

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 cafeteria.

Date of Meeting: December 14, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Ronald Critelli, Jim Dever, Judy Kentile, Todd Nelson, and Mike Sacco.

Absent: Dawn Miller

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

Others Present: Michele Babbie, Doug Jones, Brian Read & Mike Eisinger.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s) –

Fall sports report was presented by Doug Jones, Athletic Director. He gave an overview of the fall season indicating how each team did in their respective seasons. Mr. Sacco asked about purchasing a portable scoreboard for modified field hockey. Mr. Jones also suggested consideration for a modified cheerleading team and coach for next year. There was also discussion on considering designating a head coach modified cross country, separate from the head coaching position at the varsity level. There currently is a head coach with an assistant.

Senior Class Trip was presented by Michele Babbie. Ms. Babbie explained the two options for a senior class trip. One that they have attended for several years and the other option is less travel time. Board members that had children participate stated that their child still talks about the trip and how enjoyable it was. COVID protocols are in place to assure safety. Mr. Nelson asked if those protocols will be the same as mandated by Sauquoit Valley's protocols. A motion will be on the next board meeting agenda as to the option of a field trip.

Public to Be Heard – There were none.

Sub-Committee Reports – There were none.

Superintendent's Report –

1. Capital Project Results were read as follows:

	YES	NO	TOTAL VOTES
Proposition 1	106	67	173
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Proposition 2	134	38	172

2. Budget Calendar was distributed prior to the meeting and dates were reviewed.
3. Chess Club & Ski Club are two clubs that the high school would like to add to the extra-curricular activities. Mr. Wheelock asked Mr. Read, High School Principal and Michael Eisinger, teacher to share their insight on the clubs. Mr. Read spoke first on the ski club. There is no reason the middle school and high school could not attend ski resorts together. Depending on the number of participants, the need for an additional advisor could be considered. There is a great number of students interested in chess. Mr. Eisinger reiterated the interest is high with chess. Many students play in the library and he looks at the chess club as a time for students to interact. Mr. Eisinger would like to see this club to maybe compete with other local schools in the future should we consider having a chess club.
4. SRP Substitute Rates – Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board the need to adjust the substitute pay rates for the various job titles in the School Related Professional's unit. One reason is to stay consistent with changes to minimum wage rates and another is to increase the rate to encourage people to consider subbing. Mr. Nelson requested that this be reviewed at the organizational meeting in July and that we consider moving these rates to the first step on the pay schedule each year.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business – Mr. Nicotera stated that action items 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.

Resolution No. 32 made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Ms. Kentile,

- that Mary Stout's probationary position as clerk be permanent effective December 17, 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 Maria Randall to the position of Bus Driver effective

December 13, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence December 13, 2021 and to expire September 21, 2022.

- to appoint Maria Randall as a substitute laborer, effective December 15, 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, does hereby appoint Mary Bridge to the position of school bus attendant effective December 15, 2021 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence December 15, 2021 and to expire September 23, 2022.
- to approve a child care leave of absence for Mark Putnam to commence on or about December 13, 2021 through January 31, 2022 or sooner if he chooses to shorten his leave.
- at the recommendation of the Superintendent to compensate Keith Kempney \$160 per day, in addition to his pay as teacher, for assuming temporary additional duties related to management of the elementary building.
- 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 Christian Hadlock as a school nurse effective January 3, 2022 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on January 3, 2022 and to expire on September 23, 2022, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Vanessa Dykstra as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 15, 2021.
- to appoint Mickia Ballard as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 15, 2021.
- to appoint Andrew Pezzulo as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 15, 2021.
- to appoint Emily LaSalle as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 15, 2021.
- to appoint Allyson Greif as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 15, 2021.
- that the following people be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the winter 2021-22 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

Doug Jones	Boys	Modified Basketball	\$2,606/Yr. 24
Nicole Wilson	Girls	Modified Basketball	\$2,596/Yr. 5

- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- that the minutes of the November 16, 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 1400624, 1400728, 1401650, 1401237, 1401542, 102774, 1400359, 1401594, 1400306, 1401453, 102882, 103043, 1400359, 103146, 103200, 1401643, and 1401500 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

- that the results of December 9, 2021 capital project vote be recorded as follows:

	YES	NO	TOTAL VOTES
Proposition 1	106	67	173
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Proposition 2	134	38	172

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics:

- Mr. Nelson thanked Mrs. Babbie for a very informative trip presentation. He asked if the board will be voting on the seniors' trip. Mr. Wheelock stated, yes.
- Mr. Sacco commended the transportation department with the great job they have been doing with changes in procedures due to the pandemic.
- Mr. Nicotera commented on how nice to see so many people on the agenda willing to be substitutes. Mr. Wheelock did inform everyone that it is due to many student interns fulfilling their school requirement to become a teacher.

Resolution No. 33 made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for the teachers' union.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 9:23 p.m.

Resolution No. 34 made by Mr. Sacco and seconded by Ms. Kentile, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk