SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 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 cafeteria and the reviewed the guidelines for public comment.

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Patricia Collins, Ronald Critelli, Mike Makuszak, Jennifer George, and Mike Sacco.

Members Absent: Lynn Weibel

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

Ex-officio Student Board Members: Kaylyn Dreidel and Alexa Nolan

Others Present: Staff and community members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation:
Senior Class Advisors Michelle Babbie and Pete Scialdone presented a proposal for the senior class trip to Ocean City, Maryland, scheduled for June 3–5, 2027. The proposed trip was reviewed and presented for consideration.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Report: Mr. David Stayton
The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet December 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. David Stayton
Mr. Stayton talked about various upcoming activities. He also reviewed the reshaping plan emphasizing that current revenue is not keeping pace with organizational needs and that enrollment continues to decline. The benefits of the proposed new organizational structure were reviewed, including its potential to improve operational efficiency, align resources with current needs, and support long-term financial sustainability.

Old Business: There was none.

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New Business: Mr. Nicotera provided an update on the initial meeting with BOCES regarding the potential rental of the middle school building. BOCES discussed their space and facility needs, while district representatives discussed the possibility of maintaining access to the building for district use on evenings and weekends. A follow-up meeting is planned for December.

Mr. Makuszak asked whether BOCES would require use of the entire building. Mr. Nicotera indicated that the long-term plan would likely involve the entire building, but implementation could occur in phases. Mr. Nicotera also noted that another organization has expressed potential interest in leasing space in the building.

Mr. Nicotera stated that action 7.1 to 7.21 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. Stayton stated that Motion 7.7 would need to be tabled pending Civil Service approval and Motion 7.11 would also be tabled due to an ongoing review of permissions.

Ms. Collins recognized Brenda Kuhn in honor of her retirement and announced that she would abstain from voting on Motion 7.2.

Resolution No. 19: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Makuszak,

- to appoint Charlotte Rose as a per diem substitute teacher, effective November 11, 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 School, does hereby appoint Reese Snyder to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide effective November 11, 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 Randi Richards to the position of Teacher Aide (temporary) effective November 11, 2026.
- to approve maternity leave for Taylor Szatko to commence on or about April 26, 2027 to be continuous for six weeks from actual commencement date; and to approve an unpaid child care leave that is otherwise not covered by approved sick leave time through the end of the 2026/2027 school year.
- 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 Nichole Parent to the position of per diem substitute school nurse, effective November 11, 2026.
- to accept the retirement of Brenda Kuhn, Data Processor I, effective January 31, 2027.
- that the following individuals be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the

winter 2026-27 school year contingent upon student athlete participation in each sport; pending completion of adult basic CPR and approval of coaching certifications.

NAME	SPORT
Brayden Maltese	Volunteer Assistant Boys' JV/Varsity Basketball
Makenzie Martin	Volunteer Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball
Brianna Matrulli	Girls' Modified Volleyball 7th & 8th
Doug Jones	Modified Boys' Basketball
Billie Mays	Volunteer Assistant Indoor Track

- to approve the Section Ill Combining Sports Contract between Sauquoit Valley Central School District and Utica Academy of Science to combine the two districts for athletic competition in the sport of girls' varsity basketball for the 2026-27 school year.
- to approve the high school music trip to New York City for the dates of May 28-29, 2027.
- to approve the revised/reviewed policies/regulations listed below:
  a. Policy 1010 Code of Conduct
  b. Policy 7200 Child Abuse and Maltreatment
  c. Policy 7091 Suicide Prevention **(DELETE)**
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve a reduction in the amount of $1,317.51 to the tax levy for the 2026-2027 school year.
- that the Tax Collector's Report and the Tax Collector's Report of uncollected taxes from Oneida and Herkimer counties for the 2026-2027 school year be accepted.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan to the management letter for the 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements of the Extra-Classroom Activity Funds for the school district.
- that the minutes of the October 13, 2026 meeting be approved.
- that the Treasurer's Reports of Balances for October 31, 2026 be approved as presented.
- that the October 2026 extra-classroom activity reports be approved as presented.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor signed October 20, 2026 and November 5, 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, 001402084, 001401642, 001401791, 001402131, 001401942, 001402088, 001401723, 001401151, 001400765, 001401129, 001401924, 001400522, 001400507, 001401572, 001402211, 001402212 and 001402080 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.
- that the following people be appointed to athletic coaching positions for the winter 2026-2027 school year.

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Alyssa Cook	JV Girls Volleyball Co-Coach
Brittany Kuhn	JV Girls Volleyball Co-Coach

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Ms. Collins)

Miscellaneous Topics: Alexa Nolan shared positive feedback about the homecoming celebration, commenting on how successful the event was. Mr. Makuszak asked what contributed to making this year's homecoming so great. Ms. Nolan felt that the students had a different mentality this year, while Ms. Dreidel added that the DJ was also very good.

Ms. Nolan also shared her thoughts on the proposed reshaping plan. She acknowledged that the changes are needed but expressed concern about how the transition would be communicated to high school students, particularly regarding 7th and 8th grade students sharing the high school hallways.

She emphasized that coming to the high school is an honor and highlighted the importance of maintaining the 8th grade ceremony, even though students will no longer be transitioning to a different building. She shared how special the ceremony is and asked that it remain part of the tradition.

Kaylyn Dreidel noted that she will have graduated by the time the proposed changes take place. However, she shared that she has not heard any negative feedback from students and expressed confidence that students throughout the district will respect one another and navigate the transition positively.

Ms. Collins commented on the success of the Harlem Wizards event and thanked the PTO. She noted that the event was well organized and that everyone had a great time.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Madden recognized Brenda Kuhn and expressed that he was sad to see her retire, noting that she would be greatly missed.

Mr. Flagg expressed pride in the student board members and the thoughtful comments they shared. He also discussed plans for 10th and 11th grade students to visit the middle school to build relationships with younger students and strengthen connections between the schools in preparation for the proposed reshaping transition.

Michelle Babbie thanked Kalyn and Alexa for their poise and professionalism. She also expressed her appreciation to the Board for its commitment to preserving opportunities and resources for students.

Resolution No. 20: made by Ms. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Critelli, that the Board of Education go into executive session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 21: made by Mr. Sacco, and seconded by Mr. Makuszak, that the executive session was declared over by the Board President at 6:48 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Resolution No. 22: made by Mrs. George, and seconded by Ms. Collins, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Shaw
Board Clerk

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