

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Patricia Collins, Cathy Pumilia and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Ronald Critelli, Mike Makuszak and 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): None

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

1. Board Operations/Relationships/Development is scheduled to meet June 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Policy committee is scheduled to meet June 10, 2025 prior to the board meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. David Stayton

Mr. Stayton read the list below of events and then reminded everyone that all these and other events are posted on the school's calendar which can be found on the website.

- School budget vote is going on now. If you have not voted, please do so. Open until 8p.m.
- May 16 Red Hawk Rendezvous/Fireworks recap
- May 19 - 22 Middle school honors breakfasts
- May 20 School budget vote, board elections, bus referendum
- May 21 P-TECH completion ceremony at OHM BOCES at 9:00
- May 21 Project ACES on turf at 9:15 will be rescheduled for a dry sunny day.
- May 21 Concert band/choir, chamber, jazz band spring concert at 7:00
- May 23 - 26 No school
- May 28 Blood drive
- May 28 Career fair at high school
- May 28 Tri-M induction ceremony at 6:00
- May 30 MS Semi-formal at 6:00
- June 3 Academic award night at 6:00
- June 4 Junior band/choir & select choir spring concert at 7:00

- June 5 CTE awards ceremony at 9:00
- June 5 Rotary EOY luncheon at 11:30
- June 5 Simulation DUI/mock crash at 1:15
- June 5 BORD subcommittee meeting at 3:00
- June 9 Spring cabaret at 6:30 p.m. pending on the number of participants.
- June 10 Policy subcommittee meeting
- June 10 BOE meeting
- June 11 Bridges awards and completion ceremony at OHM BOCES at 11:15
- June 11 Beginning and elementary spring concert at 6:30
- June 13 Senior parade and senior sunset

Old Business: The May 16, 2025 Red Hawk Rendezvous Firework event was a successful event with many positive feedback comments. Plans for next year's event will be looking into some additional fun activities. Glad to see this has returned. Thank you to all the volunteers and workers who helped in putting this together.

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.

Mr. Stayton took a minute to congratulate Claire Haile on her completion as a tenured music teacher. She is a very talented and positive addition to the music department.

Resolution No. 73: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia,

- 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. Claire Haile, Music tenure area, effective September 1, 2025. Ms. Haile has professional certification in Music.
- to appoint Kayla Ballard, to the position of special education teacher in the middle and high school tenure area, for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2025, and to expire September 1, 2029.
- to appoint Megan Kempney as lead teacher to Kayla Ballard for the 2025-26 school year.
- to appoint Anastasia Peterson as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2025.
- to appoint Julie Williamson as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2025.
- to appoint Megan Alsante as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2025.
- to approve the Cooperative Agreement between Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES and Sauquoit Valley Central School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) Policy 1021 Visitors to the School
 - b) Policy 1024 News Releases
 - c) Policy 1024.1 News Release Form for Suggestions – for deletion
 - d) Policy 1025 Use of Buses by Community Groups
 - e) Policy 1050 on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in the Schools
 - f) Policy 1050.1 Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Schools Certification – for deletion

g) Policy 1300 Policy for Handling & Dissemination Identifying Information Received Regarding Sex Offenders

h) Policy 5002 Extreme Heat Condition Days

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Sauquoit Valley Sports Boosters in the amount of \$3,740.00 and a donation from the Varsity Club in the amount of \$3,740.00 for the purpose of purchasing pitching machines for the athletic programs and that the Board also authorizes a budget modification to increase account code A2855.200-00 in the amount of \$7,480.00 to allow for the purchase of the pitching machines.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for April 30, 2025 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated May 15, 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 1401124, 1401261, 1401500, 1401816, 1401614, 1400545, 1400084, 1401250, 1401095, and 1401816, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 4, and Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: There was none.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Executive Session: There was none.

Resolution No. 74: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk