

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal

Others Present: Members of the Staff/Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Nicotera.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Nicotera informed those in attendance that this was Kim Overrocker's last meeting. Due to her new position at the State Education Department (SED), SED required her to resign as a member of the Board of Education. Lisa Frost, a past Board member, was asked by the Board to fill Dr. Overrocker's term until the May 2016 election. Mr. Nicotera stated Dr. Overrocker has been an outstanding contributor to the Board.

Presentation - Fall Sports Report (Doug Jones) - Doug Jones, Athletic Director, distributed to the Board the win/loss records and scholar athletes for the fall sports teams. He highlighted each teams accomplishments.

Public to Be Heard - Mr. Nicotera asked if anyone wished to address the Board and one person did so. **Mr. Madden** congratulated Dr. Overrocker on her new position and expressed his views on the proposed European trip. He supports the trip as it is a great opportunity for kids to be exposed to different cultures.

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

Superintendent's Report - School Boards Institute (SBI) Meeting - Mr. Wheelock stated he and Mr. Shrey attended SBI's meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 regarding legislative lobbying and budget strategies. There were two representatives from the New York State School Boards Association who discussed the legislative priorities for their group. Mr. Shrey said it was an informative meeting as it gave a good look into the priorities of various groups.

Capital Project - Mr. Wheelock provided the Board with talking points for the capital project and asked them to share their thoughts on this. A public hearing will be scheduled and information will be distributed to the community in the near future.

Upcoming SBI Forum - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board the next SBI forum is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016 with a snow date of Thursday, February 4, 2016. The topic will be: assembly and senate educational forum.

Resolution No. 35 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Miller, to approve the concept of a European trip in the spring of 2017 and authorize the superintendent to further investigate and define the details of the trip. Finalized details are subject to Board approval at a later date.
Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 36 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Overrocker,

- that Walter Schreck's probationary period as a bus driver become permanent effective December 9, 2015 based upon the successful completion of his probationary period.
- 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 Dale Wysluzaly to the position of custodian/bus driver effective December 9, 2015. Appointment is on a provisional basis pending results of the Civil Service exam.
- to appoint Edward Manley as a per diem substitute teacher effective December 9, 2015.
- to appoint Devin Clive as a volunteer assisting a coach in girls varsity basketball for the 2015-16 season pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- that the Board of Education accept the bid from Carbone Auto Group in the amount of \$42,889 for the purchase of a half-ton suburban to be used by the Transportation Department for the transportation of students.
- that the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting be approved.
- that the minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting be approved.
- 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.
- 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 1400466, 103268, 180039, 103085, 102931, 1400755, 1400709, 1400593 and 400942 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400603 and 1400601 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.
- resolve to approve the retirement of Debra Rinaldi as a teacher assistant effective January 4, 2016.

Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 37 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the following resolution be adopted:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Sauquoit, New York, on the 8th day of December, 2015:

PRESENT: James Dever, Mark Evans, Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Kim Overrocker, Steven Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Miller presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mr. Evans:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. A special meeting of the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District shall be held at the high school auditorium in said District, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the notice of special meeting hereinafter set forth.
2. Said special meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District shall be held at the high school auditorium in said District, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND APPARATUS AND OTHER INCIDENTAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL USE, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$19,900,028; AND THAT SUCH COST, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, WITH SUCH TAX TO BE OFFSET BY STATE AID AVAILABLE THEREFOR; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

Resolution No. 37 (Cont'd)**PROPOSITION**

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing construction, reconstruction and equipping of existing school buildings and facilities, site and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$19,900,028; the issuance of debt obligations of the School District therefor, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on December 8, 2015, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots to vote on the proposition may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid special district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such special district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday and Sunday). An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of such special district meeting.

3. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of such capital costs and providing for the financing costs therefor. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.
4. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to publish a copy of said notice of special meeting in two newspapers having general circulation within the School District in the manner prescribed by law for publication of notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Carried: Ayes 7.

Resolution No. 38 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Overrocker, that the following resolution be adopted:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Sauquoit, New York, on the 8th day of December, 2015:

PRESENT: James Dever, Mark Evans, Dawn Miller, Anthony Nicotera, Kim Overrocker, Steven Shrey and Christine Weber Mangini

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Miller presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mrs. Overrocker:

WHEREAS, the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the "School District") will be asked to approve a proposition authorizing general obligation serial bonds (and bond anticipation notes in anticipation thereof) to finance a capital construction project consisting of reconstruction and equipping of school buildings and facilities in the School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. According to the regulations of the New York State Education Department, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District is primarily responsible for assuring compliance with the procedural and substantive requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA").
2. Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the proposed project, the Board hereby declares itself lead agency to the extent necessary, if any, for this purpose and hereby finds and determines that the proposed action, individually and cumulatively, constitutes a "type II action" as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA, does not exceed the thresholds for a type II action established under SEQRA and, therefore, is not subject to any further review by the School District under SEQRA. A listing of such type II actions is attached hereto. The action consists of routine activities of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, as well as replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind, on the same site.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the District Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

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- (a) Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies.
- (b) Each agency may adopt its own list of Type II actions to supplement the actions in subdivision (c) of this section. No agency is bound by an action on another agency's Type II list. An agency that identifies an action as not requiring any determination or procedure under this Part is not an involved agency. Each of the actions on an agency Type II list must:
 - (1) in no case, have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in subdivision 617.7(c) of this Part; and
 - (2) not be a Type I action as defined in section 617.4 of this Part.
- (c) The following actions are not subject to review under this Part:
 - (1) maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;
 - (2) replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part;
 - (3) agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings and structures, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming;
 - (4) repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes;
 - (5) street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities;
 - (6) maintenance of existing landscaping or natural growth;
 - (7) construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;

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- (8) routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings;
- (9) construction or expansion of a single-family, a two-family or a three-family residence on an approved lot including provision of necessary utility connections as provided in paragraph (11) and the installation, maintenance and/or upgrade of a drinking water well and a septic system;
- (10) construction, expansion or placement of minor accessory/appurtenant residential structures, including garages, carports, patios, decks, swimming pools, tennis courts, satellite dishes, fences, barns, storage sheds or other buildings not changing land use or density;
- (11) extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list;
- (12) granting of individual setback and lot line variances;
- (13) granting of an area variance(s) for a single-family, two-family or three-family residence;
- (14) public or private best forest management (silvicultural) practices on less than 10 acres of land, but not including waste disposal, land clearing not directly related to forest management, clear-cutting or the application of herbicides or pesticides;
- (15) minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment;
- (16) installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways;
- (17) mapping of existing roads, streets, highways, natural resources, land uses and ownership patterns;
- (18) information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action;
- (19) official acts of a ministerial nature involving no exercise of discretion, including building permits and historic preservation permits where issuance is predicated solely on the applicant's compliance or noncompliance with the relevant local building or preservation code(s);
- (20) routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment;

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- (21) conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action;
- (22) collective bargaining activities;
- (23) investments by or on behalf of agencies or pension or retirement systems, or refinancing existing debt;
- (24) inspections and licensing activities relating to the qualifications of individuals or businesses to engage in their business or profession;
- (25) purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials;
- (26) license, lease and permit renewals, or transfers of ownership thereof, where there will be no material change in permit conditions or the scope of permitted activities;
- (27) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list;
- (28) engaging in review of any part of an application to determine compliance with technical requirements, provided that no such determination entitles or permits the project sponsor to commence the action unless and until all requirements of this Part have been fulfilled;
- (29) civil or criminal enforcement proceedings, whether administrative or judicial, including a particular course of action specifically required to be undertaken pursuant to a judgment or order, or the exercise of prosecutorial discretion;
- (30) adoption of a moratorium on land development or construction;
- (31) interpreting an existing code, rule or regulation;
- (32) designation of local landmarks or their inclusion within historic districts;
- (33) emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources, provided that such actions are directly related to the emergency and are performed to cause the least change or disturbance, practicable under the circumstances, to the environment. Any decision to fund, approve or directly undertake other activities after the emergency has expired is fully subject to the review procedures of this Part;

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- (34) actions undertaken, funded or approved prior to the effective dates set forth in SEQRA (see chapters 228 of the Laws of 1976, 253 of the Laws of 1977 and 460 of the Laws of 1978), except in the case of an action where it is still practicable either to modify the action in such a way as to mitigate potentially adverse environmental impacts, or to choose a feasible or less environmentally damaging alternative, the commissioner may, at the request of any person, or on his own motion, require the preparation of an environmental impact statement; or, in the case of an action where the responsible agency proposed a modification of the action and the modification may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, an environmental impact statement must be prepared with respect to such modification;
- (35) actions requiring a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need under articles VII, VIII or X of the Public Service Law and the consideration of, granting or denial of any such certificate;
- (36) actions subject to the class A or class B regional project jurisdiction of the Adirondack Park Agency or a local government pursuant to section 807, 808 and 809 of the Executive Law, except class B regional projects subject to review by local government pursuant to section 807 of the Executive Law located within the Lake George Park as defined by subdivision one of section 43-0103 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and
- (37) actions of the Legislature and the Governor of the State of New York or of any court, but not actions of local legislative bodies except those local legislative decisions such as rezoning where the local legislative body determines the action will not be entertained.

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/regs/part617.html>

Carried: Ayes 7.

Miscellaneous Topics - **Mrs. Weber Mangini** stated she and Mr. Shrey have been attending the new Board member workshops and the financial information discussed is very foreign to them. It would be beneficial if financial information could be reviewed with them so that they can better understand what the information means. As has been done for the past four years, **Mr. Nicotera** asked for the Board's support of a holiday breakfast/dinner for employees to show the Board's appreciation for what they do. This will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2015. **Mr. Dever** inquired about a zero percent tax levy for this year's budget. Mr. Cowen confirmed that given the project, Consumer Price Index and its impact on the 2% tax limit, we will most likely see a very low tax levy for the 2016-17 school year. **Mr. Wheelock** thanked Dr. Overrocker very much for what she has done for the district and stated she will be missed. **Dr. Overrocker** expressed her appreciation and gratitude for serving as a Board member and wished the district much success in the future.

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

Resolution No. 39 made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss contractual matters. Carried: Ayes 7.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:54 p.m.

Resolution No. 40 made by Dr. Overrocker, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. Carried: Ayes 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education