

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** June 18, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Presiding Officer:** Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

**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.

**Presentations:** Mr. Decker was accompanied by over 30 students. He and the music department staff recognized the students' music accomplishments for this past school year. Each student received an award and a pint of ice cream which was donated by the SV Fine Arts Boosters. Mr. Stayton congratulated all the students for their accomplishments.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Stayton stated:

- ❖ The Board Operations/Relationships/Development Policy Committee met on June 11 to develop the 2024-25 board meeting dates. Those dates are on today's agenda for a vote. The policy handbook was finalized that the committee has been developing and reviewing all year.
- ❖ The committee is now creating SMART goals.
- ❖ The Policy Committee met on June 4 to approve/recommend the policies to be voted on in today's agenda.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Graduation is June 28 in the stadium pending weather.
2. Board Member attendance at Graduation was asked. All will board members will be attending.
3. There is a list of contact information placed at each board member's seat. Please review and if there are any corrections that need to be made, please inform the Board Clerk.

4. On June 7, four student-athletes competed at the New York State Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Cicero North Syracuse High School: Junior Addison Lazarek (triple jump, long jump, 400m hurdles), Nathan Hanna (shot put and discus), Aaron Johnson (pole vault) and Johnny Mudge (1600m). Congratulations! Sauquoit Valley has an unprecedented four female student athletes, and one male student athlete, nominated as finalists for/at the All CNY HS Sports Awards. Many schools don't have one nominee, and SV has five! The nominees are Olivia Kalil (Soccer), Addison Lazarek (Indoor Track), Julia Makuszak (Gymnastics), Kamryn Yerman (Golf), and Nick Guiliano (Volleyball). The event is next Thursday, June 20 at Syracuse University. The tickets to the event are free and you may register online.

5. A special thank you to the SV Sports Boosters who supplied so many gifts for the after prom party. The grand march, prom and after party were wonderful to witness.

6. The senior parade was a pleasure to watch. The community members also showed great support by taking part in it.

7. Today a member from the Oneida Indian Nation came to present some Native American cultures to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

8. The administration has been working with Mrs. Laura Hoffman on establishing an official Facebook page for Sauquoit Valley School.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.17 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. 90:** made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Ms. Judy Kentile,

- to appoint Nathaniel DePerno, to the position of teacher in the physical education tenure area, in the elementary school, for probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2024 and to expire September 1, 2028 (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 Lindsay Kidder as a mentor teacher to Nathaniel DePerno for the 2024-25 academic year.

- to appoint Keith Kempney as a teacher on special assignment to serve as the District’s Director of Technology for the 2024-25 school year.
- to appoint Doug Jones as a teacher on special assignment to serve as the District’s Athletic Director for the 2024-25 school year.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Upstate Cerebral Palsy (Tradewinds Program) to provide certain educational services for students with disabilities in the 2024-25 school year.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2024-2025 school year.
- to approve the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

July 9 (Organizational Meeting)	February 11
August 13	March 11
August 27	March 25
September 10	April 8
October 15	April 29
November 12	May 13 (Budget Hearing)
December 10	May 20 (Budget Vote & Meeting)
January 14	June 10
January 28	

Budget workshops will precede each meeting starting February 11 to April 29.

- to approve salaries for the following individuals for the 2024-2025 school year:

TITLE	SALARY
Business Administrator	\$120,000
Director of Facilities II	\$68,000
Transportation Supervisor	\$68,640
Confidential Secretary To Superintendent plus stipend	\$55,423

- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
  - a) 0015 Equal Opportunity & Prohibition of Discrimination & Harassment
  - b) 0015.1 Report to Possible Discrimination Harassment
  - c) 0015-2 DASA Incident Reporting Form
  - d) 0022 Tobacco Nicotine & E-Cigarette Use Prohibited

- e) 2005 Evaluation of the Superintendent
- f) 2011 Expense Reimbursement for Board Members
- g) 5063 Data Privacy Agreement Policy
- h) 6009 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment & Discrimination in the Workplace
- i) 6009.1 Report of Possible Sexual Harassment

- that the Board of Education approve funding of the TRS Contribution Reserve in the amount of \$100,000. Funding to be provided with excess funds available from operations for the 2023-24 school year. (Note: this reserve was established at the May 10, 2022 board meeting and currently has a balance of \$263,704.13 this action item will increase the balance to \$363,704.13. The 2024-25 adopted budget will utilize \$100,000 from this reserve).
- that the Board of Education approve funding of the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund in the amount of \$200,000. Funding to be provided with excess funds available from operations for the 2023-24 school year. (Note: this reserve was established at the September 25, 2018 board meeting and currently has a balance of \$635,369.48, this action item will increase the balance to \$835,369.48. The 2024-25 adopted budget will utilize \$150,000 from this reserve).
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education establish the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 6-p and that the newly established reserve be funded with \$100,000 of funds from the 2023-24 fiscal year operations.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented dated July 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor signed June 12, 2024.
- that the minutes of the June 4, 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 1401218, 1401658, 1401287, 1401521, 1401399, 1401366, 1401542, 1400944, 1400709, 103092, 1401442, 1400572, 1400984, 1400784, 1400889, 1400542, 1401723, 102886, 1400755, 1401236, 102901, 1400420, 1400420, 103234, 102587, 103268, 1401851, 1401809, 1401846, 1401816, 1401817, 1401813, and 1401921 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 91:** made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Ms. Judy Kentile,

- that the following people be appointed to fall athletic coaching positions for the 2024-25 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

POSITION	LEVEL	GENDER	NAME
Cheerleading	Varsity	Boys/Girls	Tara Litz
Cross Country	Head Coach	Boys/Girls	John Nicotera
Cross Country	Modified	Boys/Girls	Scott Prichard
Field Hockey	Varsity	Girls	Emily LaSalle
Football	Varsity	Boys	Joe Inglis
Football	Assistant Varsity	Boys	Todd Martin
Football	Modified	Boys	Doug Jones
Football	Modified Assistant	Boys	Steve Messenger
Soccer	Varsity	Boys	Daniel Dygert
Soccer	Varsity	Girls	Daniel George
Soccer	JV	Girls	Brittney Kuhn
Soccer	Modified	Girls	Scot Alsante
Tennis	Varsity	Girls	Lindsay Kidder
Tennis	Varsity (Volunteer)	Girls	Isabella Arrigo

**Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 1.**

**Miscellaneous Topics:** Mr. Ron Critelli took a moment to thank M. Judy Kentile for her time and years as she served on the board. He also wished her the best in her future endeavors. Mr. Mike Sacco agreed as well along with the other members.

Ms. Lynne Weibel, Vice-President, read a thank you correspondence that the Board received from Mrs. Mary Kuhn. Mrs. Kuhn thank everyone for the support and the gift she received from the school as she is retiring as a teacher assistant.

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

**Resolution No. 92:** made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ron Critelli,

- that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:28 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 93:** made by Ms. Judy Kentile, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco that the executive session was declared over at 7:39 p.m.

**Resolution No. 94:** made by Ms. Judy Kentile and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk