

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Ms. Patricia Collins, Acting President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Members Present: Patricia Collins, Acting President; Ronald Critelli,
Mike Makuszak, and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Anthony Nicotera, Lynn Weibel and Cathy Pumilia.
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): Mr. Stayton reviewed a slide show to inform everyone of the upcoming capital project that is up for voter approval next Wednesday, December 17, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Several representatives also were present to answer any questions as well. Some of the upgrades are for the drainage of the softball field, playground expansion of the elementary school, roadway resurfacing, re-surfacing of the track field along with the addition of a steeple chase. Other updates involve work within the school buildings such as flooring, air conditioning and etc. The financial resource will be 87.7% reimbursement of the cost. Timing of the project takes several years before the start of work. By that time one debt will be paid off, this one goes into effect for just the remainder that is not reimbursed, causing minimal impact to the tax payers.

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

School Boards Institute had a meeting December 8th, 2025. Mr. Read and Mr. Stayton attended. The main topic was on Foundation Aid.

The Policy Committee will meet prior to the next board meeting, January 13, 2026 at 5:30p.m.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Stayton

- Please come out and vote on the capital project. The date is Wednesday, December 17, 2025.
- The budget & meetings for the 2026-27 school year will start in February 2026 until the May election.
- Regent Board member Patrick Mannion recently visited the high school. The team introduced him to The Nest, Chobani partnership and avenues the school is taking to address social-emotional wellness and mental health needs within our district.
- In addition to Wednesday night holiday concert series, the Elementary School building is also showcasing students with a kindergarten concert at 9:30am on December 17 in the auditorium and a band concert at 1:45pm on December 18 in the auditorium.
- Mr. Flagg confirmed that a Dunkin sampling will be held on Monday where students can sample beverages and receive a \$5 gift card to Dunkin Donuts.
- There will be a Chobani distribution this Friday, December 12.
- Laura Hoffman and Mr. Stayton will be going to the Lions Club to explain Handshake's Club. They may sponsor some activities of the group.
- Mr. Stayton asked Madalyn Fredericks if she would like to share some of the Spirit week events scheduled for the next weeks. Madalyn is looking forward to the events such as the pep rally on Friday to engage in several competitive games. The students will also be able to participate in different clothing themes such as tropical day, holiday character and different colors for different grade levels. She also has started decorating doors in the high school for a gingerbread theme. Mr. Stayton thanked her and stated they look great.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business

Ms. Collins stated that action 7.1 to 7.20 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.

Before the vote Mr. Stayton explained that the nurse's start date has been revised to December 29, 2025 giving her time to come in and set the nurse's office up.

Resolution No. 35: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak,

- to appoint Ella Luczak as a long-term substitute teacher in the elementary school, effective January 5, 2026 until the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 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 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Kristyn Sadallah as a school nurse effective December 29, 2025 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on December 29, 2025 and to expire on June 29, 2026.
- to accept the resignation of Sara Hobaica-Hanna effective December 20, 2025.

- to appoint Kari Whitney to the position of teacher in the Special Education tenure area, for probationary period of four (4) years to commence January 5, 2026, unless able to start sooner, and to expire January 5, 2030.
- to appoint Tonya Sullivan as lead teacher to Kari Whitney (Special Education teacher in the Elementary building), effective January 5, 2026 until December 23, 2026.
- to appoint Alexis Turuseta as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 5, 2026.
- to appoint Lauryn Brown as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 5, 2026.
- to accept the resignation of Jacob Florentino effective December 10, 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 of Schools, does hereby appoint Brian Premo as a laborer, effective December 11, 2025 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on December 11, 2025 and to expire on June 11, 2026.
- that Jennifer Siniscarco's probationary position as custodian (HELPS) be permanent effective December 22, 2025.
- to appoint Victor Foley as a per diem substitute laborer, pending fingerprint clearance.
- that Lily Werenczak be appointed as a per diem substitute nurse effective December 10, 2025.
- To establish 3 titles of Substitute Office Specialist, 1 with civil service.
- to approve the April 7, 2026 Board of Education meeting to be held on April 14, 2026.
- that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following items to be sold by Auction International:
 1. One Stand Mixer
 2. Two Kilns (HS & ES Broken)
 3. Steam Kettle (ES)
 4. Baking Warmer (Broken)
 5. One Meat Slicer (Elem)
 6. 60+ music stands (MS)
 7. 24 Café Folding tables (HS Café)
 8. Wooden Box Vault (MS)
 9. Balance Beam (ES Basement)
 10. One Pommel Horse (MS)
 11. Water Wheel (Grounds)
 12. One walk behind Painter (Grounds)
 13. Harrow (Grounds)
 14. Old field marker/painter ride on (Grounds)
 15. Dispose of an outdoor pitching net frame which was damaged from wind storm.
 16. Pepsi Cooler
 17. Typewriter(s)
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:

- a. Policy 5006 Property Damage Report
 - b. Policy 5006.1 Property Damage Report
 - c. Policy 5201 School Food Service Program & Meal Charge
 - d. Policy 5301 Purpose, Use & Administration of District Digital Information Systems
 - e. Policy 7004 Admission of Non-Resident Students
 - f. Policy 7004.1 Non-Resident Student Tuition Agreement
 - g. Policy 7005 Student Dismissal
 - h. Policy 7005.1 Student Dismissal Release Form (**DELETE**)
 - i. Policy 7006 Student Attendance
- that the minutes of the November 18, 2025 board meeting be approved.
 - that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances be approved as presented.
 - that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor, signed November 20, 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 1401846, 1401841, 1401767, 1401237, 1400485, 1400359, 1400753, and 1401697, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Mr. Stayton complimented Madalyn Fredericks on the gingerbread theme of decorations that are displayed in the high school.

Public to be Heard: Michelle Babbie agreed by expressing her gratitude to Madalyn Fredericks, Ms. Maltese and the other students who take time to decorate the library for the gingerbread theme for the Christmas season and the other holidays throughout the school year.

Resolution No. 36: made by Mr. Ron Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

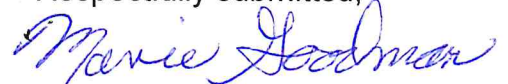
Resolution No. 37: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ron Critelli, that executive session was declared over by the acting President Ms. Patricia Collins at 6:50 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 38: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk