

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** April 29, 2025

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**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 and community members signed in.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Presentation(s)** – There was none.

**Sub-Committee Reports:** There was none.

**Superintendent's Report: Mr. Stayton**

- ❖ The drawing of Board of Education candidates for placement on the ballot was drawn: Patricia Collins, first and Lynn Weibel second.
- ❖ Student Achievement Award is being presented to Isabella Barrett nominated by Victoria Miller. Event is scheduled for May 8th, 2025 at Twin Ponds. Cost is \$45 if anyone would like to attend please rsvp Marie Goodman.
- ❖ Red Hawk Readers are a group of high school volunteer students who will be going to the elementary school to read to the students.
- ❖ ICAN parent forum on The Anxious Generation is scheduled for May 7th, 2025. All are welcome to attend.
- ❖ Governor Hochul of New York State has passed the budget and a school cell phone ban will be in place. More information will come.
- ❖ The Red Hawk Rendezvous is scheduled for May 16, 2025. Advertising will be within the Sauquoit Valley area for crowd control. Oneida County Sheriff Patrol will be hired. Fireworks will be going off in the Town Park which will be closed off to everyone but those involved with the fireworks.

**Old Business:** There was none.

Mr. Stayton spoke on motion 7.20. The title of mentor is being changed to lead. The new teacher does have one year of experience as a teacher and therefore, only needs a lead teacher.

Mr. Stayton also reminded everyone of the snow days listed as temporary days off. If needed they will not be available.

**New Business:** Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.20 will be read as a consent motion and take one vote. If there are any questions or comments, members can do so prior to voting or pulling a motion for further discussion.

**Resolution No. 67:** made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- resolve, to approve the resignation of Katherine Strieter, English teacher, effective April 18, 2025.
- to appoint Nancy Zumpano as a long-term substitute English teacher in the high school, effective April 28, 2025 until the end of the 2024-25 school year.
- that Mary Ellen Busa's probationary position as bus attendant be permanent effective April 16, 2025.
- to approve Amanda Rogowski as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective April 30, 2025.
- to approve Margaret Edwards as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 5, 2025.
- to approve Kaylee DelMedico as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective May 5, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and State University of New York (Plattsburgh College) for the 2025-26 school year.
- to approve Friday, May 23, 2025 and June 27, 2025 as unused snow day providing there is no further need for a snow/emergency day.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
  - a) Policy 7003 Determination of Student Residency
  - b) Policy 7003.1 Student Affidavit Emancipation
  - c) Policy 7003.2 Parent Affidavit
  - d) Policy 7003.3 Affidavit Receiving Party or Person in Parental Relation
  - e) Policy 7015 Education of Homeless Children Policy
  - f) Policy 7015.1 Procedures for Achieving Education of Homeless Children
  - g) Policy 7015.2 STAC-202 Form
  - h) Policy 8300 Selection of Textbooks and Resource Materials
- for approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.

**WHEREAS**, the BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 18, 2025 and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 2, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education APPROVES the tentative administration budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$4,537,170.26 for 2025-2026.
- approval for the Cooperative Board's election of candidates:

**WHEREAS**, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, notification was received on March 18<sup>th</sup> of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the person or persons indicated as follows:

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Timothy Thomas, (Clinton Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Timothy Thomas  
10 Hamilton Place  
Clinton, NY 13323

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Gary P Nelson, (Holland Patent Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Gary P. Nelson  
9384 Coates Road

Holland Patent, NY 13354

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term held by Dr. Gary W. Porcelli, prior to his resignation, currently Ms. Kristin Hubley appointed (New York Mills School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Ms. Kristin Hubley  
16 Hillside Drive

New York Mills, NY 13417

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term held by Mr. Russell Stewart, prior to his resignation, currently Mr. Stephen Stanton appointed (Waterville Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Stephen Stanton  
350 Madison Street

Waterville, NY 13480

- **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts Boosters in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a kiln for the elementary school and that the Board also authorizes a budget modification to increase account code A2110.201-00 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to allow for the purchase of the kiln.

- that the quarterly (Jan. – Mar. 2025) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for March 31, 2025 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting be approved.
- 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 1401414, 1401928, 1401556, 1401793, 1401807, 1401275, 1401275, 1401063, 1400654, 1400654, 1401841 and 1400804 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- 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 Jeffrey Barrett to the position of Auto Mechanic/Bus Driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective April 30, 2025 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence April 30, 2025 and to expire October 29, 2025.
- to appoint Brianna Yaghy, to the position of teacher in the band tenure area for probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2025, unless able to start sooner, and to expire September 1, 2029 (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 Ryan Decker as a lead teacher to Brianna Yaghy for the 2025-26 academic year.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

**Miscellaneous Topics:** There was nothing.

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

**Resolution No. 68:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk