

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

**6:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
High School Library**

PUBLIC AGENDA

ITEM #1 **Call Meeting to Order**

ITEM #2 **Pledge of Allegiance**

ITEM #3 **Presentation:**

1. Public Hearing: District Wide School Safety Plan – Brian Read, Director of Instructional & Business Services

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. Revenue Status Report
 2. Appropriation Status Report
- H. Policy Committee

ITEM #5 **Superintendent's Report**

ITEM #6 **Old Business**

ITEM #7 **New Business**

7.1 Appointment of Substitute Teacher Aide/Lunch 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 School, does hereby appoint Randi Richards to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide/Lunch Aide effective August 5, 2026.

7.2 Appointment of Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Madison McKenney as per diem substitute teacher effective August 5, 2026 pending fingerprint clearance.

7.3 Appointment of a Substitute Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Jessica Barsuch as a per diem substitute teacher, effective August 5, 2026.

7.4 Appointment of Substitute Clerk/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 Mary Stout to the position of Substitute Clerk/Teacher Aide effective August 5, 2026.

7.5 Appointment of Mentor Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Keith Kempney as a mentor teacher to Courtney Kennedy for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.6 Appointment of Special Education Teacher

Recommended Motion: to approve the following probationary appointment upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Name: Sean Dwyer

Certification Title: Students with Disabilities-Grades 7-12- Social Studies

Professional Certificate

Tenure Area: Special Education

Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2026

Probationary End Date: September 1, 2029

7.7 Appointment of Auto Mechanic/Driver

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 Collin Williams to the position of Auto Mechanic/Driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations, effective August 3, 2026 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence on August 3, 2026 and expire on February 3, 2027.

7.8 Appointment of Technology Teacher

Recommended Motion: to approve the following probationary appointment upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Name: Courtney Kennedy
Certification Title: Technology Education- Transitional - Pending
Tenure Area: Technology Education
Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2026
Probationary End Date: September 1, 2030

7.9 Approval of Resignation

Recommended Motion: to accept the resignation of Nicole Viti, elementary teacher effective August 22, 2026.

7.10 Appointment of Teacher

Recommended Motion: to approve the following probationary appointment upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Name: Theresa Richmond
Certification Title: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)-Initial
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2026
Probationary End Date: September 1, 2030

7.11 Appointment of Lead Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint JaimeLeigh Accordino as a lead teacher to Theresa Richmond for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.12 Appointment of Mentor Teacher

Recommended Motion: to appoint Lisa Smithling as a mentor teacher to Lillian Carey for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.13 Additional Athletic Appointments for Fall Season 2026-27

Recommended Motion: that the following people be appointed to fall athletic coaching positions for the 2026-27 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport and pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

SPORT	LEVEL	BOYS or GIRLS	COACH NAME
Football	Mod.Coach	Boys	Nate DePerno
Football	Mod. Vol. Assist.	Boys	Richard DePerno

7.14 Approval of Sport Combination – Wrestling

Recommended Motion: to approve combination between Sauquoit Valley Central School, New Hartford and the Utica City School District in the sport of boys' Modified, JV and Varsity wrestling for the 2026/2027 sport season.

7.15 Designation of Official Newspaper

Recommended Motion: that the Rome Daily Sentinel and Waterville Times be designated as the official newspapers for legal notices during the 2026-2027 school year.

7.16 Substitute Teacher Rates

Recommended Motion: to establish substitute teacher pay rates as follows for the 2026-2027 school year:

- \$100 for uncertified
- \$110 for certified
- \$120 for retired

7.17 Approval of BOCES Annual Service (AS-7) Contract

Recommended Motion: to execute the annual service (AS-7) contract between Sauquoit Valley Central School and BOCES for annual services for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.18 Approval of Budget Transfer over \$5,000 per policy

Recommended Motion: **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve Budget Transfers for the 2025-26 fiscal year as presented.

7.19 Extra-Classroom Activity Report

Recommended Motion: that the quarterly (April 2026 – June 2026) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.

7.20 Approval of Minutes of the July 7, 2026 Meeting

Recommended Motion: that the minutes of the July 7, 2026 meeting be approved.

7.21 Treasurer's Report of Balances

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

7.22 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.

7.23 Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education Recommendations

Recommended Motion: 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 001400621, 001400654, 001401236, 001400420,000103268, 000103130, 001402021 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services.

7.24 Approval of District Wide School Safety Plan for 2026-2027

Recommended Motion: to adopt the District Wide School Safety Plan for 2026-2027.

Motion to approve 7.1 – 7.24
made by _____, seconded by _____.
Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____

ITEM #8.1 Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

Recommended Motion: to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM TAX ROLLS AND AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District to raise for the 2026-2027 school year a sum not to exceed \$27,512,453

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

SCHOOL TAX
LEVY \$9,572,33

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED Value (apportionment)	EQUALIZ. RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	Assessed Value for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
Paris	243,426,155	1,500	243,427,655	0.5500	442,595,736.36	64.928943%	6,215,212.64	243,426,155.00	25.532230
New Hartford	55,109,986		55,109,986	0.4600	119,804,317.39	17.575333%	1,682,368.91	55,109,986.00	30.527479
Frankfort	32,397,192		32,397,192	0.4223	76,716,059.67	11.254272%	1,077,296.02	32,397,192.00	33.252759
Litchfield	15,655,536		15,655,536	0.4926	31,781,437.27	4.662347%	446,295.29	15,655,536.00	28.507187
Marshall	2,942,483		2,942,483	0.3000	9,808,276.67	1.438877%	137,734.10	2,942,483.00	46.808800
Kirkland	276,095		276,095	0.3350	824,164.18	0.120905%	11,573.44	276,095.00	41.918329
Brdgewater	68,886		68,886	0.5230	131,713.19	0.019322%	1,849.60	68,886.00	26.850172
	349,876,333		349,877,833		681,661,704.74	1.00000000	\$9,572,330.00	349,876,333	

LIBRARY TAX LEVY \$89,775

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE (levy purposes)	CLERGY EXEMPTION	ASSESSED Value (apportionment)	EQUALIZ. RATE	TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION OF TRUE VALUE (apportionment)	PROPORTION USED	Assessed Value for Tax Rate Calculation	Tax Rate per thousand
Paris	243,426,155	1,500	243,427,655	0.5500	442,595,736.36	64.928943%	58,289.96	243,426,155.00	0.239456
New Hartford	55,109,986		55,109,986	0.4600	119,804,317.39	17.575333%	15,778.26	55,109,986.00	0.286305
Frankfort	32,397,192		32,397,192	0.4223	76,716,059.67	11.254272%	10,103.52	32,397,192.00	0.311864
Litchfield	15,655,536		15,655,536	0.4926	31,781,437.27	4.662347%	4,185.62	15,655,536.00	0.267357
Marshall	2,942,483		2,942,483	0.3000	9,808,276.67	1.438877%	1,291.75	2,942,483.00	0.439001
Kirkland	276,095		276,095	0.3350	824,164.18	0.120905%	108.54	276,095.00	0.393135
Bridgewater	68,886		68,886	0.5230	131,713.19	0.019322%	17.35	68,886.00	0.251817
	349,876,333		349,877,833		681,661,704.74	1.00000000	\$89,775.00	349,876,333	

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2026 and end October 31, 2026 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 61 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the Board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:
1st month free period,
2nd month interest of 2 percent added.

8.2 Approval of Resolution to Execute Tax Warrant

Recommended Motion: to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS; to the collector of Sauquoit Valley Central School District, Oneida County, State of New York.

You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2026 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2026.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$9,662,105 (inclusive of STAR funds and Library Levy of \$89,775) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the tax rolls but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his/her property on tax bills provided by the school district in accordance with provisions of Section 922 of Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the County Treasurer a detailed tax

bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sum listed on the tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue receipts provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file such receipts as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the Board of Education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Motion to approve 8.1 – 8.2 made by _____, seconded by _____. Carried: Ayes _____, Nays _____

ITEM #9 Miscellaneous Topics

ITEM #10 Public to Be Heard (All Comments Limited to Five Minutes)

ITEM #11 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 #12 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
Wed.	Aug. 20	9 am-noon	Freshmen Orientation
Tues.	Aug. 25	6 pm	BOE Meeting
Wed.	Aug. 26	10 am-1 pm	MS Orientation Grade 5