

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Budget Workshop & Regular

Presiding Officer: Ms. Weibel, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed them of the meeting being recorded.

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

Members Absent: Cathy Pumilia.

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 – There was no one.

Mr. Nicotera, president arrived.

Budget Presentation(s): Charlie Cowen reminded everyone of what was presented in the last several meetings. At this time the district is still waiting for NYS to adopt its budget with final state aid figures to school districts. As the budget currently stands, the board has agreed on 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. The senators, legislators, and assembly are fighting for an increase in the educational line in the state budget. Mr. Cowen presented several options to maintain a stable financial outlook for the school district once a final budget is adopted by NYS and one if there is no increase. Hopefully the state budget will be finalized sometime this week with a positive increase that will help us in not relying on taking more from our fund balance. The board will have to make a decision on the best option to take at the next meeting in April. The board, then, thanked Mr. Cowen for his hard work and diligence.

Committee Reports-

- Mr. Stayton stated that the Board Operations/Relationships/Development met just prior to this meeting. Edits will be presented at the next meeting.
- Policy Sub-committee will be meeting April 16 before the next board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Stayton reminded everyone of the deadlines for Board of Education petitions. Due date is Monday, April 22, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. to the District Clerk.
2. Utica National gives an award for safety which BOCES assisted in the submission. Sauquoit Valley received a \$500.00 award and a plaque.

Old Business: Mr. Stayton mentioned that the varsity softball season began with a convincing win over Waterville on Monday. He also, reminded Board of Education members of the upcoming annual meeting at OHM BOCES on April 3, 2024.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.12 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. 70: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to appoint Devin Clive, to the position of teacher in the secondary math tenure area, for probationary period of three (3) years to commence September 1, 2024, and to expire September 1, 2027 (This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).
- to appoint Trisha Moore as a lead teacher to Devin Clive for the 2024-2025 school year.
- that Scott Gillette's probationary position as Director of Facilities, II be permanent, effective March 11, 2024.
- that the following people be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the spring 2023-24 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

NAME	SPORT	STIPEND
Doug Jones	Boys Modified Baseball	\$3,149
Ben LoGalbo	Boys Modified Assistant	Volunteer
Mike Eisinger	Assistant Golf Coach	\$1,515

- With approval of the Superintendent, the Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent may transfer up to five days from one year (the year begins July 1 and ends June 30) to the next; however those days carried over must be utilized by August 30.

Should secretary leave the employment of the school district within the school year, vacation time will be prorated to months worked.

- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a. Section 1020 Community Use of School Facilities
 - b. Section 1020.1 Regulation- Community Use of School Facilities
 - c. Section 1020.2 Regulation – Use of School Building by Non-School Group
 - d. Section 1020.3 Facility Use Waiver
 - e. Section 7042 Independent Educational Evaluations
 - f. Section 7042.1 Regulation Independent Educational Evaluations
 - g. Section 7601 Concussion Management
- approval for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services election.

WHEREAS, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

WHEREAS, notification was received on March 17 of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 16th, 2024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the person or persons indicated as follows:

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Ryan Rogers, (Brookfield Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:
Mr. Ryan Rogers
2519 Beaver Creek Road
West Edmeston, NY 13485
- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Elaine Falvo, (New Hartford Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:
Mrs. Elaine Falvo
10 Deer Run Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Joseph H. Hobika, Jr., (Utica City), please cast one vote for a

three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Joseph H. Hobika, Jr.
1417 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Heather Johnson, (Westmoreland Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mrs. Heather Johnson
5939 Shed Road
Rome, NY 13440

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Michael Head, (Whitesboro Central School District), please cast one vote for a two-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Michael Head
100 Hart's Hill Terrace
Whitesboro, NY 13492

- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to apply weed control agents to manage the weeds growing throughout the district. Doing so will prevent any potential safety hazards if this weed growth is not contained.
- to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School and St. Bonaventure for college students to participate in internship program.
- that the minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor (dated March 18, 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 1401383, 1401556, 1401504, 1400327, 1400485, 1400774, 1400898, 1401035, 1400753, 1400155, 1400646, 1401708, 1400911, 1401503, 1401082, 1401001, 1401001, 1400962, 1400543, 103146, 1400753, and 103239 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, and Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Mr. Nicotera requested the Board Clerk to look into a motion to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year.

Public to Be Heard: Mr. Decker asked the board to look into the policy on animals in and around the school. Students have commented on one in particular that comes to indoor events but owner states it is due to emotional support.

Ticket was drawn for a winner for attending the meeting.

Executive Session: There was none.

Resolution No. 71: made by Ms. Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, and Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk