

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 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 library.

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

Members Absent: Mike Makuszak and Lynn Weibel.

Administration Present: David Stayton, Superintendent
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator
Brian Read, Director of Instructional Services

Ex-officio Student Board Member: Both Absent.

Others Present: Staff and community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s): There was none.

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

Policy Committee met on August 5, 2025. Those policies will be presented for board approval at tonight's meeting. The next policy meeting is scheduled to meet prior to the September 9th, 2025 board meeting. The other sub-committees will be scheduled to meet when the 2025-26 school is in session.

Superintendent's Report

- 5.1 Flu clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please have your insurance card with you.
- 5.2 Cell phone parent forum went well. Parents were supportive and positive. Consideration may be given to those with IEP or medical reasons. If a student works with the volunteer fire department a possibility to carry a pager may be allowed, after review.
- 5.3 Summer school in the middle and high school worked very well. Principals were happy to host. Classes were held four (4) days a week until noon. Maintenance has 1.5 weeks to clean those two buildings to prep them for the 2025-26 school year.
- 5.4 Back to school events
 - Freshmen Orientation at HS 9:00 – 12:00
 - New Teacher Orientation at HS 8:00 – 12:00
 - Cupcakes & Classmates/Jared Campbell Concert at ES 5:00 – 7:00

- 5th Grade Orientation at MS 9:00 – 12:00
 - 5th Grade Parent Night at MS 6:00 – 7:00
- 5.5 Chobani distribution: We have offered yogurt products four times this month with great results and positive feedback. Chobani is prepared to supply our district with enough yogurt to feed every student every day in school. We will begin with offering this to students who eat breakfast as an initial step.
- 5.6 LightSpeed will be placed on the computers. This is a program to flag students who are searching for topics of concern such as suicide, bullying, etc. This is more of a protection and assistance to help students when needed.
- 5.7 Regionalization was shared prior to this meeting.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.24 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.

Question was asked about nurse coverage in the middle school. Mr. Stayton stated that a substitute nurse will be assigned to be present in the middle school. The interviewing process will take place and one will be selected as a permanent nurse.

Mr. Stayton explained that the Reading Intervention Coordinator position is a positive program for students to increase their reading. Mrs. Lupia demonstrated how beneficial this will be while she was working toward her administrative degree. Mrs. Tiffany Lupia thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to be the coordinator.

Mr. Stayton explained that the State Department of Education has added an annex to the school safety plan which Mr. Brian Read has already presented. The annex will need to add information on cardiac arrests. Once language is placed it will need to be presented at a meeting and then wait for public to comment on for 30 days. The board will then need to take action on, again.

Resolution No. 14: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- to appoint Emily Steenburg, to the position of 4th grade teacher in the elementary tenure area (certified in grades 1-6), for probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2025, and to expire September 1, 2029.
- to appoint Laura Hoffman as mentor teacher to Emily Steenburg for the 2025-26 school year.
- to approve the agreement with the Sauquoit Valley Teacher's Association to add the position of a Reading Intervention Coordinator who will be appointed annually.
- to appoint Tiffany Lupia to the position of Reading Intervention Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year.
- to accept the resignation of Tammy DelMedico, teacher aide, effective August 13, 2025.
- to approve Tammy DelMedico as a per diem substitute teacher aide, effective September 4, 2025.

- to appoint Alyssa Denton as a per diem substitute teacher, effective September 2, 2025.
- to accept the resignation of Tatum Zumpano, nurse effective August 19, 2025.
- to accept the resignation of Henry Rieben, teacher aide effective September 3, 2025.
- to accept Henry Rieben as a per diem substitute teacher aide, effective September 4, 2025.
- to appoint Megan Winget as a per diem substitute teacher, effective September 2, 2025.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XI (Eligible Lists) and Rule XVI (Temporary/Provisional Appointments) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Carolyn Stafford to the position of teacher aide, effective September 4, 2025 until pending satisfactory clearance of civil service exam and fingerprint clearance is approved.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XI (Eligible Lists) and Rule XVI (Temporary/Provisional Appointments) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Amanda Rogowski to the position of teacher aide, effective September 4, 2025.
- that the following people be appointed to fall athletic coaching positions for the 2025-26 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

SPORT	LEVEL	BOYS or GIRLS	COACH NAME
Soccer	JV	Girls	Leonard Vaccaro
Soccer	Modified	Boys	Marco Ortiz Co-Coach
Soccer	Modified	Boys	Colin Herbowy Co-Coach

- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) Policy 1200 Disclosure APPR Information
 - b) Policy 1200.1 APPR Parent Request Form Teacher
 - c) Policy 1200.2 APPR Parent Request Form Principal
 - d) Policy 4302 Investment Policy
 - e) Policy 4502.1 Procurement of Goods & Services
 - f) Policy 4504 Inventory Accounting of Fixed Assets & Tracking
 - g) Policy 4506 Administrative Cell Phone Use
 - h) Policy 4508 Meals & Refreshments
 - i) Policy 4602 Expense Reimbursements
 - j) Policy 4800.1 Purchase of Gifts for Retirees
- to adopt the District Safety Plan that was presented at the July 1, 2025 Board meeting, whereby no comments from the public were received.
- to approve the lease agreement between Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Sauquoit Valley Central School District to commence on July 1, 2025 and expire on June 30, 2026.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,

that the Board of Education accept the bid from Beebe Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$53,200.00 as low bidder for the capital outlay project (SED # 0002-023) to replace interior doors at the elementary school.

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education add Metropolitan Commercial Bank to the list of designated depositories for Sauquoit Valley CSD for the 2025-26 school year.
- that the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor signed August 5th and 19th, 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 1401999, 1400138, 1400138, 1400545, 1401035, 1402024, 140162, 1400138, 1402020, 1402012, 1402011, 1402021, 1401888, and 1401942 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.
- to approve the agreement with the Sauquoit Valley Teacher’s Association to add he position of Assistant Muical Director to the extra-curricular advisors’ list.
- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

Claire Haile	Assistant Musical Director	\$1,047
Brianna Yaghy	Tri-M	\$712

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Mr. Mike Sacco informed everyone that it was a great educational experience to visit West Canada School to see their steeple chase. Their athletic director spoke to both of our track coaches; John Nicotera and Scott Prichard. The amount of water usage is the puzzle. Mr. Cowen stated that the architects can work on this for planning and pricing for the capital project which will be scheduled for this mid-December.

Mr. Stayton reminded the board members of a soccer tournament being held in September that the coach has invited the board to attend and do the coin toss. It is on a Saturday but an email with the date and time will be sent out.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 15: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Goodman
Board Clerk