

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** August 13, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Presiding Officer:** Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

**Members Present:** Anthony Nicotera, Lynn Weibel, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, Mike Makuszak, 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.

**Presentations:**

1. Mrs. Noelle Arcuri (Intern) and Mrs. Tracy Facchini presented the District Special Education Plan. Updates and services to the students were presented and the shortage of programs throughout the area is causing programs not to be available for the students in need. The department is trying their best in finding other options for some. This is resulting in a transportation increase to drive farther out to accommodate the needs of the students. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nicotera thanked Tracy Facchini for all her services and for the great job she has done for the students and program. He wished her the best as she will be leaving the district.
2. Mr. Stayton, Superintendent, presented the proposed 2024-25 District Safety Plan which is available to review on the Sauquoit Valley Central School District website for 30 days for the public to have the opportunity to comment on. He touched on the general topics and procedures which are guided by the New York Stated Education Department. Action will be taken at another Board meeting scheduled in September.

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

- ❖ The Board Operations/Relationships/Development Policy Committee met on August 5, 2024. A new board member handbook and Board SMART goals were discussed. They will be presented at the next meeting for approval.
- ❖ Facilities and Transportation met on August 6, 2024.

- Facilities: The elementary exterior painting and tennis resurfacing is completed. The press box has new walls. The purchase of a line machine for the fields and hopefully, be able to paint lines on the driveways when needed. The dip in the walkway between the town park and the school has been filled in.
- Transportation: There is need of one more bus driver to cover all routes. An auto mechanic started and will be approved tonight. He has a lot of experience and is doing great. Two buses that were approved in 2023 have not been delivered due to availability. They should be arriving in October or November the latest. The two that board approved this year will be arriving later this year as well.
- ❖ The Policy Committee met today just before the meeting and updated 10 policies which will be presented at the next board meeting.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

- Sub-committee list was discussed at the July board meeting. The list is at your seat. Any changes please let me know.
- SBI – Calendar of meetings with topics to be discussed is at your seat. Mr. Nicotera is the representative and Mr. Sacco alternate but if interested in any topics, you are welcome to attend.
- Logo update. The doors and banners are completed and located throughout the campus. We are receiving positive feedback.
- Clayville Fire Department along with other agencies were here using Sauquoit Valley's baseball field for a practice helicopter run for a rescue. The agencies liked the location and ability to land without interruptions so they asked if this would be okay for any future rescue or health situations that may need a helicopter.
- Utica National representative was here looking over the all the facilities for any risk or safety issues along with reviewing claims. All went well there were no spot recommendations which is good sign.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.32 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. 7:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins,

- to appoint Tegan Lewis, to the position of teacher in the elementary tenure area, for probationary period of three (3) years to commence September 1, 2024, unless able to start sooner, 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 Kaitlin Flint, to the position of resource teacher in the special education tenure area, for probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2024, unless able to start sooner, 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 Sara Hobaica Hanna as a mentor teacher to Kaitlin Flint for the 2024-25 academic year.
- to approve Marissa Madia as drama club choreographer for the 2024-25 school year.
- that Heather Larabee's probationary period as Data Processor, I, be permanent, effective May 13, 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 Robert DeCarr to the position of Auto Mechanic contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations and he becomes a bus driver effective July 29, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence July 29, 2024 and to expire January 27, 2025.
- to accept the resignation of Melissa Leone, English teacher effective July 11, 2024.
- to appoint Katherine Strieter, to the position of teacher in the English 7-12 tenure area, for probationary period of three (3) years to commence September 1, 2024, unless able to start sooner, 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 Jennifer McCarthy, to the position of teacher in the foreign language tenure area, for probationary period of three (3) years to commence September 1, 2024, unless able to start sooner, 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 Alissa Reilly-Stewart as a lead teacher to Jennifer McCarthy for the 2024-25 academic year.
- to appoint Jennifer Zuroweste as a lead teacher to Laura Flagg for the 2024-25 academic year.
- to appoint Paul Baker as a long-term substitute Spanish teacher in the high school, effective September 1, 2024 until December 2024 or until teacher returns.
- to appoint Beth Thomas as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 30, 2024.
- to accept the resignation of Tracy Facchini, Director of Pupil Personnel and CSE Chairperson effective August 25, 2024.
- to accept the resignation of Kelli Reed, teacher aide effective June 30, 2024.
- to appoint Kelli Reed as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective September 3, 2024.
- to appoint Tracy Foster as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 3, 2024.
- that Joseph Corleto be appointed as Instructional Technology Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.
- to accept the resignation of Daniel Dygert as boys' varsity soccer coach effective June 27, 2024.
- 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.

SPORT	LEVEL	BOYS OR GIRLS	COACH NAME
Soccer	Varsity	Boys	Devin Clive
Football Asst.	Modified Volunteer	Boys	John DelMedico
Soccer	Modified	Boys	Nathan DePerno

- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and New Hartford Central School in the sport of girls' gymnastics for the fall 2024 sport season.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and New York Mills School in the sport of girls' modified field hockey for the fall 2024 sport season.
- that the Board of Education approve the disposal of school bus, VIN 4DRBUSKNOFB609129 to be sold by Auctions International.
- to approve the BOCES contract for rental of facilities (20 classrooms) to commence on July 8, 2024 and expire August 20, 2024.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for ancillary services associated with rental of 20 classrooms commencing on July 8, 2024 and expiring on August 20, 2024.
- to approve the agreement between the Center for Instruction Technology & Innovation (CiTi) (Oswego County BOCES) and Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the 2024-2025 school year.



- that the quarterly (April 2024 – June 2024) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer’s Reports of Balances for June 30, 2024 be approved as presented.
- 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 1401846 and as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 8:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins,

- to appoint Marisa Cardillo as a lead teacher to Katherine Strieter for the 2024-25 academic year.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Mr. Nicotera).**

Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 8.1 to 8.2 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. 9:** made by Mr. Ronald Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco,

- to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM TAX ROLLS AND AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to raise for the 2024-2025 school year a sum not to exceed \$26,602,037.00

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

SCHOOL TAX LEVY \$9,082,057

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED Value (apportionment)	EQUALIZ RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	Assessed Value for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
Paris	239,212,786	1,500	239,214,286	0.5900	405,447,942.37	66.502318%	6,039,778.46	239,212,786.00	25.248560
New Hartford	51,967,703		51,967,703	0.5300	98,052,269.81	16.082714%	1,460,641.24	51,967,703.00	28.106712
Frankfort	32,133,092		32,133,092	0.4607	69,748,408.94	11.440263%	1,039,011.16	32,133,092.00	32.334615
Litchfield	15,578,116		15,578,116	0.5600	27,818,064.29	4.562770%	414,393.39	15,578,116.00	26.600995
Marshall	2,956,386		2,956,386	0.3800	7,779,963.16	1.276084%	115,894.67	2,956,386.00	39.201466
Kirkland	275,716		275,716	0.3950	698,015.19	0.114490%	10,398.02	275,716.00	37.712803
Bridgewater	76,969		76,969	0.5910	130,235.19	0.021361%	1,940.06	76,969.00	25.205681
	342,200,768		342,202,268		609,674,898.96	1.00000000	\$9,082,057.00	342,200,768	

LIBRARY TAX LEVY \$89,775

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED Value (apportionment)	EQUALIZ RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	Assessed Value for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
Paris	239,212,786	1,500	239,214,286	0.5900	405,447,942.37	66.502318%	59,702.46	239,212,786.00	0.249579
New Hartford	51,967,703		51,967,703	0.5300	98,052,269.81	16.082714%	14,438.26	51,967,703.00	0.277831
Frankfort	32,133,092		32,133,092	0.4607	69,748,408.94	11.440263%	10,270.50	32,133,092.00	0.319624
Litchfield	15,578,116		15,578,116	0.5600	27,818,064.29	4.562770%	4,096.23	15,578,116.00	0.262948
Marshall	2,956,386		2,956,386	0.3800	7,779,963.16	1.276084%	1,145.60	2,956,386.00	0.387502
Kirkland	275,716		275,716	0.3950	698,015.19	0.114490%	102.78	275,716.00	0.372786
Bridgewater	76,969		76,969	0.5910	130,235.19	0.021361%	19.18	76,969.00	0.249155
	342,200,768		342,202,268		609,674,898.96	1.00000000	\$89,775.00	342,200,768	

**AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT** the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2024 and end October 31, 2024 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 61 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

**AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT** the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> month free period,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> month interest of 2 percent added.

- to adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS;** to the collector of Sauquoit Valley Central School District, Oneida County, State of New York.

You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2024.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$9,171,832 (inclusive of STAR funds and Library Levy of \$89,775) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his/her property on tax bills provided by the school district in accordance with provisions of Section 922 of Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sum listed on the tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue receipts provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file such receipts as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

**Miscellaneous Topics:**

1. Mr. Nicotera read a correspondence addressed to the Board of Education from Tracy Facchini. Mrs. Facchini thank the board for all their support and collaboration with the special services department to benefit the quality fo the Sauquoit Valley students. He thanked her for the card, nice comments and wished her the best.
2. Ms. Lynn Weibel asked about establishing wish list for teachers' student supply list, possible an account on Amazon. Mr. Stayton stated he will look into this and discuss later.
3. Mr. Mike Sacco thanked Mrs. Babbie, librarian, for the book his daughter is reading, Shadow Island.

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

**Resolution No. 10:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:54 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 11:** made by Mr. Mike Makuszak and seconded by Ms. Lynn Weibel that the executive session was declared over at 8:44 p.m.

**Resolution No. 12:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

Sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk