

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: November 12, 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.

Presentation(s): Michelle Babbie and Jackie Corleto spoke about what the library has to offer to students, teachers and staff. There are two librarians with aides that have other job duties outside of the library. They cover three library buildings. Ms. Babbie would like the Board to understand all they do and look into the 2025-26 budget for another librarian if financially possible.

Committee Report:

- Mr. Stayton stated that the School Boards Institute (SBI) is scheduled for a State Education Department Personnel & Initiatives meeting Nov. 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at OHM BOCES. Those who showed interest are registered to attend.
- Policy Committee met today prior to this meeting (November 12) at 5:30. The policies will be presented at December 10's meeting for approval.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Stayton discussed:

1. Addams Family Production was a success. There was strong student performances and ticket sales for all three shows totaled 1,384. The feedback has all been positive. Great community support as many volunteered to assist in the performance. Mr. Stayton thanked them all.
2. Cross Country Sectionals event was at Mount Markham Central School this past weekend. The student athletes achieved better personal records.
3. Senior Seminar Field Trips are scheduled for various community events. October 29 students visited MVCC and SUNY Poly. Then on November 25-26 students will visit Mother Marianne's Soup Kitchen to provide community service and prepare food.

4. November 23-24 the PTO Craft Fair is scheduled. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and will be attending.

Old Business

More campus signage has been ordered, including 12 black and 12 red banners. The physical education teachers are viewing the options of displaying the Red Hawk Campus Banners in their gymnasium.

New Business: Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.14 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 made a few comments:

- We are sad to see Natalie DeTraglia leave after a few years here. We support her decision.
- Congratulations to Carli Mancino going out on maternity leave to spend time with her soon to be baby. This vacancy allows us to hire Andrew Pezzulo as a long-term substitute while Mrs. Mancino is out. He filled in when Mrs. Hutchinson retired.
- Just a reminder in regards to the coaches. They are being approved today but if student athlete participation is low, that coaching position will not be filled.
- Thank you to the Board for allowing a consultant from BOCES to help Noelle Arcuri with her transition to be Director of Special Education. He also recognized Alison Pirger as she has been instrumental in helping Noelle and keeping the program going.

Resolution No. 28: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Cathy Pumilia,

- to authorize Cheryl Richards as deputy claims auditor for the 2024-25 school year.
- that Stephen Christensen's probationary position as bus driver be permanent effective November 14, 2024.
- to accept the resignation of Natalie DeTraglia, high school counselor effective January 3, 2025.
- to approve maternity leave for Carli Mancino to commence on December 28, 2024 to be continuous using sick and personal days from actual commencement date and to approve an unpaid child care leave that is otherwise not covered by approved sick leave time until the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- to appoint Andrew Pezzulo as a long-term substitute third grade teacher to commence on or before December 28, 2024 to be continuous for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year or until teacher returns.
- to approve the agreement between County of Oneida and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the School Special Patrol Officer effective September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) Policy 1010 Code of Conduct
 - b) Policy 7060 Student Transportation

- that the Tax Collector's Report be accepted and also that the Tax Collector's Report for uncollected taxes from Oneida and Herkimer counties for the 2024-2025 school year be accepted and recorded as follows:

| Town | Amount of Tax Levy | STAR Paid by NYS | Amount to Collect | Amount Collected | Returned to County |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Oneida County | | | | | |
| Bridgewater | 1,959.23 | 0.00 | 1,959.23 | 1,959.23 | 0.00 |
| Kirkland | 10,500.81 | 976.76 | 9,524.05 | 7,860.59 | 1,663.46 |
| Marshall | 117,040.27 | 6,752.85 | 110,287.42 | 107,991.27 | 2,296.15 |
| Paris | 6,099,480.92 | 637,912.61 | 5,461,568.31 | 5,220,918.26 | 240,650.05 |
| New Hartford | 1,475,079.50 | 156,677.55 | 1,318,401.95 | 1,242,064.49 | 76,337.46 |
| Oneida County Total | 7,704,060.73 | 802,319.77 | 6,901,740.96 | 6,580,793.84 | 320,947.12 |
| Herkimer County | | | | | |
| Frankfort | 1,049,281.66 | 53,860.95 | 995,420.71 | 933,011.65 | 62,409.06 |
| Litchfield | 418,489.61 | 53,799.40 | 364,690.21 | 359,180.14 | 5,510.07 |
| Herkimer County Total | 1,467,771.27 | 107,660.35 | 1,360,110.92 | 1,292,191.79 | 67,919.13 |
| Grand Totals | 9,171,832.00 | 909,980.12 | 8,261,851.88 | 7,872,985.63 | 388,866.25 |

- that the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting be approved.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan to the management letter for the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements of the Extra-Classroom Activity Funds for the school district.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed on October 17, 2024 and November 4, 2024.
- 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 1400997, 1401640, 1401273, 1401642, 1401675, 1401570, 1401222, 1400545, 1400507, 1401299, 1400908, 1401077 1401723, 1401782, 102989, 1401943, 1400522, and 1400507 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 29: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Cathy Pumilia,

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

| NAME | SPORT |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Matt Sprowell | Varsity Boys' Basketball |
| Devine Clive | JV Boys' Basketball |
| Scot Alsante | Modified Boys' Basketball |
| Isabella Arrigo | Modified Girls' Basketball |
| Todd Martin | Girls' Varsity Basketball |
| Joseph Miller | Varsity Boys' Volleyball |
| Mike Eisinger | JV Boys' Volleyball |
| Kevin Perrone | Girls' Varsity Volleyball |
| Brittany Kuhn | Girls' JV Volleyball |
| Alyssa Orsino – co-coach | Girls' Modified Volleyball |
| Mike Eisinger – co-coach | Girls' Modified Volleyball |
| John Nicotera | Indoor Track |
| Lyman Christensen | Assistant Indoor Track |
| Dan George | Volunteer Assistant Indoor Track |
| Savannah Robinson | V Winter Cheer |

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

Miscellaneous Topics: Ms. Patricia Collins praised the musical department for putting on such a wonderful performance for a small school district. The scenery and students performance was top notch. Ms. Lynn Weibel chimed in giving praise to the costume designs. Mrs. Cathy Pumilia also praised the students with their ability to learn and memorize a script. Mrs. Collins went on to say she is very proud of them and the staff involved. All the board members agreed.

Public to be Heard – There was no one.

Resolution No. 30: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 31: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins, that the executive session was declared over by the Board President at 8:44 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 32: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Makuszak, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk