

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

Kind of Meeting: Budget & Regular

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

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Lynn Weibel, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, and Cathy Pumilia.

Members Absent: Mike Makuszak and Mike Sacco.

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) – Mr. Stayton, Superintendent

Mr. Stayton reviewed the budget and information that will be brought to the residents to vote on at the school election on May 20, 2025 for the 2025-2026 School Year. Sauquoit Valley ranked 2nd in ELA and 3rd in Math in 3-8 testing out of 47 schools in the region. There are 24 dual credit offerings that our students have taken part in. Sauquoit Valley CSD is rated 4th in the county according to an article in the Sentinel. Credit is given to our administration and teachers who have also rated very well; Teachers A+ and Administrators A-. We have a lower cost than other schools whereby \$19,628 per student spending. Schools depend on Foundation funding to function. New York State's funding is at 58%, residents will be paying 1/3 and the remainder is through other avenues (watchful spending, contracts and, etc.) Last year due to Foundation aid Sauquoit Valley had to eliminate 4 teachers as benefit costs went up and state aid was not increased. We will be hiring a well needed special education teacher this year and adding an annual Capital Outlay Project which involves replacing interior doors in the elementary building for safety of everyone within the building. This will still maintain the 2.38% tax rate for this year. Thank you to the residents for their support at last year's election. Other things the residents will be voting for is 2 board members, Patricia Collins and Lynn Weibel will be running for reelection. The residents will also be voting on two new diesel buses and one electric bus at the cost of a diesel bus. If approved there will be 3 buses purchased this year, one electric and two diesel. There is one bay to accommodate the electric bus.

Board Candidates Comments:

- **Patricia Collins** stated how much she loves the position as Board Member. She has a child in the middle school and two who have graduated from Sauquoit Valley Central School. It is great to see the impact the board has made on students. In her first term she feels that the board was very productive especially with bringing back some programs. Her diversity in opinions on some topics is still received and reviewed by other board members whereby as a team this board has succeeded in many accomplishments. She looks forward to working with the board and school members for another 3 year term.
- **Lynn Weibel** stated that she looks forward to working with the board and superintendent for another 3 year term. Her role as a board member is to support the superintendent and she believes that he is doing the right things for the students and staff. Lynn believes the board should be and is team oriented.

Sub-Committee Reports: Mr. Stayton

- 1) Both the Board Operations Relationships Development and the Extracurricular Activities board members will meet after this meeting to schedule availability to meet.
- 2) School Boards Institute (SBI) held the awards banquet where Michael Flagg, Anthony Nicotera and himself, Mr. Stayton attended along with Victoria Miller who presented Isabella Barrett her award.
- 3) Policy Committee met prior to this meeting and the updated and revisions will be presented at the next board meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Stayton

- ❖ New York State budget we assumed would be at 3% and it is not. The rate will be at 2%. Charles Cowen, Business Administrator used that 2% number into the budget.
- ❖ Phone ban is in place with New York State. Michael Flagg is establishing the language for policy to be in place. Brian Read will be revising for the Code of Conduct as well.
- ❖ Tomorrow ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneous) will be on the track at 9am. Parents are invited to join as PACES (Parents).
- ❖ ICAN had very positive reviews. Michael Flagg is scheduling other activities. Ms. Patricia Collins commented on how impressed she was with the presentation and feels that this program should carry into the middle school as well as the high school. Many students would benefit from it.
- ❖ The state has now extended the deadline to purchase electric buses for another two years, 2027 to 2029.

Old Business: Mr. Stayton

The Fireworks in Sauquoit Valley is still on schedule for this Friday, at 9p.m. with a kickball tournament to start the event off at 5:30pm. The carnival and other fun activities will be at 6pm. All community members are welcome to join.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.13 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. 69: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Ms. Patricia Murphy, science tenure area, effective October 6, 2025. Ms. Murphy has initial certification in Earth Science (Grades 7-12).
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Mrs. Alysia Maine, Literacy Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2025. Mrs. Maine has professional certification in Literacy (Birth – Grade 6).
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher assistant subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Mrs. Sara Williams, teacher assistant tenure area in math, effective September 1, 2025.
- to approve Allison Forbes to the position of teacher assistant in the teaching assistant tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence September 1, 2025 and to expire September 1, 2029. Fingerprint clearance for employment was received on May 9, 2025.
- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

Keith Hatch	Art Club (Secondary)
Henryk Lotyczewski	Band (Jazz Ensemble)
Ryan Decker & Claire Haile	Vocal Ensemble
Alyssa Cook	Chess Club Middle School
Marissa Madia	Choreographer
Alissa Reilly-Stewart	Class Advisor (Freshman)
Melanie Carangelo	Class Advisor (Sophomore)
Alissa Reilly-Stewart	Class Advisor (Junior)
Peter Scialdone	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)
Michelle Roche-Babbie	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)

Ryan Decker & Claire Haile	Dramatics Director
Savannah Malerba & Kaitlin Flint	Green Team (ES)
Marisa Cardillo & Laura Hoffman	Handshakes
Jackie Corleto, Savannah Malerba, Amanda Hartnett & Joe Corleto	Instructional Technology Coaches
Sara Reale	Instructional Technology Lead Coach
Christa Stephens	Little Bees Literacy
Jamie Leigh Accordino	Math Counts
Alison Pirger	Memory Book (Elementary)
Tina Connor & Alison Pirger	All School Assembly Coordinators
Peter Scialdone	National Honor Society (High School)
Nicole Clarke	National Honor Society (Middle School)
Marisa Cardillo	Newspaper
Tammy Purrington	Reading Club (Middle School)
Sara Piacentino-Call	Ski Club (MS)
Claire Haile	Special Work on Stage (High School Musical)
Jackie Corleto	STEAM Club (ES)
Lisa Smithling & Connie Stayton	STEAM Club (MS)
Kyle Hutchinson	Student Council (High School)
Nicole Clarke	Student Council (Middle School)
Laura Hoffman	Web Master (District)
Victoria Miller	Yearbook Advisor (High School)
Tammy Purrington	Yearbook (Middle School)

- that the following people be appointed as content area coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-4)	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Jeanice Gigliotti & Jessica Rey	1 Math
Tonya Sullivan	1 Science
Erika Thall	1 Social Studies
Christina Connor & Tiffany Lupia	1.5 ELA / Reading

MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8)	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Jamie Leigh Accordino	1 Math
Sara Call	1 Science
Joe Macrina	1 Social Studies
Alyssa Cook	1 ELA

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Trisha Moore	1 Math
Amanda Hartnett	1 Science
Kyle Hutchinson	1 Social Studies
Mindy Kemp	1 ELA

K-12	
NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Lindsay Kidder	1 Physical Education/Health
Ryan Decker	1 Music
Colleen Luczak	.5 Art
Scot Alsante	.5 Home & Careers (7-12)
Michelle Roche-Babbie	.5 Library
Joe Corleto	1 Technology
Alissa Reilly-Stewart	1 Foreign Language (7-12)

- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to apply weed control agents in non-student recreational areas for the mitigation of weeds throughout the district. Chairperson must be a resident in the school district.
- to appoint Anthony Nicotera as Chairperson of the election and budget vote on May 20, 2025 and give approval of the District Clerk to appoint another person, if a replacement is needed.
- to approve the BOCES contract between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Oneida BOCES for the rental of one classroom (\$1,000) for distance learning during the 2025-2026 school year.
- to approve the cooperative bidding resolution between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Madison-Oneida BOCES for the 2025-2026 school year.
- that the minutes of the April 29, 2025 regular meeting be approved.

- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated May 1, 2025.
- 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 1401788, 1401796, 1401552, 1401552, 1401791, 1401809, 1401792, 1401846, 1401658, 1401817, 1401813, 1401807, 1401521, 1401366, 1401980, 1402006, 141535, 1401181, 1401785, 1400904, 1401780, 1401043, 1400944, 1401851, 1401788, 140196, 1401922, 1401791, 1401812, 1401809, 1401792, 1401846, 1401817, 1401813, and 1401980 as recommended by the committee on special education and by the committee on preschool special education.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Ms. Patricia Collins gave a shout out of praise to Mrs. Tammy Purrington for taking on the Relay for Life and raising such a fantastic amount of money (\$7,611) for a great cause.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 70: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mrs. Lynn Weibel, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 71: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli, that the executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:20 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 72: made by, Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk