

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Kim Overrocker

Members Present: Kim Overrocker, Anthony Nicotera, Joseph Bottini, Jim Dever, Mark Evans and Lisa Frost

Members Absent: Dawn Miller

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Peter R. Madden, Middle School Principal
Zane W. Mahar, High School Principal

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mrs. Overrocker.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation - Strategic Plan - Annual Report (Peter Madden and Zane Mahar) - Mr. Mahar, High School Principal, presented his report based on data from the 2012-13 school year which included graduation rate, Regents examinations results, discipline statistics and students participating in extra-curricular activities. **Mr. Madden**, Middle School Principal, handed out Elementary School Principal Mark Putnam's report to the Board and then spoke about strategic plan goals, grades 3-8 assessments from 2009 to 2013 (ELA and math), K-8 student participation in extra-curricular activities, K-8 discipline numbers, mental health and wellness services at the elementary school and the IRT (Initial Response Team) Program at the middle school.

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

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

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - Facilities - A meeting was held with March Associates prior to the Board meeting to discuss future architect services. Other meetings with architects are scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2013 with Cannon Design/C. Lewis Tomaselli Architects at 5:30 p.m. and with Ashley McGraw Architects at 7:00 p.m. in the high school conference room. **School Boards Institute (SBI)** - Mrs. Frost spoke about upcoming SBI meetings in January (building relations with Boards and Superintendents) and in February (affordable care act). She recently attended an executive committee meeting where they discussed the legislative position paper. She was approached by a Waterville resident about cost sharing ideas between our two schools.

Superintendent's Report - Change to January 7, 2014 Board Meeting - Mr. Wheelock asked the Board if it would be possible to reschedule the January 7 budget workshop and Board meeting to Thursday, January 9, 2014. The Board was in agreement. The budget workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. **Math Teacher** - Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board his concern with Algebra I progress so far this year. Many students are struggling with the Common Core algebra curriculum and Mr. Wheelock is suggesting to hire a new math teacher. This position will further support our student's needs now and build a capacity within the math department for future needs as Common Core geometry and trigonometry will follow in ensuing years. The Board was in agreement to hire a math teacher starting on or about February 3, 2014.

Old Business - Field Drainage - Mr. Wheelock informed the Board the district received a settlement in the amount of \$150,000 from the various parties involved in the field drainage issue. Field drainage will be removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 47 made by Mr. Bottini, seconded by Mr. Nicotera,

- that Beth Ann Nora's request to extend her unpaid child care leave through June 30, 2014 be approved.
- to appoint Talia DeFazio as a regular substitute teacher (Kindergarten) effective on or about February 24, 2014 (pending commencement of Jessica Rey's actual maternity leave) to June 30, 2014.
- to extend the appointment of Darlene Hutchinson as a regular substitute teacher (Grade 3) through June 30, 2014.
- to appoint Laurie Hotaling, Stephen Rosenfeld and Elizabeth Passalacqua as per diem substitute teachers effective December 18, 2013.
- that the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.
- 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 103281, 103280 and 102500 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1400148, 103267 and 1400417 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6.

Resolution No. 48 made by Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor. Carried: Ayes 6.

Miscellaneous Topics - Mrs. Frost inquired how the staff breakfasts with the Board went. Mr. Wheelock said they were very well received and staff were very appreciative.

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

Resolution No. 49 made by Mr. Nicotera, seconded by Mr. Bottini, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Carried: Ayes 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Kloster, Clerk
Board of Education