

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Sauquoit, NY 13456

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular & Budget

**Presiding Officer:** Ms. Lynn Weibel, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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

**Members Absent:** 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. Stayton, Superintendent reviewed the 2026-2027 budget is going up at 1.19%. NY State still has not passed the state budget. Tax levy of 2.94% which is the tax cap is what is being presented on the ballot for the residents. Thank you to Charlie Cowen for the slide show and his work. Overall average tax expenditure increase is 2.63% in the past ten years. Please come out to vote Tuesday, May 19 from 7am until 8pm in the high school auditorium lobby.

Mr. Stayton welcomed and introduced the board member candidates who are running for office at next week's election. Each candidate introduced themselves and touched on their qualifications and desire for running.

- Karen Hagearty
- Anthony Nicotera
- Jennifer George

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

- Board Operations/Relationships/Development met on May 5, 2026.
- Curriculum and Instruction is scheduled to meet on June 9, 2026 before the board meeting at 6:30pm.
- Policy Committee met prior to tonight's meeting at 5:30pm. Policies will be presented at the May 19, 2026 meeting for approval.

**Superintendent's Report**

1. New York State Budget has yet to be passed.
2. Amanda Hartnett's appointment date for her art teacher position is changed to Sept. 2, 2026. This allows her probationary appointment as a science teacher to end and for her to be appointed to tenure in the Science tenure area effective September 1, 2026.
3. Chobani distribution is this Friday at 4pm in front of the high school.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.24 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.

Mrs. Cathy Pumilia asked about Amanda Hartnett as CAC advisor. Mr. Stayton explained that she will be teaching science classes as well as art.

Mr. Stayton congratulated the teachers who will receive their tenure. Noelle Arcuri congratulations on all her work these past years. Mr. Anthony Nicotera agreed that she is very knowledgeable and has a lot of experience with dealing with a wide variety of personalities.

Mr. Stayton also mentioned that Marie Goodman is retiring and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Anthony Nicotera said that Mrs. Goodman came into the position at a time of transition. The community and staff also appreciate her work for all she has done.

Mr. Critelli wanted to thank Beverly Stefanik for all her work at the elections and wish her well with her medical situation. He wanted to let her know they appreciate everything she has done.

**Resolution No. 73:** made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Collins:

- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Ms. Alyssa Orsino, elementary tenure area, effective April 30, 2026.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Mrs. Sara Reale, English as a New Language tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Ms. Vanessa Dykstra, English tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Ms. Savannah Malerba, Elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Ms. Brittney Kuhn, Physical Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.

- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Ms. Victoria Miller, School Social Worker tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Mrs. Jackie Corleto, School Library Media Specialist tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.
- that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and a majority vote of the Board of Education, tenure be given to the following teacher subject to the successful completion of the probationary period. Mrs. Amanda Hartnett, Science tenure area, effective September 1, 2026.
- to appoint Noelle Arcuri to the position of Director of Pupil Personnel Services in the Administrator tenure area effective July 1, 2026 with her probationary appointment ending on 8/28/2028.
- to appoint Adrian Mattson as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 13, 2026.
- that Jason Alexander be appointed to the Varsity Football Head Coach position for the fall 2026-2027 school year contingent upon student participation in the sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.
- to accept the resignation of Joseph Corleto, technology teacher, effective May 29, 2026.
- to accept the retirement of Marie Goodman, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent effective July 31, 2026.
- to accept the resignation of Beverly Stefanik, Election Inspector.
- to appoint Linda Monescalchi as the Election Inspector for the annual election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at a rate of \$250.00/day.
- to establish the following paid holiday schedule for 2026-2027 for 12 month employees as per the school related professionals' contract:
 

July 3, 2026	January 1 & 18, 2027
September 7, 2026	February 15, 2027
October 12, 2026	March 26, 2027
November 11, 26, & 27, 2026	May 31, 2027
December 24, 25 & 31, 2026	

- to approve the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

July 7 (Organizational Mtg.)	February 9, 2027
August 4	March 9, 2027
August 25	March 23, 2027
September 8	April 13, 2027
October 13	April 27, 2027
November 10	May 11, 2027 (Budget Hearing)
December 8	May 18, 2027 (Budget Vote & Mtg. 7pm)
January 12, 2027	June 8, 2027
January 26, 2027	

- that the following people be appointed to extra- curricular positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

<b>Amanda Hartnett</b>	Art Club (Secondary)
<b>Henryk Lotyczewski</b>	Band (Jazz Ensemble)
<b>Ryan Decker</b>	Vocal Ensemble
<b>Alyssa Cook</b>	Chess Club Middle School
<b>Marissa Madia</b>	Choreographer
<b>Alissa Reilly-Stewart</b>	Class Advisor (Freshman)
<b>Melanie Carangelo</b>	Class Advisor (Sophomore)
<b>Alissa Reilly-Stewart</b>	Class Advisor (Junior)
<b>Peter Scialdone</b>	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)
<b>Michelle Roche-Babbie</b>	Class Advisor (Senior) (2)
<b>Ryan Decker &amp; Claire Haile</b>	Dramatics Director
<b>Benjamin Nelson</b>	Dungeons & Dragons
<b>Savannah Malerba &amp; Kaitlin Flint</b>	Green Team (ES)
<b>Marisa Carillo &amp; Laura Hoffman</b>	Handshakes
<b>Christa Stephens</b>	Little Bee's Literacy
<b>Jamie Leigh Accordino</b>	Math Counts
<b>Alison Pirger</b>	Memory Book (Elementary)
<b>Peter Scialdone</b>	National Honor Society (Middle School)
<b>Marisa Cardillo</b>	Newspaper
<b>Nicole Clarke</b>	Racing Red Hawks (ES)
<b>Jamie Leigh Accordino</b>	Racing Red Hawks (MS)
<b>Sara Piacentino-Call</b>	Ski Club (HS & MS)
<b>Claire Haile</b>	Special Work on Stage (High School)
<b>Nicole Clarke</b>	Student Council (Middle School)
<b>Web Master (District)</b>	Laura Hoffman
<b>Victoria Miller</b>	Yearbook Advisor (High School)
<b>Alyssa Orsino &amp; Nicole Viti</b>	Yearbook (Middle School)

- that the following people be appointed as content area coordinators for the 2026-2027 school year.

<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-4)</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
Jeanice Gigliotti & Jessica Rey	1 Math
Tonya Sullivan	1 Science
Carli Mancino	1 Social Studies
Christina Connor & Tiffany Lupia	1.5 ELA / Reading

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8)</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
Jamie Leigh Accordino & Connie Stayton	1 Math
Sara Call	1 Science
Nicole Clarke	1 Social Studies
Alyssa Cook	1 ELA

<b>HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
Trisha Moore	1 Math
Amanda Hartnett	1 Science
Kyle Hutchinson	1 Social Studies
Mindy Kemp	1 ELA

<b>K-12</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
Lindsay Kidder	1 Physical Education/Health
Ryan Decker	1 Music
Colleen Luczak	.5 Art
Scot Alsante	.5 Home & Careers (7-12)
Michelle Roche-Babbie	.5 Library
Alissa Reilly-Stewart	1 Foreign Language (7-12)

- per Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 enacted by New York State in May 2010, Board approval is being sought to apply weed control agents in non-student recreational areas for the mitigation of weeds throughout the district.

- RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**WHEREAS**, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law inter-municipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the “ROC”);

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC and its attorneys to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;”

**WHEREAS**, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

**WHEREAS**, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education authorizes the use of DPAs negotiated by the RIC ROC and its attorneys, consistent with its needs and the needs of its students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sauquoit Valley Central School District reserves to itself the right to make determinations regarding the use of such DPAs and the software and/or technology resources to which they relate and to consult with its own legal counsel to review any specific issues or concerns before executing any DPA.

- that the minutes of the April 28, 2026 regular meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated May 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 1402084, 1401552, 1402073, 1401556, 1401500, 1401908, 1401980, 1402006, 1402002, 1400898, 1401535, 1401529, 1401181, 1402097, 1401785, 1401923, 1402094, 1400654, 1401658, 1401817, 1401250, 1401095, 1401366, 1400646, 1402002, and 1402029 as recommended by the committee on special education and by the committee on preschool special education.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

**Miscellaneous Topics:** None

**Public to Be Heard:** A question was brought to the candidates. Each gave their thought.

**Executive Session:** There was no executive session.

**Resolution No. 74:** made by Ms. Patty Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Makuszak that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Lynn Weibel called the meeting over at 6:57 p.m.

**Carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie Goodman  
Board Clerk