

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Presiding Officer:** Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

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

**Members Absent:** Mike Sacco.

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

**Ex-officio Student Board Members Present:** Madalyn Fredericks & Kaylyn Dreidel

**Others Present:** Staff and community members signed in.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Presentation(s):** There was none.

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

- The Board of Operations/Relationships/Development board members met on January 21, 2026 to review Board of Education goals for 2025-2026.
- The School Boards Institute meeting with Board of Regent Patrick Mannion was rescheduled to January 22, 2026 which Mr. Stayton and Anthony Nicotera attended virtually. Another meeting is scheduled for this Thursday to meet and talk with the legislators. On Friday a morning breakfast is scheduled with students to also meet the legislators.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Mr. Stayton invited everyone to the open forum tonight in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on the topic of consolidation of buildings.
- In December students attended the NYSSMA conference. This is an all-state music festival. Madalyn Fredericks shared her experience while she was one of Sauquoit Valley's students who attended. She feels that it is a life great experience to perform and meet other conductors who share their input and offer to a connection/recommendation.

- The Girls' Indoor Track team won the Section III Center State Conference Championship.
- Elementary has launched the Kindness medal challenge. Students are making a medal in art class. Throughout the month of February whenever a student witnesses a good kindness act, they will present the recipient with a medal.

### **Old Business**

- Chobani distribution was another success. The supply ran out again. Students are assisting and learning more of a leadership role. They love to volunteer and having a fun time doing it.
- Think Pink was a success. The event raised \$5,752.75 that will be donated to Rome Health, MVHS and Oneida Breast Care Cancer. A check will be presented on February 11, 2026 at 7:45am in the high school to both agencies. Thank you to Lindsay Kidder, Bella Arrigo, and Brittney Kuhn for all their hard work setting this event up. Thanks also to Joe Sallustio and all the volunteers who helped raise the money for this great cause.

**New Business:** Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.10 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. 45:** made by Mr. Ronald Critelli, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak,

- to appoint Joseph Roche as a substitute school bus driver effective January 28, 2026.
- that Bernie Fehr's probationary period as custodian become permanent effective February 4, 2026 based upon his successful completion of his probationary period.
- that Holly Snow's probationary period as custodian become permanent effective February 4, 2026 based upon her successful completion of her probationary period.
- to approve the agreement between Sauquoit Valley Teachers' Union and Sauquoit Valley Central School District effective January 28, 2026.
- to appoint Tricia Cianfrocco as mentor teacher to Ella Luczak effective January 28, 2026 until the remainder the 2025-26 school year.
- that the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for the December 31, 2025 be approved as presented.
- that the quarterly (October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- 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 1401651, 1401594, 1400908, 1400962, 1401653, 1400503, 1400948, 1400287, and 1400519, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

- to approve the senior class trip for June 4 – June 6, 2026 to Ocean City, MD, per proposed itinerary presented at the January 13, 2026 meeting.

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

**Miscellaneous Topics:** There was none.

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

**Resolution No. 46:** made by Mrs. Cathy Pumilia, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins, that the meeting be adjourned. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting over at 6:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk