

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Presiding Officer: Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the high school library.

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

Presentation(s): There were none.

Committee Report: Mr. Stayton stated that the extracurricular subcommittee meeting will be scheduled soon. The policy committee met at 5:30 today and will place policies before the Board for approval at the October 15 meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Stayton shared a report with the Board regarding opening enrollment for the district. He informed the Board of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast to be held on the SV campus and invited available BOE members to attend. The school's website has been updated to include a link for employment on the main page.

Old Business:

The district will again plan to host a flu shot clinic for staff in late September. More details will be forthcoming. Mr. Stayton spoke with Bill Farley, Sauquoit Fire Department Chief, regarding collaboration with other local fire departments to discuss procedures in responding to potential emergencies on campus. Mr. Stayton thanked the parent and student volunteers who participated in set building for the school musical on Saturday, September 7.

New Business: Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.10 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. 19: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- 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 Henry Rieben to a 2.75 hour permanent teacher aide position at the elementary school effective September 1, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 1, 2024 and to expire on March 5, 2025.
- 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 Katie Buckingham to the position of Office Specialist, 1, effective September 11, 2024 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 11, 2024 and to expire on March 12, 2025, pending civil service exam results.
- to approve Shannon Lazarek as a volunteer girls' varsity soccer assistant coach for the 2024-25 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to approve Michele Crossman as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective September 11, 2024.
- to adopt the District Safety Plan that was presented at the August 13, 2024 Board meeting, pending no public comments to be received by September 14, 2024.
- that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Flagg, who is professionally certified as a School Building Leader in the administrator tenure area for a probationary period of three years commencing on November 1, 2024, and expiring on November 1, 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 a building principal 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 two (2) of the three (3) 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.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment off bills approved by the claims auditor.
- that the minutes of the August 27, 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 student numbered 1401078 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 1401129, 1401941, 1401725, 1401418, 1401129, and 1401942 as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics

The group discussed the need for an updated sound system in the announcer's booth and complemented the work of the grounds crew, including the new tennis courts. They also discussed the positive remarks heard regarding the new paint at school entrances as well as the Red Hawk mural inside the elementary building. There was an inquiry about the possibility of posting sports results after school games. The SV Foundation recently sponsored funding to the Clayville Fire Department for presentations and materials that the Fire Department provides to the school.

Public to Be Heard

Principals Mark Putnam, Peter Madden and Brian Read welcomed Mr. Flagg to the district and spoke on behalf of new hires including Nathaniel DePerno, Kaitlin Flint, Jennifer McCarthy, Laura Flagg, Paul Baker, Devin Clive and Katherine Strieter. Mr. Flagg thanked the Board for their support and the opportunity to serve in the district.

Resolution No. 20: made by Ms. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 21: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:57 p.m.

Resolution No. 22: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Ms. Lynn Weibel, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk