

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: April 16, 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: Lynn Weibel, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, Judy Kentile, and Cathy Pumilia.

Members Absent: Anthony Nicotera and Mike Sacco.

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.

Budget Presentation(s): Charlie Cowen reminded everyone of what was presented in the last several meetings. The 5.5% tax levy increase that the board approved will go to vote on May 21. As of this date (April 16) there is not a state budget so the budget the board is approving this evening to put before the voters may not be fully funded. If that is the case, and the budget is approved by the community there may be some required reductions as the 2024-25 school year progresses based on actual expected revenues.

Presentation - There was no other presentation.

Committee Reports – Mr. Stayton informed the Technology sub-committee that there is a scheduled meeting for May 1. The policy sub-committee just met at 5:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. All edits and comments will be presented at the May 14 meeting. The next policy meeting will be held on May 21.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Stayton gave a brief update as many sporting events had to be cancelled due to weather conditions.

- Boys' Tennis team is competing right now and has started the year off with two wins.
- Julia Makuszak recently competed in gymnastics regionals and has now qualified to compete on the national level in South Carolina.

- The track meet is currently going on right now. Last week we had several first place finishers including Jamie Allen, Raina Christensen, Katie Judway, Addison Lazarek and Afton Sherman. A reminder that there is a Cahill Classic track invitational on Friday, April 26 during spring recess. We are looking for volunteers as there will be 12 other schools competing.

He recognized other students for their academic achievements which are in News & Views:

- Blake LoGalbo for a perseverance award.
- Senior Optimists of the month: Alyssa Price and Isabella Canarelli. A full list will be available to the community in News & Views.
- Lastly, there are some Junior Rotary students to recognize: Sydney Sallustio and Hannah Davis.

Teachers that were recently recognized for staff appreciation are: Brett Cardillo, high school; Jamie Leigh Accordino, middle school; and Laura Hoffman, elementary.

Old Business – There was nothing.

New Business: Ms. Weibel stated that action 7.1 to 7.18 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 recognized Mary Kuhn, Teacher Assistant who will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has served Sauquoit Valley for 23 years. Mary is student focused. We wish her an enjoyable and healthy retirement. We are very glad to hear that she will be returning as a substitute.

Resolution No. 72: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Critelli,

- to accept the retirement of Mary Kuhn, Teacher Assistant effective June 27, 2024.
- to appoint Mary Kuhn as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2024.
- to approve Tracy Foster as a substitute teacher aide, effective April 17, 2024.
- to approve Anthony Robertelli's resignation as laborer effective April 17, 2024.
- to approve Steven Stressel's resignation as laborer effective April 17, 2024.
- to approve Matthew Larkin's resignation as laborer effective April 17, 2024.
- 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 Anthony Robertelli to the position of custodian effective April 17, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on April 17, 2024 and to expire on October 16, 2024.

- 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 Steven Stressel to the position of custodian effective April 17, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on April 17, 2024 and to expire on October 16, 2024.
- 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 Matthew Larkin to the position of custodian effective April 17, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on April 17, 2024 and to expire on October 16, 2024.
- to approve Jennifer Goritski's resignation as bus driver, effective May 30, 2024.
- to approve Laura Tartaglia's resignation as teacher, effective May 29, 2024.
- for approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.

WHEREAS, the BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and

WHEREAS, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 18, 2024 and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 3, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education **APPROVES** the tentative administration budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$4,293,680.36 for 2024-2025.

- to approve the agreement between the County of Oneida by and through the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the School Special Patrol Officer Initiative effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.
- that the quarterly (Jan. – Mar. 2024) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for March 31, 2024 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting be approved.
- 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 1401861, 1401713, 1401312, 1400334, 1401063, 1401250, 1400904, 1401797, 1401902, and 1401792 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 5, and Nays 0.

Resolution No. 73: made by Mrs. Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Kentile,

- to put before the voters on May 21, 2024 the budget for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$26,602,037 and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said district to be levied and collected as required by law.

Carried: Ayes 5, and Nays 0.

Resolution No. 74: made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Ms. Collins,

- WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following property tax report card as presented to the Board by the District Treasurer.

2024-25 Property Tax Report Card			
Sauquoit Valley Central School			
Contact Person:	Charles Cowen		
Telephone Number	(315) 839-6313		
	Budgeted 2023-24 (A)	Proposed Budget 2024-25 (B)	Percentage Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	24,938,398	26,602,037	6.67%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	8,608,585	9,082,057	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	8,608,585	9,082,057	5.50%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	307,876	333,518	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	8,300,709	8,474,626	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F)	8,300,709	8,748,539	

I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval) ²	0	-273,913	
Public School Enrollment	940	945	0.53%
Consumer Price Index			4.12%

¹Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

²Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the school tax levy limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³For 2024-25, includes any carryover from 2023-24 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2023-24 (D)	Estimated 2024-25 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	865,462	1,000,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	949,826	1,077,080
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,322,078	1,075,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	5.30%	4.04%

Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/2024 Actual Balance	6/30/24 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2024-25 School Year
Unemployment Insurance	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	4,860	5,000	0
ERS Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	608,182	625,000	150,000
TRS Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	252,420	260,000	100,000

Carried: Ayes 5, and Nays 0.

Resolution No. 75: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Ms. Kentile,

- Approval of SEQRA Resolution – 2024/25 Capital Outlay Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Project work, including but not limited to the following:

Replacing interior and exterior doors in the Sauquoit Valley Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).
2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: There was none. The Superintendent took the time to draw school board candidates’ names for the placement on the electoral ballot.

1. Mike Makuszak
2. Ronald Critelli
3. Mike Sacco

If anyone else submits a petition to the clerk before 5 p.m. Monday, candidates’ name will be appear in the order they are received.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Ticket was drawn for a winner for attending the meeting.

Resolution No. 76: made by Mr. Critelli, and seconded by Mrs. Pumilia,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Carried: Ayes 5, and Nays 0.

Resolution No. 77: made by Ms. Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Collins for the Board Vice-President to declare the executive session was over at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, and Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk

