made and approved under Public Officers Law § 108(3);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT

1. The Superintendent’s determination finding the student guilty of the offense(s) charged is upheld;
2. The penalty imposed by the Superintendent is upheld and
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics – Mr. Nicotera asked for an explanation on the financial standing for Sauquoit Valley Central School as to the label of financially susceptible to fiscal stress as determined by the State Comptroller’s office. Mr. Wheelock explained the various factors taken into consideration for this determination and answered other questions relating to the status of the school. Sauquoit Valley’s rating on the Comptroller’s fiscal stress list is better this year than last. The Business Administrator and Mr. Wheelock are working diligently to areas of concern on the fiscal stress rating and are hopeful that next year Sauquoit Valley School will be rated better and not on the fiscal stress list. Improvements to our undesignated fund balance has help and will continue to better assist our financial position.

Resolution No. 45 made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Critelli that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and negotiations of teachers' contract.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:59 p.m.

Resolution No. 46 made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
District Clerk
Board of Education