

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Date of Meeting: October 10, 2023

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli,
Judy Kentile, Cathy Pumilia and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Lynn Weibel.

Administration Present: David Stayton, Superintendent
Charles Cowen, Business Administration

Others Present: Staff & community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) – Charlie Cowen gave preliminary information for the 2024-25 school year budget. The federal monies received for extra staffing to assist the students who fell behind due to the COVID pandemic will no longer be given in the future. Plans need to be reviewed as to where and how the monies will be raised to keep the teachers. The Board may have to decide on whether to increase the tax rate or not. The public should be informed as to why and how much.

Sub-Committee Reports – Mr. Stayton reported on two sub-committees:

1. Extra-Curricular Activities committee met on October 3. Ryan Decker, Doug Jones and Colleen Luczak were present. The music department does more activities than just hold class. This year for the first time the music shows will be selling tickets on-line where buyer can even choose a seat. Tickets were sold in the past by contacting Ryan Decker. Doug Jones reviewed the sport teams. Colleen Luczak expressed the importance of hiring the part-time teacher at the middle school. There were some students unable to attend due to their schedules. Now, all students can attend a class.
2. Policy Committee will be meeting in 2 weeks at 6 p.m. before the next Board of Education meeting, October 24, 2023 to go over more policies.

Mr. Nicotera thanked all the board members for attending the sub-committee meetings and sharing their findings. It is very beneficial and informative for everyone.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Stayton reported on several items.

1. Transportation is short on bus drivers. Flyers have been made and distributed throughout the Sauquoit community. Ad was placed in several newspapers; Waterville, and the Daily Sentinel. The training fee to become a bus driver will be

paid by the school. The candidate will sign an agreement that the cost of this will be paid back to the school if they do not stay on for at least one year.

2. Two raptor assemblies were held today, at the middle and elementary school. A red tail hawk was in attendance as our logo consists of a hawk. It was well received by the students. He also thanked the Foundation and PTO for funding it.
3. The paperwork in the nurses' office is overcoming in regards to the athlete students. A review of a process to have this completed on-line and this platform is BOCES aidable.

Old Business – There was nothing to report.

New Business - Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.14 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. 30: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Pumilia,

- to accept the resignation of Maureen LaPolla as bus driver, effective September 28, 2023.
- to appoint Koro Terroade as a per diem substitute teacher effective October 11, 2023.
- 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 Steven Stressel to the position of laborer effective October 16, 2023 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on October 16, 2023 and to expire on April 15, 2024.
- to appoint Jeffrey Adams as a per diem substitute laborer effective October 11, 2023.
- to appoint Ella Luczak as a per diem substitute teacher effective October 11, 2023, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Jennifer Snyder as a per diem substitute teacher, effective October 11, 2023.
- to appoint Amanda Hartnett as instructional technology coach for the high school building.
- that Anthony Robertelli's probationary position as a laborer be permanent, effective October 4, 2023.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and New Hartford Central School in the sport of wrestling for the winter 2023 sport season.

- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Notre Dame in the sport of boys' varsity ice hockey for the winter 2023 sport season.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:

Section 0000 General Commitments

- 0010 History Mission Vision and Goals of the District
- 0013 Title IX Grievance Process
- 0013.1 Title IX Grievance Process Regulation

Section 1000 Community Relations

- 1017 Parent Teacher Organizations

Section 2000 School Board of Operations

- 2102 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment and Review of Policies
- 2020 Board Policy Development
- 2020.1 Staff Suggestions

Section 3000 Administration

- 3011.7 Athletic Director
- 3011.8 ~~Girls Coordinator~~ – DELETE

Section 5000 Support Operations

- 5102 NYDOH Registered Opioid Overdoes Prevention Program
- 5102.1 NYDOH Registered Opioid Overdoes Prevention Program Regulation

Section 6000 Personnel

- 6404 Rights of Nursing Employees to Express Breast Milk

Section 7000 Students

- 7061 Academic Eligibility Extra Curricular Activities

- that the minutes of the September 26, 2023 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, 1401861, 1401782, 1401793, 1401287, 103003, 1400040, 1401723, 102587, 1401721, and 1401793 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, and Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Ms. Collins expressed gratitude to Mrs. Purrington for inviting the Freedom Writers to visit Sauquoit Valley School and put on an exciting performance. Mr. Stayton also chimed in that the event was uplifting and powerful. Mr. Critelli stated that on that same night the music department had an event to raise money. They wished more were in attendance but that night there were other activities going on outside of the school.

Mr. Nicotera asked how the Superintendent's Day went. Mr. Stayton responded that feedback was overwhelmingly positive as teachers appreciated the opportunity to collaborate in teams to address horizontal and vertical alignment of curriculum.

Ms. Kentile wanted everyone to know that the cross country pancake breakfast did very well financially and wanted to say "thank you" to all those who helped and to those who made donations.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 31: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Carried: **Ayes 6, and Nays 0.**

Resolution No. 32: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Ms. Kentile that the executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:28 p.m.

Resolution No. 33: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Kentile that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Carried: **Ayes 6, and Nays 0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
District Clerk