

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Lynn Weibel, Ronald Critelli, Mike Makuszak, and Cathy Pumilia.

Members Absent: Patricia Collins and Mike Sacco.

Administration Present: David Stayton, Superintendent

Others Present: Staff and community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s): Music – Ryan Decker delivered a presentation on the music department and all the performances and awards the students of Sauquoit Valley CSD have taken part in for the 2024-2025 year. The year is not ended and they will be performing at Utica Blue Sox game and the school's graduation. Many students received awards. As Mr. Decker read off students' names, Mr. Lotyczewski, Mrs. Carbone, and Ms. Haile handed them a certificate. When the students left, they all received ice cream donated by the SV Fine Arts Booster Club. Mr. Decker also announced the title of 2025-26 performance: "Sister Act the Musical."

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports: Mr. David Stayton

1. Board Operations/Relationships/Development met on June 5, 2025. The subcommittee recommended dates for the Board of Education 2025-26 meetings, discussed the hours for the budget vote, and reviewed the BOE SMART goals for the year including increasing student opportunities, staff recruitment/retention, cost savings and safety.
2. Extra-Curricular Activities subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 16.
3. Policy committee met today, June 10, 2025 prior to the board meeting. Revisions and updates of the policies will be presented at the next board meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. David Stayton

- ❖ Graduation is Friday, June 27, 2025 at 7pm in the stadium depending on weather.
- ❖ Board Member attendance at Graduation. If you are attending, please let us know for seating arrangements.

- ❖ Contact information (corrections submit to Board Clerk).
- ❖ Sports Update - Kamryn Yerman participated in the State Competition for golf this past weekend. The following track and field athletes will compete in States on June 13-14: Neia Christensen, Raina Christensen, Nathan Hanna, Addison Lazarek and Afton Sherman.
- ❖ This Friday, June 13 starting at 9:15 am in the high school auditorium, several students will be sharing their chemistry research project. All are invited to attend.

Old Business:

- ❖ We would like to continue the partnership with ICAN with a 'Red Hawk Wellness Series' to explore topics such as: Self Care and Coping Skills; Impacts of Social Media and Cell Phones; Learning about the Impact of AI; Vaping/Substance Use Dangers.
- ❖ DUI Simulation at HS was very well received
- ❖ Rotary EOY luncheon was held last week as SV teacher Amanda Hartnett was recognized as an outstanding educator.
- ❖ OHM BOCES CTE Awards featured several recipients from SVCSD.
- ❖ The prom grand march, dance and after prom party were all well attended and much appreciated.
- ❖ Spring cabaret was held on June 9.
- ❖ Wednesday is the Beginning and Elementary Spring Concert.
- ❖ Thursday will feature Project ACES, MS dodgeball tournament.
- ❖ Friday is the night for the senior parade and sunset.
- ❖ Tuesday, June 17 is the Sports Boosters spring sports banquet.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.32 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 praised the two students who were chosen to be on the school board. He introduced them to the board. He then wished Dawn Kuhn the best on her resignation. Mr. Stayton also took a moment to explain the Perch Place, LLC agreement. It is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program to deliver books to children in the Sauquoit Valley district. He also thanked the SV Foundation for their partnership in this initiative.

Resolution No. 75: made by Mr. Ronald Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak,

- to appoint Madalyn Fredericks as an Ex Officio Student Member of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Board of Education for the 2025-26 academic year.
- to appoint Kaylyn Dreidel as an Ex Officio Student Member of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District Board of Education for the 2025-26 academic year.

- to appoint Taylor Tessitore, to the position of teacher (high school) in the ELA tenure area, for probationary period of three (3) years to commence September 1, 2025, and to expire September 1, 2028.
- to appoint Mindy Kemp as lead teacher to Taylor Tessitore for the 2025-26 school year.
- to appoint Carly Joy Woodman as a per diem substitute teacher effective June 11, 2025.
- to appoint Corin Smith as a per diem substitute teacher effective June 11, 2025.
- to appoint Olivia Mannella as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 1, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to accept the resignation of Dawn Kuhn, teacher aide in the middle school, effective June 6, 2025.
- to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Waterville Central School in the sport of girls' varsity and modified field hockey for the fall 2025 sport season.
- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular position for the 2025-2026 school year.

Kristen Willson	Art Club	Middle School
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- to appoint Keith Kempney as a teacher on special assignment to serve as the District's Director of Technology for the 2025-26 school year.
- to appoint Doug Jones as a teacher on special assignment to serve as the District's Athletic Director for the 2025-26 school year.
- to approve the update of the supervisors' contract.
- to approve the 2025-2027 agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School and the Secretary to the Superintendent.
- to approve salaries for the following individuals for the 2025-2026 school year:

TITLE	SALARY
Business Administrator	\$124,800
Director of Facilities II	\$72,000
Transportation Supervisor	\$72,000
Confidential Secretary To Superintendent includes stipend as Board Clerk	\$58,000

- to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Education Law states the reorganizational meeting must be held on the first Tuesday in July and if that day is a legal holiday, the meeting must be held on the first Wednesday in July; and

WHEREAS, the Board may, by resolution, hold the reorganizational meeting at any time during the first 15 days in July;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will hold its reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

- to approve the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

July 1 (Organizational Mtg)	February 10
August 5	March 10
August 26	March 24
September 9	April 7
October 14	April 28
November 18	May 12 (Budget Hearing)
December 9	May 19 (Budget Vote & Mtg at 7pm)
January 13	June 9
January 27	

Budget workshops will precede each meeting starting January to April.

- to approve the agreement with BOCES for rental of 52 classrooms commencing on July 7, 2025 and expiring on August 20, 2025.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for ancillary services associated with the rental of classrooms for the summer of effective July 7, 2025 and expiring on August 20, 2025.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for rental of 6 classrooms commencing on September 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2026.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for ancillary services associated with students with disabilities commencing on September 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2026.
- to approve the agreement between the Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Developmental Therapy Associates for the 2025-2026 school year.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Upstate Caring Partners to provide certain educational services for students with disabilities in the 2025-2026 school year.
- to approve the MOU between Sauquoit Valley Central School and Perch Place, LLC with The Dolly Parton Wood Foundation.
- to approve the agreement between OHM BOCES and Sauquoit Valley Central School District to process the required paperwork for FCC (Federal Communications Commission).
- to approve the Resolution of Data Privacy Agreement between ROC and Sauquoit Valley Central School District for 2025-2026.
- to establish the following paid holiday schedule for 2025-2026 for 12 month employees as per the school related professionals' contract:

July 4, 2025	January 1 & 19, 2026
September 1, 2025	February 16, 2026
October 13, 2025	April 3, 2026
November 11, 27, & 28, 2025	May 25, 2026
December 24, 25 & 31, 2025	

- that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following items to be sold by Auction International:
 1. Two Steam Kettles (Elem & HS)
 2. One Hot Box/ Warming box (Elem)
 3. Two Mixers (Elem & HS)
 4. One Meat Slicer (Elem)
 5. One Pommel Horse (MS)
 6. One Gymnastic Wall Climber
 7. One Krommer Paint Machine
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented dated May 31, 2025.
- that the minutes of the May 20, 2025 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 students numbered 1400058, 1401875, 1401752, 1401871, 1401233, 1401929, 1400962, 1400652, 1401352, 1401655, 1401870, 1401221, 1400709, 1400138, 103195, 1402019, 1402018, 103081, 1401266, 1400784, 1401049, 1401177, 1400948, 1401400, 102952, 1400127, 1401723, 103303, 1400488, 103256, 1401070, 1400686, 103000, 1401236, 1401810, 1401251, 1401657, 1401307, 103268, 1400901, 1401888, and 1401942, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.
- to appoint Michael Riccardi to the position of Bus Driver, effective June 11, 2025.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution No. 76: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- that the results of May 20, 2025 annual meeting be recorded as follows:

	YES	NO	TOTAL
Budget	266	69	335
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Diesel Bus	269	68	337
Zero Emission Electric	156	182	333

Two (2), Three (3) Year Terms	
Patricia Collins	262
Lynn Weibel	263

Write Ins:	
Pam Anderson	1
Patricia Collins	1
Shab Crowe	2
Shad Crowe	1
Laurie Egan	1
Anyone Else	1
Someone Else	2
Brenda Fancett	1
Benjamin Furner	1
Dawn Furner	1
Ron Jeremy	1
Linda Jones	1
Joan Lallier	1
Doreen Brennan Moore	1
Todd Nelson	1
Anne Nolan	2
Fred Orsino	1
Michael Santino	1
Rob Sherman	1
Pat Smith	1
David Thall	1
Lynn Weibel	1

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 77: made by Mr. Mike Makuszak, and seconded by Ms. Lynn Weibel,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$360,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of two (2) diesel school buses.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$360,000, (b) the Sauquoit Valley Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes

hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$360,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell

and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are

hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 78: made by Mr. Ronald Critelli, and seconded by Ms. Cathy Pumilia,

- to approve the EMERGENCY PROJECT BUS LIFT

WHEREAS, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District's Architect, Ashley McGraw Architects, has determined the bus lift at the District's bus garage is not functioning properly, cannot be repaired and needs immediate replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and considered the report of its Architects regarding the necessity for the immediate replacement of the District's bus lift and any related site remediation; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Project work is required to preserve the health and safety of the students and staff and for protection of the District's property; and

WHEREAS, Ashley McGraw Architects has opined that this scope of work is a Type II SEQRA action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board has determined that the replacement of the bus lift is a Type II Action under the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no further review.
2. The Board of Education hereby finds pursuant to the Education Law, the replacement of the District's bus lift is an Emergency Project necessary to preserve the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection of the school property; and that the project is an ordinary contingent expense.

3. The maximum estimated cost of the Emergency Project as determined by Ashley McGraw Architects, the School District's Architect, is approximately \$350,000.00. The funding source for the project will be the General Fund balance and to the maximum extent possible, state building aid.
4. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Emergency Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to apply for any eligible state building aid and to recover any available insurance proceeds.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Mrs. Cathy Pumilia suggested that the surplus items be offered to local groups or clubs before sending them out to auction agencies.

Public to be Heard:

1. Doreen Brennan-Moore from the Clayville Library wanted to thank Mrs. Amanda Hartnett and several students who volunteered to help with their event. The weather was not the greatest and all the students stayed and helped with excitement. Some even showed up the following day. Doreen also thanked the SV Foundation for their support.
2. Stephanie Selmi spoke on behalf of the Pop Warner cheerleaders and the school cheerleaders. She explained the possibility of combining the two at some level. There are scholarships that may benefit the seniors.

Executive Session: There was none.

Resolution No. 79: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk