

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** January 2, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mr. Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Members Present:** Anthony Nicotera, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli and Mike Sacco.

**Members Absent:** Judy Kentile, Cathy Pumilia & 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, Business Administrator stated that he will share with the board members the budget at the next meeting along with his recommendations as to how much to increase the tax levy. The board members suggested to have his report and recommendations prior to the meeting so they can review it. Mr. Cowen agreed.

**Sub-Committee Reports –**

Mr. Stayton reported:

- Several policies are being approved today and the next policy committee meeting is scheduled for January 30.
- Today Mr. Stayton sent out a google form to the Curriculum and Instruction Sub-Committee to identify a date within the next couple weeks to schedule a meeting. He will be then setting up meetings for the other sub-committees for the start of 2024.

**Superintendent's Report –** Nothing to report.

**Old Business –**

- Mr. Stayton gave a thank you to the Board Members for attending the holiday meals that they provided for all staff. Everyone enjoyed them. Mr. Nicotera read a correspondence from School Related Professionals who sent a thank you to the Board.
- Mr. Stayton stated that today, January 2, 2024 is the tenure date of Mr. Brian Read, High School Principal. It is an honor to have such a distinguished and knowledgeable gentleman. Mrs. Lynn Weibel wrote a note of praise which Mr. Stayton read on Brian Read's tenure. She wrote that Mr. Read is second to none and his tenure is well deserved. She wanted him and others to know

they are very happy to have him as part of the Sauquoit Valley team.  
Congratulations on his tenure!

- Mr. Stayton invited the board members to Mr. Decker and Mrs. Carbone's Tri-M induction ceremony of 28 students. The date is January 22 in the high school auditorium.
- Ms. Collins stated the recent concerts were great. Just viewing the interaction amongst the students and how happy they looked performing is a credit to Ms. Haile. Ms. Haile is fabulous seeing how the students are enjoying and having fun and not just doing as they were instructed. Mr. Sacco chimed in that it is a great addition to have the auditorium. Mr. Nicotera went on to say that when it was first presented many people resisted and now, it is great to see it how much it is being used.

**New Business** – Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.9 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. 46:** made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

- that the Board of Education meetings start time be at 6:00 p.m. in the high school for the budget and the regular board meeting to follow immediately after, effective January 16, 2024 until the budget vote on May 21, 2024.
- to approve the senior class trip for May 30–June 1, 2024 to approve the senior class trip for May 30–June 1, 2024, per proposed itinerary presented at the December 12, 2023 meeting.
- to appoint Samuel Solomon as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 22, 2024, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
  - a. Section 0018 Student Registration & Pre-Registration to Vote
  - b. Section 4026 ~~Extra Classroom Activity~~ – (Delete)
  - c. Section 4505 Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards
  - d. Section 4601 Extra Classroom Activity Funds
  - e. Section 5016 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy
  - f. Section 5016.1 Workplace Violence Incident Report
  - g. Section 5016.1 Appendix 2B-Eval of Physical Environ. Form
  - h. Section 5016 Appendix 3 List of Risks & Mitigation Efforts
  - i. Section 5080 AED Policy
  - j. Section 5080.1 AED
  - k. Section 5080.2 AED
  - l. Section 5080.3 ~~AED Notice of Intent to Provide~~ – (Delete)
  - m. Section 5080.3 AED
  - n. Section 7013 Home Instruction
  - o. Section 7062 Field Trips
  - p. Section 8102 Graduation Credentials

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorize a budget modification in the amount of \$500.00. The modification is supported by proceeds from a grant received from RT Federal Credit Union, applied for by Jackie Corleto.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the revised Corrective Action Plan to the management letter for the 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements of the Extra-Classroom Activity Funds for the school district.
- that the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the deputy claims auditor dated December 19, 2023.
- 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 1401780, 1401602, 1401529, 102852, 1401810, 102989, 1401868, 1401651, 1401870, and 1401869 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

Carried: **Ayes 4, Nays 0.**

Mr. Stayton recognized and gave thanks to Jackie Corleto for acquiring another grant for the school. He also spoke on motion one in regards to the time of the board meetings. The starting time for board meetings from January 16<sup>th</sup> to May 21, 2024 (budget vote) will begin at 6pm. Budget will be discussed and then the regular meeting will start right after. There will be no waiting for 7pm.

**Miscellaneous Topics:** There was none.

**Public to Be Heard:** There was no one.

**Executive Session:** There was none.

**Resolution No. 47:** made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Collins, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Carried: **Ayes 4, and Nays 0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
District Clerk