

**PROPOSED  
MINUTES  
of the**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2014  
SPECIAL 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  
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik  
Mr. Joseph Walker  
Mr. Robert Sullivan

MOTION

Jicha

SECONDED

Haskell

APPROVED

11/19/2014

**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, RTS Middle School Principal  
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Brookside Principal  
Ms. Erin Eckert, Donnelly Principal  
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of School Facilities  
Mrs. Maureen Kline, Director of Special Services (CSE)  
Mr. Jason Luke, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Kathleen Hattala, English Teacher HS; SVTA Representative  
Ms. Marcia Guardia, *Country Courier*  
Ms. Judy Kelly, Resident  
Mr. Jason Soden, Resident  
16 Students

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

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, to accept into record the attendance for the October 14, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

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

At 6:34 p.m. the Board recessed

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At 6:48 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REPORT**

**Superintendent of Schools** – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, that Joseph C. Dyer is appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Susquehanna Valley Central School District as of January 5, 2015, subject to the completion and execution of a contract of employment mutually agreeable between Mr. Dyer and the Board of Education on or before December 1, 2014. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**Superintendent of Schools Retirement Extension** – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the resolution of this Board of Education, adopted at its meeting on February 11, 2014, which acknowledged an effective retirement date for Superintendent Gerardo Tagliaferri of November 1, 2014, be rescinded in part as it relates to said effective date, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the retirement of Gerardo Tagliaferri as Superintendent of Schools be accepted effective as of the close of business on January 2, 2015. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – No Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Tagliaferri

**Resolutions** – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, to approve the following resolutions:

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

- Authorize the 16 service recommended on the CPSE list dated 10/10/14
- Authorize the 14 services recommended on the CSE list dated 9/10 – 10/2/14

Leave of Absence – that the leave of absence for Mary Clark, Donnelly Elementary teacher, be granted a leave of absence on or about February 1 through March 23, 2015, using FMLA be approved.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brenda Jewell-Freeman	Food Service Helper High School	\$8.08 Per Hour	10/16/14
Thomas Donnelly	Lifeguard Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	10/16/14
Jessica Kilmer	Lifeguard Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	10/16/14
Kasey Tokos	Lifeguard Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	10/16/14

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>
Michael Rice	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14
Shawn Travis	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14
Jonathan Hills	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14
Douglas Osgood	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14
Ashley Clark	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14
Brett Krummenacker	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14
Jennifer Calisi	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/16/14

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ashley Clark	Substitute Teacher Aide	\$8.00 Per Hour	10/16/14
Ashley Clark	Substitute Typist	\$8.00 Per Hour	10/16/14
Nathaneal Dingman	Substitute Pool Supervisor	\$12.00 Per Hour	10/16/14
Maggie Striley	Substitute Pool Supervisor	\$12.00 Per Hour	10/16/14

Athletic Department Appointments – that the following athletic department appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Erin Robertson	Assistant JV Cheerleading	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Nathaneal Dingman	Co-Assistant Varsity Boys' Swim	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Eric Lipski	Co-Assistant Varsity Boys' Swim	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year

Activity Advisors – that the appointment of paid activity advisors be approved as listed:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
<b><u>Senior High School</u></b>		
Art Show	Jeff Renner	As Per Contract
Art Show	Joyce Russell	As Per Contract
Class of 2015	Norm Cline	As Per Contract
Class of 2015	Kathy Hattala	As Per Contract
Class of 2016	Erica Brauer	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
Drama	Norm Cline	As Per Contract
Drama	Kathy Hattala	As Per Contract
French	Sharon Rowe	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Kathy Hattala	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
Mock Trial	Bret Naccarato	As Per Contract
Peer Leaders	Heather Fitzgerald	As Per Contract
Peer Leaders	Matthew Mindemann	As Per Contract
Percussion Ensemble	Meggan Olds	As Per Contract
SADD	Jennifer Potter	As Per Contract
SADD	Sharon Repp	As Per Contract
Select Strings	Eileen Miller	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	David Pavlick	As Per Contract
Yearbook	Mickey Rader	As Per Contract
Yearbook	Karen Lyke	As Per Contract
<b><u>RTS Middle School</u></b>		
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	Lorraine Buckley	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

<u>Brookside</u>		
PARP	Beth Bieber	As Per Contract
Science Fair	Beth Bieber	As Per Contract
Art Show	Christine Sumner	As Per Contract
Fitness Club	Melissa Simpson	As Per Contract

<u>Donnelly</u>		
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 (9 classes)	As Per Contract
Art Show Co-Advisor	Bridget Bevacqua (6 classes)	AS Per Contract

Extra Class Stipends – that extra class stipends for teachers be approved as listed:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Extra Classes – All Year</u> <u>Classes</u>	<u>Stipends</u>
Brice	4 classes a cycle	\$3300
Buckley	2 classes daily	\$10,000
Buckley	3 days in a cycle	\$1250
Van Alstyne	extra class	\$5000
Van Alstyne	3 days a cycle – 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	\$1250
Cleary	extra class	\$5000
Repp	5 or 6 classes a cycle	\$2500
Repp	3 days a cycle – 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	\$1250
Steward	extra class	\$5000
Egan	extra class	\$5000
Ostaneck	extra class	\$5000
Rowe	extra class	\$5000

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>AIS – First Semester</u> <u>Classes</u>	<u>Stipends</u>
Searing	4 days in a cycle	\$1667
Cline	6 days in a cycle	\$2500
Freije	3 days in a cycle	\$1250
Merrell	1 day in a cycle	\$417
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$56,634</b>

Budget Transfer – that the following budget transfer be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2110.121-01-200	A2110.120-01-200	\$18,291.00

Class of 2011 Donation and Scholarship – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education does and hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$8,051.46 from Class of 2011 Club, and the Class of 2011 scholarship be established.

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

**Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing (NYSMEC) for Natural Gas** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Susquehanna Valley Central School District, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District, to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Robert Strick, Board of Education President, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$1.141 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

**Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing (NYSMEC) for Electricity** – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, that **WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

**WHEREAS**, Susquehanna Valley Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Robert Strick, Board of Education President, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$.1126 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**Information** – Mr. Tagliaferri discussed the draft budget calendar for approval stating that the second February budget workshop falls during the mid-winter break which is something the board may wish to change at a future meeting. In an effort to replace outdated buses and reduce our transportation fleet, a transportation proposition will be discussed next month for a February vote. A reminder to the board of education of the B-T School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting and Meet the Candidates on October 22. Sandra Ruffo was elected NYSSBA Area 4 Director. Mr. Daniels and Mr. Hutchinson played in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Coughlin & Gerhart Golf Tournament raising \$1135 for SV Dollars for Scholars. Senior sports recognitions were taking place and the Wall of Fame Inductions will take place on October 25.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Dr. Stalma

Dr. Stalma stated that the Early Release Day on October 9 and the Superintendent's Conference Day on October 10 were spent on assessment trends by grade level, minimal SLO scoring and looking at strategies for teaching economically disadvantaged students..

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – Mrs. Vimislik reported that there will be a Legislative Meeting on October 22.

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mrs. Brubaker reported that the October 2 Brookside Open House was a success. They have completed all their fire drills, their lock down drill, and will be completing their bus drills next week.

Mrs. Eckert reported that Donnelly's Open House took place on September 25 and was positive. The Haunted Hallways and Halloween Parade will take place at 2 p.m. on October 31. PARP starts on November 10 and they invite anyone who wishes to read to the students.

Mrs. Kline reported that Anita Barry, Trisha Newman, Natalie Brubaker, Erin Eckert and herself attended a program "No More Meltdown" a program to deal with crisis in schools. She also attended a Medicaid compliance workshop.

Mr. Doig reported the teachers were looking at data on math trends. the RTS Fun Night will be held on October 24 and the Mathways ceremony will be on October 29. He thanked Jason Luke for his work on integrating iPads to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mr. Luke stated that the iPads were another tool for quality instruction for the students. He hopes to have them in the student's hands by next month.

Mr. Schuldt reported that the Capital Project is still in the queue at SED and they are looking at a February approval date. The Net Zero lighting project was also at SED for review. The high school gymnasium is currently undergoing a renovation with all new banners. The baseball score board is all set to go up at the end of the sports season.

**SVTA** – Mrs. Hatalla stated they had their Olwueus kickoff in the high school and the extra curricular activities have started. The SVTA Craft Fair will be held on November 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the High School, where the proceeds will go toward senior scholarships.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2** – District resident and retired Blue Ridge teacher, Judy Kelly, asked several questions regarding the superintendent search process, and why the resolution was not on the meeting agenda. Mr. Strick responded to questions as asked.

Mr. Jason Soden spoke regarding a bus stop for students living in the Deer Run development in the Town of Binghamton and would like the bus to enter the development to pick up students.

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

At 7:46 p.m. the Board recessed

At 7:55 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 8:32 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, 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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins  
School District Clerk

