

**PROPOSED  
MINUTES  
of the**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
May 18, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF EDUCATION  
of the  
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Held in the Senior High School, Room 11  
Conklin, New York, County of Broome**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Robert Strick  
Mr. Ryan Andres  
Mr. Mark Leighton  
Mr. Robert Sullivan  
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION Leighton  
SECONDED Vimislik  
APPROVED 7/13/16

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Jordan Jicha  
Mrs. Mary Haskell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent  
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk  
Mrs. Jill Rich, Donnelly Principal  
Ms. Erin Eckert, Brookside Principal  
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of Facilities  
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, SVTA Representative  
Mark Gorgos, School Attorney  
  
Ms. Marcia Guardia, *Country Courier*  
11 Students

Mr. Robert Strick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres, to accept into record the attendance for the May 18, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1** – No Comments

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the April financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Doig thanked everyone for their support on the school budget, and especially thanked Mr. Berry for his hard work over the past three months.

**Resolutions** – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the following resolutions:

Resignation – that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joan Lucess	Secretary Brookside	5/9/16

Long-term Substitute Appointment – that the following long-term substitute be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject / Position</u>	<u>Long-Term Assignment</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Crystal Smith-Ross	PA Certified – (School Counselor PK-12)	5/19/16 – 5/19/17 (Colleen Squire)	As Per Board Policy

Instructional Substitute Appointments – that the following instructional substitute appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brianna Stevens	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	5/19/16
Kurt Rezucha	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	5/19/16
Emilie Hogan	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	5/19/16
Kristen Darling	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	5/19/16

Non-Instructional Substitute Appointments – that the following instructional substitute appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kristen Darling	Substitute: Teacher Aide, Typist, Food Service Worker	\$9.00 Per Hour	5/19/16
Kelley Diffendorf	Substitute: Teacher Aide, Typist, Food Service Worker	\$9.00 Per Hour	5/19/16
Kimberly Belnome	Substitute: Teacher Aide, Typist, Food Service Worker	\$9.00 Per Hour	5/19/16

Tenure – recommended that the following personnel be granted tenure in the respective tenure area on the effective date indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ashley Feltes	Biology 7-12; General Science 7-12	RTS Middle School	9/6/16
Breanna Ryder	SWD 1-6, Child Ed 1-6	RTS Middle School	10/17/16

Activity Advisors – that the payment of stipend for the following activity advisors be approved as listed pending completion of duties:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name(s)</u> <u>Senior High School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Art Show	Jeff Renner	As Per Contract
Art Show	Joyce Russell	As Per Contract
Class of 2016	Erica Lambrou	As Per Contract
Class of 2016	Sydelle Steward	As Per Contract
Class of 2017	Katherine Engle	As Per Contract (1/4)
Class of 2017	Lorraine Buckley	As Per Contract (1/4)
Class of 2017	Matthew Strick	As Per Contract (1/2)
Class of 2018	Meggan Olds	As Per Contract
Class of 2018	Carolyn VanAlstyne	As Per Contract
Class of 2019	Norm Cline	As Per Contract
Class of 2019	Steve Swingle	As Per Contract
Drama	Shirley Goodman	As Per Contract
Drama	Jenn Perkins	As Per Contract
FACS	Teresa Steflik	As Per Contract
French	Sharon Rowe	As Per Contract
Games Club	Patricia Westgate	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Norm Clineala	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Gianni Cordisco	As Per Contract
Jazz Ensemble	Gail Markstein	As Per Contract
Mathletes	Liz McGrath	As Per Contract
Mock Trial	Jody Butts	As Per Contract
Peer Leaders	Heather Fitzgerald	As Per Contract
Peer Leaders	Matthew Mindemann	As Per Contract
Pep Band	Meggan Olds	As Per Contract

Percussion Ensemble	Meggan Olds	As Per Contract
SADD	Jennifer Potter	As Per Contract
SADD	Sharon Repp	As Per Contract
Spanish Club	Diana Drew	As Per Contract (1/2)
Spanish Club	Shauna Cody	As Per Contract (1/2)
Ski & Board Club	Daniel Kosick	As Per Contract
Spirit	Debbie Merrell	As Per Contract
Student Council	Jody Butts	As Per Contract
Student Council	Laura Retzlaff	As Per Contract
Technology Club	Nick Oetinger	As Per Contract
Volleyball	Gianni Cordisco	As Per Contract
Yearbook	Mickey Rader	As Per Contract
Yearbook	Karen Lyke	As Per Contract

RTS Middle School

Yearbook	Terri Howard	As Per Contract
YES! Leads	Dan Kosick	As Per Contract
YES! Leads	Bill Leudemann	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Eric Holmberg	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Jennie Sherman	As Per Contract
Mathways to the Stars	Andrea Gresko	As Per Contract
Mathways to the Stars	Mike Pixley	As Per Contract
Art Show	Bridget Bevacqua	As Per Contract
Art Show	Bassem Eldakar	As Per Contract
Student Council	Bassem Eldakar	As Per Contract
Student Council	Connie Ziemski	As Per Contract
Odyssey of the Mind	Ashley Feltes	As Per Contract

Donnelly

Fitness Club	Diana Homoleski	As Per Contract
PARP, Co-Advisor	Erin Foster	As Per Contract
PARP, Co-Advisor	Cheryl Butcher	As Per Contract
Odyssey of the Mind	Laura Pilotti	As Per Contract
Art Show Co-Advisor	Christine Sumner	As Per Contract
Art Show Co-Advisor	Bridget Bevacqua	AS Per Contract
Family Math Night Coord.	Laura Pilotti	\$200.00

2015-16 Literacy/Math Leaders – that the payment of stipend for the following personnel who have completed their duties for the 2015-16 school year be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amy Cortes	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
SharonWahl	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Christine Titus	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Erin Foster	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Sara Gorton	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Margaret Collins	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Cathie Ayres	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Kate Tokos	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Laura Pilotti	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Steve Potter	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Shawn Baldwin	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Marcy Herrick	Math Leader	As Per Contract

Student Health Services – Recommendation that payment of a \$9,016.00 invoice be approved for providing health services to twenty-eight (28) Susquehanna Valley resident student (\$322.00) attending non-public schools at the Binghamton City School District during the 2015-2016 school year.

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

From	To	Amount
A 2250.160-01-400	A 2250.160-05-400	\$5,600.00
A 5510.160-07-650	A 2250.160-05-400	\$8,300.00
A 2250.472-99-400	A 9901.950-99-901	\$5,126.00
A 2250.490-99-400	A 9901.950-99-901	\$5,000.00
A 9060.800-99-700	A 9080.800-99-700	\$16,000.00
A 2250.160-01-400	A 9901.930-99-901	\$70,000.00

School Tax Reimbursement – due to an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll, that the following tax amount for the 2015-16 tax year be adjusted as follows:

NAME:	Yvonne Hoover
ADDRESS:	44 Hardie Road
TAX MAP #:	178.03-3-15
ASSESSMENT 2015-16	Changed from \$2,891.42 to \$2,094.42
REFUND:	\$797.00
REASON:	Omission of a Basic STAR Exemption

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**Special Education Recommendations** – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education:

- Authorize the **1** service recommended on the CPSE list dated 4/15/16
- Authorize the **28** services recommended on the CSE list dated 3/16 – 4/6/16

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**Certifying Annual Meeting Election** – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the resolution showing tabulation of votes case and declaration of the results of the ballot at the annual meeting and election of Susquehanna Valley Central School District on May 17, 2016 be approved:

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of Susquehanna Valley Central School District, County of Broome, New York, duly adopted on March 18, 2015, the Annual Meeting and Election was duly called and held on May 17, 2016, for the purpose of voting on the budget and for two (2) members of the Board of Education as set forth in the Notice calling the Annual Meeting and Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the Annual Meeting and Election held in this School District on May 17, 2017 was held in all respects in the manner prescribed by the Education Law of the State of New York.

Section 2. The Statement of Inspectors of Election has been presented to the Board of Education of said School District and said Board has examined said Certificate and tabulated it.

Section 3. This Board has this day canvassed the returns contained in such Certificate of the Inspectors of Election and HEREBY DETERMINES the number of votes cast “for” and “against” the budget to be as follows:

**RE: 2016-2017 BUDGET**

MACHINE TOTAL FOR:	<u>394</u>		
MACHINE TOTAL AGAINST:	<u>54</u>		
<b><u>ABSENTEE</u></b>			
FOR:	<u>4</u>	TOTAL FOR:	<u>398</u>
AGAINST:	<u>0</u>	TOTAL AGAINST:	<u>54</u>

Section 4. It is HEREBY FURTHER DETERMINED that the budget was passed by a majority of votes cast and is hereby declared to be adopted.

Section 5. This Board has this day canvassed the returns as contained in such Certificate of the Inspectors of Election and HEREBY DETERMINES that the number of votes cast for the respective candidates is as follows:

	<u>Ballot Box Votes</u>
SUZANNE VIMISLIK	<u>331</u>
ROBERT SULLIVAN	<u>269</u>
MARK LEIGHTON	<u>237</u>
JOHN DANCESIA	<u>2</u>
OTHER	<u>          </u>

ABSENTEE

	<u>Total Votes</u>
SUZANNE VIMISLIK	<u>4</u>
ROBERT SULLIVAN	<u>4</u>
KELLY HOWE	<u>0</u>
JOHN DANCESIA	<u>4</u>
OTHER	<u>          </u>

That the total number of ballots cast for each of the candidates is as follows:

	<u>Total Votes</u>
SUZANNE VIMISLIK	<u>322</u>
ROBERT SULLIVAN	<u>269</u>
KELLY HOWE	<u>237</u>
JOHN DANCESIA	<u>2</u>

Section 6. It is HEREBY DETERMINED that SUZANNE VIMISLIK and ROBERT SULLIVAN were elected as members of the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

Section 7. This Board has this day canvassed the returns contained in such Certificate of Inspectors of Election and HEREBY DETERMINES the number of votes cast “for” and “against” the Bus Proposition to be as follows:

**RE: BUS PROPOSITION**

MACHINE TOTAL FOR:	<u>377</u>
MACHINE TOTAL AGAINST:	<u>70</u>

ABSENTEE

FOR:	<u>4</u>	TOTAL FOR:	<u>381</u>
AGAINST:	<u>0</u>	TOTAL AGAINST:	<u>74</u>

Section 8. It is HEREBY FURTHER DETERMINED that the bus proposition was passed by a majority of votes cast and is hereby declared to be adopted.

Section 9. As evidence of the several determinations hereinabove made, pursuant to Section 2034 of the Education Law of the State of New York, this Board has adopted this resolution.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Dr. Stalma reported on the highlights of the Professional Development Plan. The PDP Committee was committed and dedicated many hours of hard work. This plan has a continued focus on the changes that have happened over the past few years from SED on the Regents; the plan is proactive and meets the State and Federal mandates. The primary focus district-wide for the 2016-17 school year professional development is ELA and math modules, a focus on social studies framework and tool kits, a district-wide K-12 writing initiative, and continuing the expansion of our one-on-one iPad initiative. The district continues the spotlight on data with a strong focus on performance targets. We use the data to assist us in guiding our instruction, and performance targets are now based on NYS assessment averages. In the past the state has required all Professional Development Plans to contain the 175 hour requirement for the certification component for all teachers and administrators to hold a Professional



certification. This requirement was amended, and the State reduced the requirement to 100 hours, but we are still waiting on the State's guidelines for this requirement.

**PDP Annual Plan** – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres, that that the Board of Education approve the District's 2016-17 Annual Professional Development Plan as submitted and reviewed by the assistant superintendent.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – Mrs. Vimislik reported that there will be a change in the Excellus Express Mail prescription option to a different organization. It will be up to the school district on whether they want to pick up that plan. Rates are stabilizing as they were last year.

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mr. Doig reminded the board that the district will be holding a meeting on May 31, in the Middle School, at 6 p.m., for retirees regarding a new Medigap insurance policy the district will be offering.

Ms. Rich reported that it has been very busy at Donnelly. In April, Senator Fred Akshar visited our school with the High School Peer Leaders. Mrs. Burgman, former teacher, came back for the birthday presentations and they planted two trees at Donnelly. Two Binghamton Mets players came to visit the kids and signed autographs, and Donnelly celebrated the Annual Arts and Music Festival and had a great turnout. A group of teachers attend the Best Practices Workshop by Greg Tang. The fifth graders will be attending the Middle School for the Sixth Grade Orientation, and various field trips will be starting soon.

Mr. Schuldt reported that the Facilities Committee met last week and will be bringing to the board information regarding the next capital project. BCK and C & S will be doing a presentation on the Scope of Work at the next meeting.

Mrs. Eckert reported that they started the month off with celebrating the heros at Brookside: teachers, support staff, custodians, school nurse, etc., and would like to thank them for their passion and commitment to the students and families at Brookside. She also thanked the PTA and local businesses that donated items for Teacher Appreciation Week. Our third grade teachers had the opportunity to work on literacy modules, and our math teachers attended the Best Practices Workshop by Greg Tang and brought back great ideas and strategies. Our fifth graders went to the Middle School for the Sixth Grade Orientation, and our PTA is sponsoring many field trips for the students.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2** – None

**Executive Session** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session for personnel. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

At 6:21 p.m. the Board recessed

At 6:28p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**Distinguished Service Award** – Ms. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that Karen DiPersiis be awarded Susquehanna Valley's 2015-16 Distinguished Service Award.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

There being no further business, Mr. Strick adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Mullins  
School District Clerk