

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 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, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, Mike Makuszak, Mike Sacco and Jennifer George

Members Absent: Lynn Weibel

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

Ex-officio Student Board Member: Kaylyn Driedel and Alexa Nolan

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation:

Noelle Arcuri, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, gave a brief review of the school counseling plan and an update on the Special Education program for the 2026/2027 school year. She is pleased to report the addition of a 12:1:1 class and noted that the program will be financially beneficial to the district.

Mr. Nicotera asked about instructional periods, whether other districts had expressed interest in the 12:1:1 program, and how the district will bill for services. Ms. Arcuri confirmed there are currently no students from other districts enrolled in the program. Mr. Read stated a fee would be established by New York State.

Mrs. George asked about the benefits of the program for students who are currently receiving services off campus.

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

The Policy Committee will meet prior to the September 8 board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

- The capital project update was recently sent out via ParentSquare.
- Lighting replacement is expected to be completed in October.
- Back to school events were discussed.

Old Business: Mr. Stayton discussed the senior parking spot painting project and expressed his appreciation for the positive feedback received. He also thanked Michelle Babbie for her efforts in obtaining a grant to digitize yearbooks for the district website. Ms. Babbie plans to apply for additional grants to continue adding more recent yearbooks.

New Business: Alexa Nolan provided an update on the tennis team and expressed her appreciation to coaches Lindsay Kidder and Isabella Arrigo.

Kaylyn Driedel discussed the fall soccer season and the upcoming Metal Storm Soccer Tournament on September 3 and 5.

Mr. Makuszek wished the teams good luck, and Mr. Nicotera thanked the students for their input.

Resolution No. 9: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Sacco,

- to approve Melissa Holtham, to the position of teaching assistant in the teaching assistant tenure area for a probationary period of three years to commence September 1, 2026 and to expire September 1, 2029.
- to appoint Tammy Purrington as a per diem substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2026.
- to appoint Genevieve Dzialo as a per diem substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2026.
- to appoint Morgan Black as a per diem substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2026.
- to appoint Catherina Ma as a per diem substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2026.
- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service does hereby appoint Kim Rinaldo permanently to the position of teacher aide based upon her successful completion of her probationary period effective August 24, 2026.
- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service does hereby appoint Alana Przestrzelski permanently to the position of teacher aide based upon her successful completion of her probationary period effective August 24, 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 Sheila Buschor to the position of bus driver contingent upon completion of all Article 19A DMV Regulations effective September 1, 2026 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 1, 2026 and to expire March 1, 2027.
- to approve a leave of absence for Mary Bridge from the position of bus driver/cleaner effective August 19, 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 Bridge to the position of school bus attendant effective September 1, 2026 for a probationary period of 26 weeks to commence September 1, 2026 and to expire on March 1, 2027.
- 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
Cross Country	Modified	Boys & Girls	Nicole Clarke

- that the minutes of the August 4, 2026 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor signed August 12, 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 001400155, 001400621, 001400148, 001400503, 001402088, 001402144, 001402021 and 001402079 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Miscellaneous Topics: Ms. George complimented Mr. Flagg and his team for a successful High School Orientation.

Ms. Collins and Mr. Critelli are looking forward to the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory musical.

Mr. Nicotera expressed concern with parking during various sporting events.

Public to Be Heard: There was no public participation.

Resolution No. 10: made by Mr. Makuszak, seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Shaw
Board Clerk