

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**6:00 p.m. – Budget Workshop & Regular Meeting
High School Auditorium**

The meeting will be held in-person in the high school auditorium.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order
- ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM #3 Presentation(s) – Budget Workshop
- ITEM #4 Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports
 - A. Board Operations/Relationships/Development
 - B. Facilities and Transportation
 - C. Technology
 - D. Extra-Curricular Activities
 - E. Curriculum and Instruction
 - F. School Boards Institute (SBI)
 - G. Audit / Finance Committee
 - 1. Appropriation Report
 - 2. Revenue Report
 - H. Policy Committee
- ITEM #5 Superintendent's Report
 - 5.1 BOCES Annual General Membership Award dinner at Twin Ponds is May 5, 2026.
 - 5.2 Reminder - Board Petitions are due Monday, April 20, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.
- ITEM #6 Old Business
- ITEM #7 New Business
 - 7.1 Approval of a Director of Instructional & Business Services

Recommended Motion: to approve Brian Read as Director of Instructional & Business Services effective July 1, 2026 per contract with a tenure of three (3) years.

7.2 Approval of a Teacher Aide

Recommended Motion: 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 Jessica Kechiche as a teacher aide effective April 15, 2026.

7.3 Approval of a Substitute Teacher

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7.5 Approval of Leave of Absence

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7.6 Approval of a Permanent Appointment

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7.7 Policy Updates

Recommended Motion: to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:

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7.8 Approval of a Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to approve Kimberly Whittaker as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 12, 2026, pending fingerprint clearance.

7.9 Approval of a Substitute Laborer

Recommended Motion: to approve Cassandra Romero as a per diem substitute laborer pending fingerprint clearance.

7.10 Approval of a Donation

Recommended Motion: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the donation received from the Sauquoit Valley PTO in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of funding a portion of the costs for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

7.11 Approval of the Extra-Classroom Activity Report

Recommended Motion: that the quarterly (January 1 - March 31, 2026) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.

7.12 Treasurer's Report (March 31, 2026)

Recommended Motion: that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for March 31, 2026 be approved as presented.

7.13 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills Approved by the Claims Auditor

Recommended Motion: that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.

7.14 Approval of Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Meeting

Recommended Motion: that the minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting be approved.

Motion to approve 7.1 - 7.14
made by _____, seconded by _____.
Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

ITEM #8 Adopt 2026-2027 Budget

Recommended Motion: to put before the voters on May 19, 2026 the budget for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 as presented by the

Board of Education in the amount of \$27,512,453 and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said district to be levied and collected as required by law.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

ITEM #9 Property Tax Report Card

Recommended Motion: WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following property tax report card as presented to the Board by the District Treasurer.

2026-27 Property Tax Report Card			
Sauquoit Valley Central School			
Contact Person:	Charles Cowen		
Telephone #	(315) 839-6313		
	Budgeted 2025-26 (A)	Proposed Budget 2026-27 (B)	Percentage Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	27,187,654	27,512,453	1.19%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	9,298,574	9,572,331	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	9,298,574	9,572,331	2.94%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	364,874	408,740	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	8,474,626	8,933,700	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F)	8,933,700	9,163,591	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval) ²	0	0	

Public School Enrollment	846	840	-0.71%
Consumer Price Index			2.63%

¹Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

²Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the school tax levy limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³For 2025-26, includes any carryover from 2024-25 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2025-26 (D)	Estimated 2026-27 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	1,499,303	1,525,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	1,077,080	1,077,080
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,121,182	600,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.12%	2.18%

Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/2026 Actual Balance	6/30/26 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2026-27 School Year
Unemployment Insurance	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	5,308	5,500	0
EBALR	Payment of Accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of Service	104,558	107,000	0
ERS Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	873,443	895,000	0
TRS Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	380,821	390,000	0

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
 Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

ITEM #10 Miscellaneous Topics

ITEM #11 Public to be Heard

ITEM #12 Executive Session

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education go into executive session at _____ p.m. to discuss _____.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
 Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at _____ p.m.

ITEM #13 Adjournment

Recommended Motion: that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at _____ p.m.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____.
 Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS			
DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	EVENT
Wednesday	April 15	5:30pm	ELA Test – Grades 3-4
Wednesday	April 15		OCMEA Scholarship Auditions, NY Mills
Thursday	April 16	7:00 p.m.	SVFAB Mtg. MS Cafe
Friday	April 17		Report Cards Available (MS/HS)
Sunday	April 19	7:00 p.m.	HS Cafeteria
Monday	April 20	6:30 p.m.	Cabaret Grades 7-12, HS Aud.
Fri. & Sat.	April 24-25		OCMEA Elem. All-County, Westmoreland CSD
Monday	April 27	6:30 p.m.	Ball in the House Concert, HS Aud.
Tuesday	April 28	6:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop & Regular Board of Education Meeting, High School Auditorium

Sauquoit Valley Central School District – Personnel Report School year 2025-2026

Board of Education Meeting: 4/14/2026

NAME	TENURE/ CIVIL SRV.	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY/RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	END OF PROB. APPT.
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The commencement dates of the appointments are "subject to the employees' obtaining all necessary clearances from the State Education Dept."

I. Appointment

Brian Read		Dir. of Instructional Srv. & Business Services	Per contract	July 1, 2026	
Jessica Kechiche		Teacher Aide	\$16.06/hour	April 15, 2026	
Peyton Noon		Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	May & June	
Kim Whittaker		Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	May 12, 2026	
Jordyn Brewer-Tennant	X	Substitute Teacher Aide	\$16.00/hour	April 15, 2026	
Melissa Williamson	X	Teacher Aide – Permanent Status			4/20/2026
Cassandra Romero	X	Substitute Laborer	\$16.50/hour		

II. Leave

Witter, Erika		Child care Leave		04-13-2026	9/1/26

III. Coaches

Teacher Key: "C" Certification Listed or "N" Uncertified

Teacher Assistant Key: "C" Certified Teacher Assistant, "CTA I" Certified Teaching Assistant Level I, "CTA II" Certified Teaching Assistant Level II, "CTA III Certified Teaching Assistant Level III, "TAP" Pre-Professional

Coaches: "CPE Certified Physical Education Teacher, "C" Certified Teacher, "TCL" Temporary Coaching License, "PCL" Professional Coaching License