

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Dawn Miller

Members Present: Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Jim Dever, Mark Evans,
Todd Nelson, Steven Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mrs. Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board and no one did so.

Students to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller asked if any students wished to address the Board and none did so. No students were present.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - School Boards Institute (SBI) - Mr. Wheelock reported on SBI's workshop (Fiscal Planning for 2017-18 & Advocacy Initiatives) that was held on Monday, December 5, 2016. Representatives from the New York State School Boards Association discussed state aid projections for the 2017-18 school year.

Superintendent's Report - Fall Sports Report - Mr. Wheelock distributed the fall sports report to the Board as Doug Jones, Athletic Director, was coaching a game in Sherburne. He reviewed the highlights of each team's accomplishments. Mr. Nelson asked for information on the scholar athlete program, number of participants in each sport and suggested recognizing all sports teams at a Board meeting. Mr. Dever inquired about how our athletes fared with injuries, specifically any season ending injuries from this fall. **Budget Calendar Change** - Mr. Wheelock stated the first budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Since a budget has to be adopted by April 11, a budget workshop is being added to the calendar for April 4 (workshop only, no Board meeting) and the February 28 budget workshop is being canceled (Board meeting still on). Mr. Wheelock encouraged Board members to invite people to attend the workshops. Mr. Dever suggested posting a summary of the budget workshops on the district's web site. **Reminder of Winter Concerts** - Mr. Wheelock reminded the Board of upcoming concerts as follows:

- Wednesday, December 7 - High School Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 14 - Middle School Concert (Grades 7 & 8) - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 21 - Elementary Concert (Grades 4-6) - 7:00 p.m.

Old Business - Mr. Dever suggested using various avenues to promote the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to attract more people to the community by using the district's web site or hiring an advertising firm. **Mr. Nicotera** stated we should do this in conjunction with the Town of Paris and invite the Town of Paris Council to a Board meeting.

Resolution No. 28 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Evans,

- to appoint Tricia Cianfrocco and Sara Hanna as lead teachers for the 2016-17 school year.
- to appoint Stephanie Alsante as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 7, 2016.
- to appoint Jeff Emerson as a volunteer assisting a coach in boys junior varsity/varsity volleyball for the 2016-17 school year pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to appoint Frank Spina as a volunteer coach for one Sauquoit Valley independent swimmer with Rome Free Academy for the 2016-17 school year.
- to ratify the agreement with the School Related Professionals Unit covering the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.
- that the Board of Education approve Change Order #RC-001 in the amount of \$3,637.00. Amount to be added to the contract with Pulver Roofing for Project #0003-014.
- that the Board of Education approve Change Order #RC-002, a credit in the amount of \$1,236.00. Amount to be deducted from the contract with Pulver Roofing for Project #0002-014.
- that the minutes of the November 15, 2016 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 1400766, 1400466, 103268, 1400709, 103256, 1400306, 102500, 1400816, 103281, 103170, 102931, 1400682, 102885 and 1400755 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400754, 1400762 and 1400601 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mr. Nelson thanked Mr. Wheelock for his update on the strategic plan. However, he feels the scope of the plan is too narrow as it needs to address budgetary issues, facilities and staffing. Mr. Wheelock said some of these items are included in other plans and as we move through the review process of the strategic plan, fiduciary elements will be included.

Miscellaneous Topics (Cont'd) - **Mr. Shrey** suggested that we include highlights of the budget workshops on the district's web site as a means to promote publicity of the budget development. **Mr. Shrey** spoke regarding New York Mills Union Free School being designated by the State Education Department (SED) as a focus district based on grades 3-8 assessment tests. Before SED said state assessments could not be read to special education students even if the reading of tests was in their Individualized Education Plans (IEP's). SED now says you can read the state tests to special education students. He was concerned that this contributed to having New York Mills being designated as a focus district. **Mr. Wheelock** informed the Board of the results of the lead testing in the elementary school. We have elevated levels in some places and by law we have to post a sign "water not for drinking". The results for the middle and high school have not come back yet.

Public to Be Heard - Mrs. Miller asked if anyone wished to address the Board and no one did so.

Resolution No. 29 made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education