

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Budget Workshop & Regular

Presiding Officer: Mr. Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Nicotera welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Lynn Weibel, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, Judy Kentile, Cathy Pumilia, and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: No one.

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 – Chief Brian Jaynes, a retired US Navy officer, and Captain Robert Shaw from Notre Dame came to present the program of NJROTC and NNDC. This benefits students from grade 8 to 12. Physical Education requirements are met if enrolled. There is no commitment to enroll in the service but if a student did after graduation, they would be placed a higher level than a newly recruit. Students must have a 75 grade average or higher. The program promotes patriotism, leadership and confidence along with many other good quality traits needed for the future growth of the students. If interested in offering the program to Sauquoit Valley students or if there are any questions, feel free to contact Chief Jaynes or Captain Shaw.

Budget Presentation(s): Charlie Cowen commented that there is no change in the budget. At this time the district is waiting for NYS to adopt its budget with final state aid figures to school districts. As the budget currently stands, the board is anticipating presenting a budget with a 5.5% tax levy increase to go to vote. Even with that increase there is currently a deficit of \$400k primarily due to a reduction in Foundation Aid per the Governor's budget proposal where the district was expecting a 3.0% increase to Foundation Aid. Once a final budget is adopted by NYS the district will finalize any necessary reductions and communicate them to the public at that time.

Committee Reports-

1. Mr. Stayton informed the board members that the policy sub-committee met today at 5:30p.m. prior to this meeting. All edits and comments will be presented at the April meeting.
2. BOCES' SBI will be hosting an event to show their programs this Thursday night, March 21.
3. Mr. Stayton will be contacting the Board Operations/Relationships/Development subcommittee to schedule a meeting.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Today at 6pm BOCES is holding a zoom meeting on "How to become a School Board of Education Candidate and What to Expect if Elected". So far only one candidate showed interest.
- ❖ Athletic Team Updates
 - Indoor Track & Field state qualifiers:
 - Addison Lazarek triple jump - 3rd
 - Aaron Johnson – pole vault - placed 7th
 - Nathan Hanna – shot put – good showing
 - March 11 was the winter sports banquet and many were also recognized as scholar athletes.
 - Spring sports just started. There are two additions; JV softball and girls' golf. Modified season will be starting in April.
 - Laura Hoffman and Sarah Hanna will be starting up the Red Hawks in the Town Park. There are 45 students who have signed up already. They are looking for volunteers.
- ❖ Upcoming Tenure Appointment: Mr. Stayton read the names of those who will be receiving tenure this year. We are excited to recommend them to tenure.
 - Natalie DeTraglia
 - Gianna Giruzzi
 - Nicole Becker
 - Sarah Camacho
 - Carli Mancino
 - Charles Cowen

Old Business: Mr. Stayton thanked everyone for coming to the auditorium tonight. The library staff are altering the library for "Stress Less Day", which is scheduled for tomorrow. This event is focused on good rapport between students and staff.

Melanie Carangelo is hosting the Spice Up Your Spring cooking classes on April 17th (From Pan to Plate) and May 6th (Meatless Mondays). These are first come first serve.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.11 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.

Mr. Stayton took a moment to explain the unused snow days and the April 8th early dismissal due to the solar eclipse.

Mrs. Weibel Motion 7.10 Athletic Appointment was pulled for further discussion and vote.

Mr. Nicotera requested to be marked as a nay for motion 7.4 Appointment of Chairperson to Report Results of Vote.

Resolution No. 63: made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to appoint Colleen Petrie as a per diem substitute teacher, effective March 20, 2024.
- to appoint Colleen Petrie as a per diem substitute teacher aide, effective March 20, 2024.
- to appoint Maria Cantales as a per diem substitute teacher, effective March 20, 2024.
- to approve the days listed below as unused emergency (snow) days providing there is no further need for snow days.

May 24May 28June 26
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for February 29, 2024 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the March 5 and March 12, 2024 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed 3/4/2024.
- 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 1401838, 1400437, 1400603, 1400695, 103206, 1400804, 1401874, 1401676, 1401661, 1401888, 1401655, and 1401653 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education as recommended by the Committee.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorize the donation of \$10,000.00 to the music department from Rosemary Facchini's estate.

Carried: Ayes 7, and Nays 0.

Resolution 64: made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Sacco:

- to appoint Anthony Nicotera as chairperson of the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 to report the results of the vote.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0 and Abstain 1.

Miscellaneous Topics: Ms. Weibel announced that PTO is selling spirit wear. Orders can be placed through ParentSquare. PTO is also hosting a movie night this Friday.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 65: made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Carried: Ayes 7, and Nays 0.

Ticket was drawn for a winner for attending the meeting.

Resolution No. 66: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Collins,

- that the following be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the 2023-24 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

SPORT	LEVEL	NAME
Track	Volunteer	Lyman Christensen

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 67: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Weibel,

- that the following be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the 2023-24 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

SPORT	LEVEL	NAME
Track	Volunteer	Kristen Willson

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 2, and Abstain 1.

Resolution No. 68: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Pumilia for the Board President to declare the executive session was over at 7:55 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, and Nays 0.

Resolution No. 69: made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mrs. Pumilia, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, and Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk