

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: August 27, 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, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, Mike Makuszak, Cathy Pumilia, and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Lynn Weibel.

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.

Resolution No. 13: made by Mr. Ronald Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss personnel matter.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 14: Board meeting back in service at 6:19 p.m.

Presentations: There was none.

Committee Report: Mr. Stayton informed every one of the next policy sub-committee meeting which is scheduled prior to the next board meeting on September 10, 2024. Sub-committee schedule of meetings will be established.

Superintendent's Report:

- Middle School 5th Grade Orientation August 20 & 21. Freshmen Orientation, August 21. The Honor Society assisted with giving tours.
- Staff orientation was last week. New staff and their mentors/lead teachers were present to get them acclimated to the building and the lesson plans.
- Kindergarten is holding a meet and greet day. Welcoming signs in yard is greatly appreciated by families. Mr. Nicotera stated many look forward to seeing them. Nicely done.
- Staff Development August 31 & September 3 Superintendent's Day with school starting Wednesday, September 4th

Old Business: Last week parent/coaches night. Big interest in soccer. There may be an interest for a JV soccer team next year depending on the number of student participation. This year we may try and interest some students to join the cross country team. Tennis team practicing. There are a lot of new items for sale through the sports booster. An order will be placed soon, (approximately 50 items). They will be taking orders throughout the year. Items will be changed according to season and availability. Sport season starts next week.

Mrs. Cathy Pumilia questions why our scheduling of the start of the new school year goes through BOCES? It is an inconvenience for teachers to come in one day and then take a long weekend off to return one day then the next with students. Mr. Stayton explained that it goes according to when the holidays fall. There is a certain number of school days which everything needs to be counted for.

New Business: Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.19 with the deletion of motion 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. 15: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszk,

- 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 Edward Kurdziolek, to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective August 29, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence August 29, 2024 and to expire February 27, 2025.
- to appoint Andrew Pezzulo as a long-term substitute art teacher, effective October 2, 2024 until November 1, 2024, or until teacher returns.
- to ratify the agreement with the Sauquoit Valley Administrators' Association to include two additional members.
- to approve leave of absence of teacher, Noelle Arcuri, to commence on August 27, 2024 to be continuous for one year.
- that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Noelle Arcuri, as Director of Special Education in the administrator tenure area for a probationary period of three years commencing on August 28, 2024, and expiring on August 29, 2027 (unless extended in accordance with the law). 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 as Director of Special Education you must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or Section 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 principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the principal shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

- to accept the resignation of Brian Read, High School Principal effective August 27, 2024.
- that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Brian Read, who is professionally certified as a School Building Leader in the administrator tenure area to be assigned title/role as Director of Instructional Services, effective August 28, 2024.
- to appoint Carly VanAlstyne as a substitute teacher, effective August 26, 2024
- to appoint Michele Przyluke as a per diem substitute teacher aide, effective September 4, 2024, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Jamie French as a substitute teacher, effective September 4, 2024.
- to appoint John Longeretta as a substitute teacher, effective September 4, 2024.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) District Board Operations
 - b) Nomination & Election of Board of Education Members
 - c) New Board Member Elect Orientation
 - d) Powers & Duties of the Board
 - e) School Attorney
 - f) Formulation, Adoption, Amendment & Review of Policies
 - g) Annual District Meeting & Election
 - h) Regular Board Meetings
 - i) Special Meetings of the BOE
 - j) BOE Committees
 - k) Rights of Nursing Employees to Express Breast Milk
- to appoint Heather Knight as a substitute teacher, effective September 4, 2024, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to approve the lease agreement between Small Blessings Preschool and Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the rental of two classrooms.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Small Blessings Preschool (UPK Program) for the 2024-25 school year.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated July 15, 2024 and August 1, 2024.
- that the minutes of the August 13, 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 1401660,

1401553, 1401521, 1400470, 1401950, 140519, 1401092, 1401923, 102886, 1400901, 1400519, 1401128, 1401791, 1401867, 1401846, 1401873, and 1401888 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Mr. Mike Sacco wanted to acknowledge the maker of the Red Hawks costume. They did a tremendous job in making that. Thank you.

Mrs. Cathy Pumilia praised the art work Mrs. Luczak has on display.

Mr. Anthony Nicotera wanted to commend the grounds crew for doing such a beautiful job in keeping the exterior so clean and beautiful. He also praised the custodial staff in keeping the buildings clean and ready for school. Please let them know. Mr. Stayton informed them that a luncheon was given to all the summer workers, thanking them for their service and hard work.

Public To Be Heard: Michele Babbie congratulated Brian Read and Noelle Arcuri on their new role. Mr. Read will be missed as principal. As Mrs. Arcuri will be Director of Special Education leaving a void with the high school students. Ms. Babbie feels that this void may affect students who may need the special education service in the high school. Ms. Babbie understands that Mr. Stayton has acknowledged this by sharing a special education teacher from another building to help out in the high school but thinking ahead with the budget for next year (2025-26) she would like this filled with a special education teacher assigned to the high school.

Resolution No. 16: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 17: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins that the executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:36 p.m.

Resolution No. 18: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk