

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Kind of Meeting: Budget Workshop & Regular

Presiding Officer: Ms. Patricia Collins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Members Present: Patricia Collins; Ronald Critelli; Cathy Pumilia and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Anthony Nicotera, President; Lynn Weibel, Vice President; Mike Makuszak; Ex-officio Student Board Members Madalyn Fredericks and Kaylyn Dreidel.

Administration Present: David Stayton, Superintendent
Charles Cowen, Business Administrator

Others Present: Staff and community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation(s): Mr. Cowen gave an update of the budget with final revisions. The proposed budget for the BOE to approve later in this agenda is for \$27,512,453. The proposed budget calls for the tax levy to remain within the tax cap.

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

- Board Operations/Relationships/Development will meet later this month.
- Extra-Curricular Activities will be scheduled for June.
- Curriculum and Instruction will meet in the next few weeks.
- Policy will meet April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. David Stayton

- BOCES Annual General Membership Award dinner at Twin Ponds is May 5, 2026.
- Reminder - Board Petitions are due Monday, April 20, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.
- Chobani distribution on Friday
- SRE Reading Carnival on Friday night at 6:00 in the MS
- Cabaret (grades 7-12) Monday, April 20 at 6:30 in the HS Auditorium
- PTO Fundraiser at Lafa on April 23 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- ICAN Wellness Series: Digital Citizenship and Safety Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 in the HS cafeteria
- Cahill Classic Invitational on Friday, April 24 at 3:30 – volunteers needed
- Relay for Life on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 in the MS
- Ball in the House concert on Monday, April 27 at 6:30 in the HS Auditorium

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Ms. Collins stated that action 7.1 to 7.14 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. 61: made by Ms. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- to approve Brian Read as Director of Instructional & Business Services effective July 1, 2026 per contract with a tenure of three (3) years.
- 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.
- to approve Peyton Noon as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 12, 2026.
- 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 Jordyn Brewer-Tennant, as a per diem substitute teacher aide effective April 15, 2026.
- to approve Erika Witter's request for maternity leave to commence on or about April 13, 2026; and be continuous through the end of the school year with a return date of September 1, 2026. Approval for any unpaid child care leave needed during this time period will be according to TRS agreement to borrow the time from the sick bank with the intent to replace the time borrowed.
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service does hereby appoint Melissa Williamson permanently to the position of teacher aide based upon her successful completion of her probationary period effective April 20, 2026.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) Policy 7005 Student Dismissal
 - b) Policy 7010 Compulsory Education (Delete)
 - c) Policy 7103 Accidents
 - d) Policy 7103.1 Student Injury Report
 - e) Policy 7300 Student Publications
 - f) Policy 7300.1 Student Publications
- to approve Kimberly Whittaker as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 12, 2026, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to approve Cassandra Romero as a per diem substitute laborer pending fingerprint clearance.

- 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.
- that the quarterly (January 1 - March 31, 2026) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for March 31, 2026 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- that the minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting be approved.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 62: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli,

- 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.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 63: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Cathy Pumilia
Property Tax Report Card

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

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: There was none.

Public to Be Heard: No one.

Resolution No. 64: made by Ms. Cathy Pumilia and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 65: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Cathy Pumilia that executive session was declared over at 6:43 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 66: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Cathy Pumilia that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Patricia Collins called the meeting over at 6:44 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman
Board Clerk