

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Presiding Officer: Mr. Anthony Nicotera, President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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

Members Absent: Mike Makuszek and Cathy Pumilia.

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): There was none.

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

- A. Curriculum and Instruction is scheduled to meet on June 9 during BOE meeting where the principals will present facts of their buildings.
- B. Policy Committee is also scheduled to meet on June 9 at 5:30p.m.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. David Stayton

- School budget vote is going on now. If you have not voted, please do so. Open until 8pm.
- May 20 Concert Band/Choir, Chamber, Jazz Band Spring Concert in the auditorium
- May 22 Unused snow day (No school)
- May 23 Blood drive in memory of Gavin Jerzak
- May 25 Memorial Day (No school)
- May 26 Freedom Writers in MS gymnasium
- May 29 P-TECH Senior Recognition Ceremony with 4 Sauquoit Valley seniors
- June 3 Junior Band/Choir & Select Choir Spring Concert
- June 4 MS Hawk Fest
- Our transportation department received a great inspection report from the New York State Transportation Department. The goal is to receive at least a 90 and the average score state wide is 96. Sauquoit Valley received 100. Congratulations to Adam Crossman, Jeanette Lewis, Jeff Barrett, Robert Sheppard and all the transportation crew.

Old Business: The student board members took a moment to comment on some activities the Sauquoit Valley students were taking part in. Kaylyn Dreidel spoke about the students looking forward in assisting with the 8th Graders moving up day into the high school. Madalyn Fredericks spoke of tomorrow's concert and how exciting it is as scholarships are given.

She also gave a thank you for the after prom it was nicely planned and attended. Mr. Stayton agreed on the after prom. It was nice to see several of the board members were able to chaperone the event. He also thanked Ms. Michelle Babbie and all the staff and volunteers for taking the time and putting this together.

Mr. Stayton thanked Mr. Pete Madden for his diligence in working on the administrative agreement. Nicely done.

Mr. Stayton also thanked Mrs. Lindsay Kidder for her work and presentation on the Physical Education Plan she did at the last meeting.

Mr. Stayton thanked Mr. Anthony Nicotera for the Foundation's donation for the fireworks which is scheduled for June 13, 2026.

Mr. Anthony Nicotera asked about the new hired art teacher. Mr. Mike Flagg gave a brief update on Devon Kennedy's artistic talent and knowledge along with his desire to stay employed here at Sauquoit Valley Central School District.

Mr. Nicotera then took a moment to express how happy and proud he is of the administration team Sauquoit Valley has. They worked diligently and in a timely manner to finish the contract. The board is happy with the administration team and looks forward to working with all of them.

New Business:

Mr. Anthony Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.16 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.

Mr. David Stayton Congratulated Doug Jones and wished him all the best in retirement. He also thanked the Foundation for the donation for the fireworks.

Resolution No. 75: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli:

- to appoint Devon Kennedy to the position of Visual Arts tenure area, for probationary period of four (4) years to commence September 1, 2026, and to expire September 1, 2030, pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Colleen Luczak as mentor teacher to Devon Kennedy for the 2026-27 school year.
- to appoint Kaitlin Kopcza as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 20, 2026.
- to appoint Aaron Johnson as a per diem substitute teacher effective May 20, 2026.
- that the following people be appointed to extra-curricular positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

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- to establish the title of Clerk/Teacher Aide with civil service.
- to approve the retirement of Douglas Jones as teacher and Athletic Director, with regret, effective June 30, 2026.
- to approve the Administrators Association Contract with Sauquoit Valley Central School commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring 2031.

- to approve the Physical Education plan that was presented at the April 28, 2026 board meeting.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for ancillary services associated with the rental of classrooms for the summer effective July 6, 2026 and expiring on August 19, 2026.
- to approve the agreement with BOCES for rental of 57 classrooms commencing on July 6, 2026 and expiring on August 19, 2026.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies listed below:
 - a) Policy 7004 Admission of Non-Resident Students
 - b) Policy 7004.1 Non-Resident Student Tuition Application
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the donation received from the Sauquoit Valley Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of funding a portion of the costs of fireworks for the June 13, 2026 assembly.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for April 30, 2026 be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting be approved.
- 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 1402025, 1401261, 1401807, 1401614, 1401124, 1400944, 1401796, 1400904, 1400686, 1401780, 1401521, 1401215, and 1401261, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 76: made by Ms. Patricia Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco that:

- Resolution Approving Energy Performance Improvement Project & Contract to accept the resolution approving energy performance improvement project and contract.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District (the "Board of Education") has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District (the "District") to undertake an energy performance improvement project with the goal of improving energy efficiency as outlined in a Comprehensive Energy Audit prepared by Day Automation Systems, Inc., dated May 7, 2026 (the "Audit") incorporated in this Resolution by reference (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education issued a written Request for Proposals as prescribed by the energy law, the education law, and the New York State Education Department Commissioner's regulations in accordance with the District's procurement policies, procedures, and guidelines to procure the services of a qualified Energy Services Company ("ESCO") to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed proposals from qualified ESCOs to implement the Project on a guaranteed savings basis in a projected amount sufficient to offset the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the District has selected Day Automation Systems, Inc., ("ESCO"), to be the ESCO to proceed with the Project;

WHEREAS, the ESCO has conducted a comprehensive review of School District facilities, prepared the Audit, and based on that review and the Audit, has determined and recommended the improvements, additions, and measures to be installed or implemented as part of the Project including but not limited to the energy conservation measures set out in the ESCO Contract;

WHEREAS, the recommendations from the ESCO have been reviewed and evaluated by District Administration to determine which improvements, additions, and measures are in the best interests of the District and the District's taxpayers;

WHEREAS, based on said review and evaluation, District Administration has identified and recommended the scope of improvements, additions, and measures to be installed or implemented as part of the Project set out in the ESCO Contract; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC, and ESCO have jointly prepared a contract ("ESCO Contract") for services in connection with the Project and related professional services which has been submitted to the Board of Education for consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the retention of Day Automation Systems, Inc., to provide services in connection with the Project and related professional services and to proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ESCO Contract in compliance with this Resolution and all applicable laws, regulations, and NYS and federal executive orders relating to the ESCO Contract, and take all actions necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools to enter into the ESCO Contract on behalf of the District in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education with such modifications, additions, and revisions, other than a material change in the scope of the work of the Project, the fees, or expenses, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools, which approval shall be conclusively shown by the execution thereof and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the ESCO Contract in connection with the Project.
3. The Superintendent of Schools, officers, employees, and agents of the District are authorized and directed, on behalf of the Board of Education, to take all actions required or provided for by the provisions of the ESCO Contract or related documents, and execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments, and documents, to pay all fees, charges, and expenses and to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or convenient to effect the purposes of this Resolution and to cause compliance with the terms, covenants, conditions, and payment provisions of the ESCO Contract and related documents and to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and NYS and federal executive orders relating to the ESCO Contract or the Project.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Noelle Arcuri thanked the art department for giving all students the opportunity to display their work. The students and parents were very happy and grateful.

Mr. Ronald Critelli mentioned Beverly Stefanik at the last board meeting. He wanted everyone to know that she has passed away and thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. She was a great person and dedicated to the community. May she rest in peace.

Mr. Ronald Critelli also praised Ms. Michelle Babbie and everyone who assisted with such a smooth prom.

Public to be Heard: Mrs. Noelle Arcuri gave good news on the art show that was taking place. Many out of district special education students were welcomed to participate in displaying their art work. Many students and parents loved the idea. It showed by seeing smiles on their faces!!!

Mr. Ronald Critelli also gave a thank you to Ms. Michelle Babbie and everyone involved for their hard work in putting the after prom party on.

Resolution No. 77: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Ronald Critelli, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

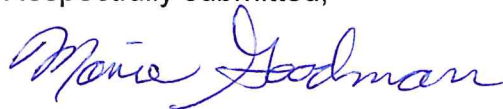
Resolution No. 78: made by Ms. Patty Collins, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco, that the executive session was over by the Board of Education at 8:00 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 79: made by Mr. Mike Sacco, and seconded by Ms. Patty Collins, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Goodman

Board Clerk