

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 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 library after the yearbook photo was taken of the board members.

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

Members Absent: Lynn Weibel and
Ex-officio student: Kaylyn Dreidel

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

Ex-officio Student Board Member: Madalyn Fredericks

Others Present: Staff and community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s): There was no one.

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

Policy Committee met today, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the board meeting where they reviewed policies which will be presented at the next board meeting. The five that were reviewed after the last meeting will be voted on tonight.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Stayton

Mr. Stayton gave a brief update on several district activities.

The reality fair was very educational. Mr. Stayton asked Madalyn Fredericks to voice her experience as she was a student who participated. Madalyn explained that it was a great financial eye opener for her and sure for other students as well. Students were given the opportunity to manage their finances in a life setting. It was very valuable.

Mr. Stayton toured the school with the Class of 1985 tour. As a new superintendent, the alumni gave him updates on the school's history.

Veterans Day assembly on November 10, 2025 was celebrated with a very nice assembly in the elementary school.

Chobani distribution was another big hit where they ran out. Chobani's donation is distributed to those in need. Mr. Mike Flagg noted that distribution involved staff and administration and now students have volunteered to help. This is giving them the opportunity to do community service work. Around 110 families received some Chobani

products.

Sports banquet was held in the cafeteria of the high school with a great turnout.

Some upcoming events include Red Hawk Wellness Series, Fine Arts & Crafts Show, Go Home Early Drill, Genesis Group Celebration of Education, Capital Project hearing (December 9), and holiday concerts. Mr. Stayton also took a moment to thank Brian Read for working diligently on the First Source Grant which the school will be receiving \$1,000.

"The Sister Act" Production was another musical hit and received extremely positive feedback from attendees. Madalyn Fredericks also stated that it was very emotional for her as a senior because it is her last performance. Mr. Ronald Critelli also praised the performance and the students who played a big part in the musical end. They also assisted in the performance being a success.

Keep an eye out in your mail for the News & Views. It will be mailed out tomorrow, Wednesday. Questions were asked about the content informing residents of the capital project and vote. Mr. Stayton explained that there is an article explaining it and the date of the vote, December 17, 2025.

School Related Professionals Recognition Day was today, Nov 18. Breakfast pizzas were available for all SRP staff. Mr. Stayton thanked them all for their service and hard work they provide to the school, students and administration.

Mr. Stayton mentioned that winter sports began Nov 17 with modified volleyball. All the athletic game times are listed on the website. Come out and support the athletic players.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business

Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.29 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 was asked by Melissa Williamson to apologize for not attending tonight's meeting due to illness. She will be appointed as a teacher aide tonight. Melissa wanted to say, "Thank you."

Mr. Mike Makuszak asked about the number of schools participating the combining sports contract (basketball)? At this time there is only one school.

Resolution No. 30: made by Mr. Mike Makuszak, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- 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 Melissa Williamson to the position of teacher aide, effective October 27, 2025.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service (Temporary/Provisional Appointments) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Jaclyn DeFuria to the position of Office Specialist, I, effective December 8, 2025.
- to appoint Mary Lou Grcic as a per diem substitute nurse effective November 10, 2025.
- to appoint Kimberly Rinaldo as a per diem substitute teacher effective November 19, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance.

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- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby reinstate Nancy Chynoweth to the position of school bus attendant effective November 19, 2025.
- to appoint Michael Disotelle as a per diem substitute teacher effective November 19, 2025.
- to appoint Michele Crossman as a per diem substitute office specialist, I, effective October 1, 2025.
- to appoint Elizabeth Allen as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective November 19, 2025.
- to accept the resignation of Mary Bridge as a bus driver effective November 17, 2025.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to all applicable Civil Service rules and regulations, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby reinstate Mary Bridge to the position of school bus driver - cleaner effective November 18, 2025.
- to appoint Alicia Santiago as a per diem substitute school bus attendant effective November 19, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance.
- Resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as discussed in Executive Session, that the Board approves of a Separation Agreement between the District and a non-instructional employee.
- that Sara Piacentino-Call be appointed as an extra- curricular advisor of ski club for the high school students for the 2025-26 school year.
- that the following people be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the winter 2025-26 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport; pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

NAME	SPORT
Matt Spowell	Varsity Boys' Basketball
Devin Clive	JV Boys' Basketball
Todd Martin	Girls' Varsity Basketball
Isabella Arrigo	Modified Girls' Basketball
Joseph Miller	Varsity Boys' Volleyball
Mike Eisinger	JV Boys' Volleyball
McKenzie Homer	Girls' JV Volleyball
Mike Eisinger – co-coach	Girls' Modified Volleyball
Nicole Viti – co-coach	Girls' Modified Volleyball
Scott Prichard	Indoor Track
Lyman Christensen	Assistant Indoor Track

- to appoint Elizabeth Allen as a per diem substitute teacher effective November 19, 2025.
- to approve the Section III Combining Sports Contract between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Utica Academy of Science to combine the two districts for athletic competition in the sport of girls' varsity basketball for the 2025-26 school year.
- to approve the extended two year agreement between Sauquoit Valley Central

School District and Utica University, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027.

- to approve the agreement between County of Oneida, Sheriff's Office and the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the School Special Patrol Officer effective September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.
- to adopt the District Safety Plan that was presented at the October 14, 2025 board meeting, whereby no comments from the public were received.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) Policy 4305 Tax Certioraris
 - b) Policy 4502 Non-Bid Purchasing
 - c) Policy 4800 Accepting Gifts Grants Donations & Contributions to the School District
 - d) Policy 4801 Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff
 - e) Policy 6306 Employee Expression & Display of Materials in the School Setting
- that the Tax Collector's Report be accepted and also that the Tax Collector's Report of uncollected taxes from Oneida and Herkimer counties for the 2025-2026 school year be accepted and recorded as follows:

Town	Amount of Tax Levy	STAR Paid by NYS	Amount to Collect	Amount Collected	Returned to County
Oneida County					
Bridgewater	1,763.19	0.00	1,763.19	1,763.19	0.00
Kirkland	11,269.85	944.81	10,325.04	8,523.31	1,801.73
Marshall	130,725.41	7,924.62	122,800.79	120,774.36	2,026.43
Paris	6,244,495.51	623,918.66	5,620,576.85	5,374,058.67	246,518.18
New Hartford	1,583,582.44	151,195.78	1,432,386.66	1,341,522.55	90,864.11
Oneida County Total	7,971,836.40	783,983.87	7,187,852.53	6,846,642.08	341,210.45
Herkimer County					
Frankfort	993,642.16	48,836.55	944,805.61	912,634.17	32,171.44
Litchfield	422,870.16	53,506.25	369,363.91	353,381.87	15,982.04
Herkimer County Total	1,416,512.32	102,342.80	1,314,169.52	1,266,016.04	48,153.48
Grand Totals	9,388,348.72	886,326.67	8,502,022.05	8,112,658.12	389,363.93

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan to the management letter for the 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements of the Extra-Classroom Activity Funds for the school district.
- that the quarterly extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for October 31, 2025 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed on October 15, 2025 and November 4, 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 1401640, 1401642, 1401791, 1401846, 1401808, 1401222, 1401594, 1400327, 1401273, 1401077, 1401723, 1401782,

1400686, 1401653, 1401698, 1401725, 1401939, 1401151, 1400765, 1400786, 1401129, 1401218, 1401924, 1400522, 1400507, 1401698, and 1402080 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 31: made by Mr. Mike Makuszak, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- to appoint Sophia Sacco as a per diem substitute teacher effective November 19, 2025.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Mr. Mike Sacco).

Miscellaneous Topics: Ms. Patricia Collins raved about the talent and performance of Sauquoit Valley's students. They did a tremendous job along with the teachers. Many students look forward to the next year's performance, which shows how much they enjoy what they are learning and being a part of.

Public to be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 32: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:23 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 33: made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that executive session was declared over by the Board President at 6:44 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 34: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk