

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Ms. Lynn Weibel, Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

**Members Present:** Lynn Weibel, Vice President; Patricia Collins; Ronald Critelli; Mike Makuszak; Cathy Pumilia; and Mike Sacco.

**Members Absent:** Anthony Nicotera (via phone)  
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):** Michele Babbie gave a short summary of the itinerary of the Senior Class Field Trip. A survey was completed by the seniors. They chose Ocean City in Maryland for their 2026 class trip. Tours by Design will be handling the trip of about 30 students. The trip will be for three (3) days and two (2) nights, June 4-6, 2026. The Quad occupancy is the option which will cost \$864.00 per student. The cost includes stay with two (2) dinners along with several other activities. Many students have raised money throughout the years attending school. Questions were asked and answered. If there are other questions Michele Babbie stated she is available and anyone can call or email her. She can let parents know the dollar balance on their child's account if they are wondering. The seniors are looking into holding one more fundraiser.

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

- The Board of Operations/Relationships/Development board members were asked to meet after tonight's meeting to schedule a date.
- The School Boards Institute meeting with Mr. Patrick Mannion was canceled and is rescheduled for January 22, 2026.
- The policy committee meeting scheduled for today was postponed till February.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Stayton gave a brief update of events scheduled for the remainder of January that may not be on the school calendar.

- January 16 Chobani Distribution.
- January 20 Think Pink Volleyball Game in the elementary gymnasium. All proceeds will go to support Breast Cancer.
- January 29 Blood Drive in the high school. Please donate.
- January 13 During faculty meetings, staff were informed of the possible transition of grades 7-8 into the high school with BOCES renting a portion of the middle school. Mr. Stayton informed them that there is a survey available for the staff to make suggestions or comments. He stated that he attended the volleyball and basketball games prior to the meeting and received positive feedback from parents. Parents were generally understanding the reason for it. A ParentSquare letter went out informing the parents of the plans for the future changes.
- January 27 at 7 p.m. A community forum will be held after the board meeting to meet with parents to explain the transition and answer any questions.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** Ms. Weibel stated that action 7.1 to 7.19 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.

Ms. Lynn Weibel asked that motion 14 and 15 be removed.

**Resolution No. 39:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins,

- to appoint Cheryl Tibbitts as a per diem substitute Office Specialist, 1 effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Frank Dardano as per diem substitute teacher, effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Tyler Smith as per diem substitute teacher, effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Paige Cornish as per diem substitute teacher, effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Nikolette Nesci as per diem substitute teacher, effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Sarah Gerace as per diem substitute teacher effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Sarah Gerace as per diem substitute teacher aide effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint MacKenzie Lyons as per diem substitute teacher effective January 14, 2026.
- to appoint Sydney Nattress as per diem substitute teacher effective January 14, 2026.
- that Nicole Clarke be appointed as Racing Red Hawks Advisor for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

- that the following people be appointed to 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.

Daniel George	Boys'	Modified Basketball Grade 8
Doug Jones	Boys'	Modified Basketball Grade 7
Kory Lewandrowski	Boys'	Varsity Baseball
Doug Jones	Boys' & Girls'	Golf
Frank Curriere	Girls'	Varsity Softball
Isabella Arrigo	Boys'	Tennis
Scott Prichard	Boys'	Varsity Track
John Nicotera	Girls'	Varsity Track
Lyman Christianson	Boys' & Girls'	Assistant Track
Scot Alsante	Boys'	Modified Track
Gianna Giruzzi	Girls'	Modified Track
Nathaniel DePerno	Boys'	JV Baseball
John Longieretta	Boys'	Modified Baseball
Jason Barker	Girls'	JV Softball

- to approve the resignation of Brenda Kuhn as a deputy auditor for the 2025-2026 school year.
- to authorize Heather Laribee as deputy claims auditor for the remainder of 2025-2026 school year.
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the grant received from the Central New York Library Resources Council in the amount of \$1,970.00 for the purpose of purchasing materials for an Elementary School Book Club and that the Board also authorizes a budget modification to increase account code A2610.500-01 in the amount of \$1,970.00 to fund the purchase of the materials.
- that the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor signed December 16, 2025 and January 7, 2026.
- 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 1400624, 1401261, 1401657, 1401729, 1401602, and 103169 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 40:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mrs. Ronald Critelli,

- that the results of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 capital project be recorded as follows:

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 41:** made by Mr. Mike Makuszak, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco,

- BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2026 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**WHEREAS**, the qualified voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, New York, at the special meeting of such voters duly held on December 17, 2025, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has, on August 6, 2025, duly determined and found the purpose hereinafter described constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act of the State of New York and the applicable regulations thereunder ("SEQRA") which will not have a significant impact on the environment and such purpose is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of such Board of Education, as follows:

Section 1. The Sauquoit Valley Central School District shall undertake certain capital improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and facilities, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at the special voter meeting on December 17, 2025.

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 \$15,755,000, 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 certain capital improvements consisting of reconstruction of existing school buildings and facilities, including, without limitation, district-wide energy conservation improvements, within the School District (each such building being a class "A" (fireproof and certain fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), various

site and athletic field improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$15,755,000; and (b) the Sauquoit Valley Central School District's plan to finance the cost of said purpose is to provide up to \$15,755,000 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 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) 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 \$15,755,000, 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 anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, (c) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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 as may be 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. An 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 sale and 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 authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by the Local Finance Law, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and Local Finance Law, 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, Vice President 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. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and any other agreements and documents necessary to accomplish a financing, all as may be determined in the discretion of the President of the Board of Education.

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 issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds 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, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially 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 6, Nays 0.**

**Miscellaneous Topics:** The bond resolution was approved today and Mr. Anthony Nicotera asked about the time frame of the capital project in regards to the building renovations. Mr. Stayton explained that there are steps for the project to occur before the actual work starts to take place. First a design, semantics and the construction team do their foundational work. Then in November of 2026 everything is presented to the SED for approval. Once the SED approves, the work will go out to bid which hopefully will be January 2027. Review of bids and the planning of the work will start the summer of 2027. Day Automation can start this summer with replacing some of the lighting and replacing the boiler.

**Public to be Heard:** There was no one.

**Resolution No. 42:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss personnel.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 43:** made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak that executive session was declared over by the Ms. Lynn Weibel, Vice President at 6:40 p.m.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

**Resolution No. 44:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli that the meeting be adjourned. Lynn Weibel, Vice President called the meeting over at 6:41 p.m.

**Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk