

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting & Public Hearing for the 2026/2027 District Wide School Safety Plan.

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, Lynn Weibel (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Patricia Collins, Mike Makuszk, Jennifer George and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Ron Critelli and Alexa Nolan (Ex-officio Student Board Member)

Administration Present: David Stayton, Superintendent
Brian Read, Director of Instructional and Business Services

Ex-officio Student Board Member: Kaylyn Dreidel

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Nicotera welcomed Kaylyn Dreidel, Ex-officio Student Board Member and Marilyn Shaw, Board Clerk.

Presentation:

David Stayton stated that this meeting will also serve as the Public Hearing for the 2026/2027 District Wide School Safety Plan. He asked for public comments on the plan. There were none.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports: Mr. Mike Sacco

The Facilities and Transportation Committee met on August 4, prior to this meeting. The following items were discussed:

- EV bus mandate
- Potential purchase of diesel buses and hybrid vans
- School bus seat belt mandate for after school trips
- Capital project update
- Energy Performance Contract update

Ms. Weibel asked if the van will be equipped with 4 wheel drive. Mr. Stayton will look into this. Ms. George asked about the possibility of a school bus seat belt mandate at all times.

Superintendent's Report

- There have been no public comments submitted regarding the 2026/2027 District Wide School Safety Plan
- Plans to meet with the BOCES Safety Service

- BOCES Regional Summer School
- August Regents exams

Old Business: Mr. Stayton gave a brief update on energy efficiency improvements that include weather stripping throughout the facility. Mr. Nicotera would like to ensure the community is updated on the progression of the capital project. Mr. Makuszek suggested updates on the capital project be posted on the district website and Facebook page.

New Business: Mr. Nicotera stated there was an addendum to the agenda and asked about the Auto Mechanic/Driver appointment title. Mr. Stayton explained the employee will work to obtain his CDL certifications during his civil service probationary period. Ms. Collins asked for clarification on probationary periods for position appointments.

Resolution No. 7: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Makuszek,

- **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.
- to appoint Madison McKenney as per diem substitute teacher effective August 5, 2026 pending fingerprint clearance.
- to appoint Jessica Barsuch as a per diem substitute teacher, effective August 5, 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 Mary Stout to the position of Substitute Clerk/Teacher Aide effective August 5, 2026.
- to appoint Keith Kempney as a mentor teacher to Courtney Kennedy for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 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
- **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.
- 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

- to accept the resignation of Nicole Viti, elementary teacher effective August 22, 2026.
- 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
- to appoint JaimeLeigh Accordino as a lead teacher to Theresa Richmond for the 2026-2027 school year.
- to appoint Lisa Smithling as a mentor teacher to Lillian Carey for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 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
Field Hockey	Varsity Vol. Assist. Coach	Girls	Bryleigh Beauchat

- 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.
- that the Rome Daily Sentinel and Waterville Times be designated as the official newspapers for legal notices during the 2026-2027 school year.
- to establish substitute teacher pay rates as follows for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - \$100 for uncertified
 - \$110 for certified
 - \$120 for retired
- to execute the annual service (AS-7) contract between Sauquoit Valley Central School and BOCES for annual services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **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.
- that the quarterly (April 2026 – June 2026) extra-classroom activity report be approved as presented.
- that the minutes of the July 7, 2026 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for July 31, 2026 be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor.
- 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.

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

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

Resolution No. 8: made by Ms. Jennifer George, and seconded by Mr. Mike Sacco,

- 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
Bridgewater	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.

- 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.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

Miscellaneous Topics: Mr. Sacco is impressed with programming offered for summer school students. Mr. Makuszak asked if cleaning costs were included in the facility rental contract for regional summer school. Ms. Collins complimented the efficiency of the school campus during the busy summer months. Ms. Dreidel was excited to report seniors are painting their parking spots for the upcoming school year.

Public to Be Heard: There was no one.

Resolution No. 11: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Makuszak, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0

The executive session was declared over by the Board President at 7:55 p.m.

Resolution #12: made by Ms. Weibel, and seconded by Mr. Sacco, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays, 0

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Shaw
Board Clerk