

**PROPOSED
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**APPROVED MINUTES
January 21, 2015
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
Mrs. Mary Haskell
Mr. Jordan Jicha
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mr. Robert Sullivan
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION Haskell
SECONDED Vimislik
APPROVED 2/18/15

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Mr. Raymond Storm

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Mr. Gerardo Tagliaferri, Superintendent
Dr. Renée Stalma, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Mark Gorgos, Legal Advisor to the Board
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk
Mr. Roland Doig
Ms. Erin Eckert
Ms. Natalie Brubaker
Mr. David Daniels
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of School Facilities
Mrs. Maureen Kline, Director of Special Services (CSE)
Ms. Denise Wickham, Athletic Director/MS Asst. Principal
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, English Teacher HS; SVTA Representative
Ms. Patricia Westgate, Library Media Specialist HS
Ms. Rita Foran, Library Media Specialist MS
20 Students
Ms. Marcia Guardia, *Country Courier*

Mr. Robert Strick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE - Mark Leighton repeated the Oath of Office led by Karen Mullins and signed the Oath Book.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, to accept into record the attendance for the January 21, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Jicha made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2014, Special Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Mr. Jicha made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015, Special Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1 – No Comments

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the December financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Tagliaferri

Library Presentation – Mrs. Westgate, High School Library Media Specialist, and Mrs. Foran, Middle School Library Media Specialist, gave a presentation on the benefits of the library for the students and staff. They reported that in addition to printed books, the libraries had digital and audio books available to students and staff. Dr. Stalma reported that the librarians also help teachers with professional development.

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

Special Education Recommendations – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education:

- Authorize the 2 services recommended on the CPSE list dated 1/9/15
- Authorize the 21 services recommended on the CSE list dated 12/9 – 12/17/14

Non-Instructional Appointment – that the following non-instructional appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Shelly Callan	Secretary	Donnelly	\$14.83 Per Hour	2/5/15

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>
Traci Kalmus	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	1/22/15
Wayne Johnson	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	1/22/15
Meghan Spencer	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	1/22/15

AV Coordinator – that Krista Clapper be approved as the High School Audio-Visual Coordinator at a stipend of \$1100, for the 2014-15 school year.

Food Service Bids –

- that the following meat and cheese food service bids are awarded for the months of January – February: Sysco, Renzi Brothers, US Foodservice, Behlog, Maines, Ginsberg
- That the following paper food service bids are awarded for the months of January – August : Sysco, Maines, Hill and Markes

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2110.120-04-201	A2110.121-04-201	\$32,735.00
A2110.130-05-202	A2110.121-04-201	\$5,040.00

Retirements – that the following retirements be approved with much regret:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Valerie Hoffman	Teacher	High School	25	6/30/15
Kathleen Searing	Teacher	High School	30	6/30/15
Katherine Hattala	Teacher	High School	34	6/30/15
Marion Foley	Teacher	High School	29	6/30/15
Bonnie Travis	Teacher	Middle School	38	6/30/15

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

SVTA Contract Extension – that the Board of Education approve the funding of the contract extension between

the Susquehanna Valley Teachers' Association (SVTA) and the Susquehanna Valley Central School District, said contract extension having a term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and the Superintendent and Board of Education President are authorized to execute said contract in a form approved by legal counsel to the District. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

DWRU Contract – that the Board of Education approve the funding of the contract between the District Wide Resource Unit (DWRU) and the Susquehanna Valley Central School District, said contract having a term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, and the Superintendent and Board of Education President are authorized to execute said contract in a form approved by legal counsel to the District. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Non-Instructional Appointment – that the following non-instructional appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dustin Hornick	Custodian	Brookside	\$9.00 Per Hour	1/22/15

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Athletic Department Appointments – that the following spring athletic department coaches be appointed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Amanda Spottek	Asst. Modified Softball	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Michael Ford	Asst. Modified Boys' Tennis	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Vote Inspectors – that that Karen Mullins serve as Chairperson of the Bus Proposition Vote, and Richard Stank serve as Chief Inspector of the Vote.

The following persons are nominated to serve as Assistant Clerks and/or Inspectors of the Election: Kay Kane, Mary Smith, Sharon Galli, Sue Dean, Ruth Stone, Anne McGuigan, Laurie Chantry. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Information – Mr. Tagliaferri reported that the Broome-Tioga Association of Chief School Administrators, Broome-Tioga Area Principals' Center, the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association and the Organization of Instructional Representatives Joint Dinner Meeting and Program will be held on January 29, 2015, with guest speaker Eric Jensen. The Broome-Tioga School Boards Association and Broome-Tioga Association of Chief School Administrators Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 6, 2015 at BOCES. Also, the Health Insurance Consortium meeting will be held on February 6 where the rates for next year will be set. Mr. Tagliaferri stated that with the resignation of board member Joe Walker, there is a vacancy on the Legislative and Health Insurance Consortium Committees and that Mr. Strick will need to appoint a board member to those committees. The Budget Workshop originally scheduled for February 4 will be rescheduled for February 12, 2015, at 6 p.m. Mr. Tagliaferri commented "It has been a pleasure to work for this community. I enjoyed my administrative career here at Susquehanna Valley".

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Stalma reported that they are working on Race To The Top for administrators lead evaluator status at the Assistant Superintendent Council meetings. The Professional Development Plan Committee will meet on February 10 to do the first review of summer proposals.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Mr. Strick welcomed new board member Mark Leighton. He stated that this is Mr. Tagliaferri's last Board of Education Meeting and thanked him for his years of service to the district.

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mrs. Brubaker reported that Brookside had a lot of fun at the PTA sponsored Pajama Math Night where the students worked on math activities. She thanked Christine Titus for her help in getting Penguin Publishing to donate books for the Holiday Reading Challenge. Teachers and students were working on a Reading Promise program asking students and parents to read every night.. The High School Peer Leaders started their visits to the elementary schools. Brookside held their Career Week where parents shared information about their careers with the students and explained how literacy and numeracy applied to their job.

Mrs. Kline reported about the Binghamton Senators teaming up with students to help develop their communication and social skills. She thanked Mrs. Strnatka for organizing this event and Mrs. Vascello for arranging the transportation on short notice.

Denise Wickham reported that the girls basketball team was currently 7-0. Ian Lupole, wrestler, just reached his 150th career win and was WBNG's Academic All Star.

Erin Eckert reported that they had two Odyssey of the Mind teams this year, and the competition will be held on March 21. Donnelly had five students make it to All County Chorus. Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Burgman collected Box Tops to raise money for PTA field trips.

Mr. Doig reported that on February 11, Ed Gerrity will be coming to the middle school as a motivational speaker to change mindset. The iPad program is under way and the students will be ready to take the iPads home in approximately two weeks as they are waiting for paperwork back from the parents and students. The Middle School Fun Night will take place on February 6 with about 250 students participating. The Middle School Saber Café is now open serving items such as hot chocolate, pizza and other healthy snacks. Thank you to Ralph Schuldt and Ken Brown for their help constructing this café.

Mr. Schuldt reported that the 2013 Capital Improvement Project is at the state for review. They expect the engineering to be approved sometime in March. Mr. Schuldt welcomed new board member Mark Leighton and told Mr. Tagliaferri that it has been a pleasure working for him.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – No Comments

Executive Session – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and a specific personnel matter. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

At 7:25 p.m. the Board recessed

At 7:38 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 8:38 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

There being no further business, Mr. Strick adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk