

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: May 21, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Presiding Officer: Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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

Members Absent: Mike Sacco and Judy Kentile.

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.

Presentations: There were none.

Committee Reports: Mr. Stayton read the scheduled meetings:
June 4: Policy
June 11: Board Operations/Relationships/Development

Superintendent's Report: The boys and girls track teams both won the recent Center State Conference Championships that were hosted on our campus on May 14. The boys then won the sectionals on May 21 at Utica University. Golfer Kamryn Yerman was named the Tri-Valley Tournament Champion and Tri-Valley Player of the Year. Alaina Weaver was named to the Tri-Valley first team all-star team. Kamryn was then named the Section III champion as she, Alaina and Lauri Busch all qualified for the state qualifiers on May 24. The girls' softball team ended their season on May 20 with a loss in the first round of playoffs at Mt. Markham. Quincy Stayton posted two wins in the tennis sectionals and played in the state qualifiers on May 23. The baseball team ended their season with a loss to Westmoreland in the first round of playoffs. The music department will be bringing students to the June 18 BOE meeting for several recognitions.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.6 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 comment on Mrs. DePerno's decision to retire after 35 outstanding years as a teacher. She has made an impact on many students and newly hired teachers. We support her and wish her the best. Mr. Anthony Nicotera agreed.

Resolution No. 81: made by Ms. Lynn Weibel, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins,

- approval of the resignation of Stephen Christensen, bus attendant effective May 22, 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 Stephen Christensen to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective May 16, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence May 16, 2024 and to expire November 14, 2024.
- RESOLVED, to approve the retirement of Kristine DePerno as teacher, (French & Spanish in the Middle School) with regret, effective June 30, 2024.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for April 30, 2024 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting be approved.
- 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 1401651, 1401643, 1401049, 1401661, 1401793, 1401314, 103040, 103153, 103195, 103085, 1400096, 1400318, 1401529, 103256, 103056, 1400654, 1400459, and 1400318 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Miscellaneous Topics: There was none.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Pete Madden, Middle School Principal, praised Mrs. DePerno on all the hard work, dedication and how she touched many students' lives in such a meaningful way. She was involved in many groups and activities. Now there are teachers stepping forward to fill in and help out. Mr. Nicotera asked if the process of hiring a replacement for Mrs. DePerno had started. Recruiting will be a challenge as she taught both French and Spanish. Finding someone with a dual certification will be hard.

Ticket was drawn for a winner for attending the meeting.

Resolution No. 82: made by Mr. Ronald Critelli and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins,
Executive Session

- that the Board of Education enters executive session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss superintendent's evaluation.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 83: made by Ms. Patricia Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia for the Board President to declare the executive session was over at 7:19 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, and Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk

