

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:** January 4, 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, Ronald Critelli, Todd Nelson, and Mike Sacco.

**Absent:** Jim Dever, and Judy Kentile

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

**Others Present:** Community members signed-in.

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

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

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

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

**Superintendent's Report** – Ronald Wheelock

Test To Stay (TTS) Initiative has been created to keep students in school who are otherwise expected to quarantine. Students with symptoms can test 3 days in a 7 day cycle to ensure they are not positive with COVID. Schools have been provided with home tests from the State with the purpose to disperse to parents before students return to school on January 3. The concern with the Test to Stay initiative is if we are to start this program there may not be enough testing supplies to sustain it. Several questions were asked by the board, which Mr. Wheelock answered.

**Old Business** – There were none.

**New Business** – Mrs. Miller stated that action items 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. 35** made by Mr. Nicotera, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to approve the resignation of Fabio Jasiewicz, as laborer effective December 14, 2021.
- to approve the resignation of Allen Clemons as laborer, effective December 22, 2021.
- 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 Matthew Larkin to the position of laborer effective January 3, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on January 3, 2022 and to expire on July 26, 2022.
- to appoint Bianca Cardillo as a substitute teacher, effective January 5, 2022.
- to appoint Ashley Chrisman as a substitute teacher, effective January 5, 2022.
- to appoint Marina Latella as a substitute laborer effective January 5, 2022.
- that a Chess Club be established at the high school effective January 2022.
- to establish substitute pay rates for positions in the school related professionals unit for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year as follows:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Aide	\$14.50
Nurse	\$20.51
School Bus Attendant	\$16.93
Laborer	\$15.71
Clerk/Office Specialist 1	\$16.53
Payroll Clerk/Account Clerk	\$17.05
Office Specialist 11	\$16.58

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan to the Management Letter for the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements of the Extra-classroom Activity Funds of the school district.
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan to the management letter for the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements of the school district.
- 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 dated December 21, 2021.
- that the minutes of the December 14, 2021 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 1401504, 1401602, 103169, 1400551, and 1401637

as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

**Resolution No. 36** made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Nicotera

Mr. Nelson complimented Ms. Babbie on her field trip presentation at the last meeting. He went on to explain the importance of groups representing Sauquoit Valley School should follow the same schools' protocols of wearing masks and trying to maintain the social distance. All other extra-curricular groups must follow and just because the seniors are outside of the school they should be held to the same mandates. Mr. Sacco questioned the reason for 2 people to a room. Others have approached him and stated that it will cost the students more money. Mr. Wheelock stated that two people per room was established to safety reasons in maintaining physical distancing within the hotel rooms.

- to approve the senior class trip for June 2022.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 1

**Miscellaneous Topics:**

- Mr. Nicotera asked Mr. Cowen to give an update as to the capital project since the vote was approved. Mr. Cowen explained that the architects have submitted the necessary paperwork with NYS Ed for phase one (roofing) and proceeding with submittals to the State for the remainder of the project. The plan is to get the roofing completed by the end of this summer. C&S Company, is the chosen company to conduct the approved Energy Performance Contract project which will change out all lighting in the District to more energy efficient bulbs and fixtures. C&S will work with our Architects (Ashley McGraw) to move forward with this project right away so that work can begin this summer.
- Mr. Sacco asked about staff reprimand/comments within a building for students not properly wearing their mask. Mr. Wheelock explained the proper channels to handle this which would be to discuss it with the administrator of that building.
- Mr. Critelli asked Mr. Wheelock if there is a steady supply of COVID test kits. Mr. Wheelock explained that before break the school received some tests from the County and then on January 1 received around 900 kits from the State to distribute to parents. Any remaining tests will be considered for use for a Test to Stay program. Future supply of tests are unknown at this time and the ability to conduct a Test to Stay program would be highly dependent on our ability to maintain an inventory of tests. As he learns more, he will share with everyone as he has through Parent Square.

**Executive Session** - There was none.

**Resolution No. 37** made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
District Clerk  
Board of Education