

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Kind of Meeting: Special Meeting

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, and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Mike Makuszak, Cathy Pumilia and Lynn Weibel.

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

Ex-officio Student Board Member: Kaylyn Dreidel & Madalyn Fredericks - Absent

Others Present: Staff and community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s): Representatives from Ashley McGraw Architects, Schoolhouse Construction, Day Automation and Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. reviewed details for a proposed capital project and energy performance contract (EPC) with the Board of Education. The purpose of the review was to provide the Board of Education with the information needed to approve an action item at the October 14, 2025 meeting that would call for a public referendum for a capital project and EPC sometime in December. The scope of the potential projects along with the financial impact was reviewed. A number of questions were asked by board members that were answered by the representatives.

It was mentioned that Mr. Brian Read has applied for a grant to purchase a new playground for the elementary building. Ms. Patricia Collins thanked him for working on the grant and hopes that it will be granted.

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

- ❖ Board Operations/Relationships/Development is scheduled to meet October 2, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.
- ❖ School Boards Institute (SBI): Mr. Stayton touched briefly on some of the topics:
 - Both student board members, board clerk and Superintendent attended the student BOE training webinar at BOCES. It was a positive experience.
 - Zero emission buses is still an active issue.
 - Purchasing within a school district needs to comply with policy.
 - Internet enabled devices was discussed. The high school has experienced a couple of minor violations; otherwise, students have been very compliant. Students are turning to other devices such as a Walkman to hear music.
 - The digital media literacy class has created a survey to seek input from students regarding the cell phone ban.

- ❖ Policy Committee is scheduled to meet October 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

Superintendent’s Report: Mr. David Stayton, Superintendent

- Sept. 25 @ 6:00-7:30 pm Red Hawk Wellness Series: Self Care & Coping Series
- Oct. 4 @ 6:00 pm MV Challengers football game. Sports Boosters are planning on working the event.

Old Business: Enrollment Calendar was distributed.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.7 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. 20: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- to approve maternity leave for Alysia Maine to commence on October 31, 2025 to be continuous using sick and personal days from actual commencement date and to approve an unpaid child care leave that is otherwise not covered by approved sick leave time.
- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XIV, Probationary Term, upon the commendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Jessica Ayari as a school nurse effective September 24, 2025 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 24, 2025 and to expire on March 24, 2026.
- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service Rule XIV, Probationary Term, upon the commendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Tiffany Riker as teacher aide effective September 24, 2025 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on September 24, 2025 and to expire on March 24, 2026.
- to approve Brian Premo as a per diem substitute laborer effective September 25, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance.
- the revised probationary appointment titles:

NAME	TENURE AREA (Revised)
Arrigo, Isabella	Physical Education
Baker, Paul	World Languages
Ballard, Kayla	Special Education
Clive, Devin	Mathematics
Dow, David	Science
Dykstra, Vanessa	English
Flagg, Laura	School Counselor
Goodenough, Amanda	Elementary
Hartnett, Amanda	Science
Hutchinson, Kyle	Social Studies
Kempney, Megan	Special Education
Maine, Alysia	Literacy/Reading

McCarthy, Jennifer	World Languages
Murphy, Trish	Science
Reale, Sara	English as a New Language
Szatko, Taylor	Science
Tessitore, Taylor	English
Yaghy, Brianna	Music

- that the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: There were none.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 21: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 22: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins, that the executive session was declared over by the Board President and return to open session at 7:51 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 23: made by Mr. Ronald Critelli, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins,

- **Resolved**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as discussed in executive session, the Board approves of the paid administrative leave status of a non-instructional employee as implemented by the Superintendent on September 22, 2025. The Superintendent is authorized to return the employee to active duty at his discretion.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 24: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Goodman
Board Clerk