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APPROVED MINUTES
October 21, 2020
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. Jack Bell
Mrs. Mary Haskell
Ms. Kelly Howe
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mr. Ryan Remza
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik (*Video Conference*)

MOTION Remza
SECONDED Bell
APPROVED 11/18/20

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of Facilities
Ms. Shannon Hogan, SVTA Representative
Ms. Kara Mallery, MS Teacher

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

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mrs. Howe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remza, to accept into record the attendance for the October 21, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1 – No Comments

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the August financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Doig thanked the administrative team for working together dealing with the different situations in the buildings. He also thanked Mrs. Brubaker and Mr. Schuldt for all their hard work, not only during the work day, but nights and weekends also.

Mr. Berry handed out the 2021-22 budget calendar to the Board of Education.

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

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

- Authorize the 1 service recommend on the CPSE list dated 8/21 – 10/2/20
- Authorize the 6 services recommended on the CSE list dated 9/15 – 9/30/20

Retirements – that the following retirements be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mary Young	Teacher	1992 – 2020 (28)	11/1/20
David Rader	Teacher	1994 – 2020 (26)	11/1/20
Ruth Stone	Senior Typist	1987 – 2020 (33)	11/1/20
Cinde Everling	Senior Typist	2000 – 2020 (20)	11/1/20
Mark Hunsinger	Bus Driver/Mechanic	1993 – 2020 (27)	11/1/20
Gayle Ditch	Teacher Aid	1993 – 2020 (27)	11/1/20
Sandra Beamer	Teacher Aid	1995 – 2020 (25)	11/1/20

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brenda Brown	Head Custodian (<i>provisional</i>)	Donnelly	As Per Contract
Kevin Wheeler	Bus Monitor	Transportation	As Per Contract

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>
Jim Apicella	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	11/2/20
Kathy Cederholm	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	9/9/20
Bethany Maloney	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/22/20
Abigail Godbout	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/22/20
Elaina Rose	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/22/20
Jamie Lamourt	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	10/22/20

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>
Brandy Clark	Substitute Food Service Worker	As Per Contract	10/22/20
Tazmania Way	Substitute Food Service Worker	As Per Contract	10/17/19
Gayle Ditch	Substitute Teacher Aid	As Per Contract	11/2/20
Ruth Stone	Substitute Typists	As Per Contract	11/2/20
Cinde Everling	Substitute Typists	As Per Contract	11/2/20

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>
Peyton Swartwout	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	10/22/20
Gayle Valentine	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	10/22/20

2020-21 Department Chairperson – that the following department chairperson be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Tier</u>
Jennifer Perkins	Music (split)	As Per Contract	Tier 2

Extra Class Stipend – that the following teacher receive a stipend for an additional teaching assignment for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Helga Jensen	7 th Grade Spanish – 6 classes	As Per Contract

Substitute Bus Driver/Retiree Increase – that a 3% increase be approved for all substitute bus drivers who have retired from Susquehanna Valley Central School District as a bus driver. The increase shall be effective October 22, 2020.

Tax Refunds – that the following tax refunds be approved:

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the Director of Broome County Real Property that an error was made in the 2020 tax year and a new tax bill is to be issued as follows:

<u>NAME:</u>	LLH TRS RE Hldings LLC
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PROPERTY ADDRESS:	101 Broome Corporate Parkway, Conklin, NY 13748
TAX MAP #:	194.04-1-19.2
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$9,824,400.00
CORRECTED TAX BILL:	\$443,492.89
REASON:	Formerly wholly exempt parcel – need to process tax bill with a taxable value 9,824,400

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed Application for Refund or Credit of Real Property Taxes from the Director of Broome County Real Property that an error was made in the 2020 application of enhanced STAR savings and a refund is to be issued as follows:

NAME:	James J Pender, Jenny Holmon
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	93 Scofield Road, Conklin, NY 13748
TAX MAP #:	194.03-1-29
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$103,750.00
REFUND:	\$1,695.00
REASON:	Enhanced STAR not applied (tax before STAR \$4,683.48 – STAR savings \$1,695.00 = total tax \$2,988.48) Refund = \$1,695.00

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the Director of Broome County Real Property that an error was made in the 2020 application of enhanced STAR savings and a new tax bill is to be issued as follows:

NAME:	Alyce M Blessing, Rodney L Blessing
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	174 Felters Road, Binghamton, NY 13903
TAX MAP #:	161.15-1-38
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$75,000.00
CORRECTED TAX BILL:	\$1,392.25
REASON:	Basic STAR applied – should have been enhanced (tax before STAR \$3,184.25 – STAR savings \$1,792.00 = total tax \$1,392.25) Difference = \$949.00

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the Director of Broome County Real Property that an error was made in the 2020 application of enhanced STAR savings and a new tax bill is to be issued as follows:

NAME:	Catherine G McAvoy
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	1901 Coleman Road, Binghamton, NY 13903
TAX MAP #:	177.04-1-9
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$85,000.00
CORRECTED TAX BILL:	\$1,816.81
REASON:	Basic STAR applied – should have been enhanced (tax before STAR \$3,608.81 – STAR savings \$1,792.00 = total tax \$1,816.81) Difference = \$949.00

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the Director of Broome County Real Property that errors were made in the 2020 tax year and a new tax bill is to be issued as follows:

NAME:	Dorothy Chukolosky
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	947 Conklin Road, Conklin, NY 13748
TAX MAP #:	162.18-1-43
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$52,290.00
CORRECTED TAX BILL:	\$311.38
REASON:	Basic STAR applied – should have been enhanced and 15% Sr. exemption not applied Assessed value 52,290 – Sr. exemption amount 7,844 = taxable value 44,446 (tax before STAR \$2,006.38 – STAR savings \$1,695.00 = total tax \$311.38) Difference = \$1,203.09

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed

Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the Director of Broome County Real Property that an error was made in the 2020 application of enhanced STAR savings and a refund is to be issued as follows:

NAME:	Diane M Nicholas Anthony L Nicholas
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	1212 Conklin Road, Conklin, NY 13748
TAX MAP #:	194.08-3-12
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$57,519.00
REFUND:	\$849.00
REASON:	Basic STAR Applied – should have been enhanced (tax before STAR \$2,596.52 – STAR savings \$1,695.00 = total tax \$901.52) Refund = \$849.00

- Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following receipt of an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the Director of Broome County Real Property that an error was made in the 2020 application of enhanced STAR savings and a new tax bill is to be issued as follows:

NAME:	Beverly Birtch - LU
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	945 Powers Road, Conklin, NY 13748
TAX MAP #:	178.04-1-21
ASSESSMENT 2020-21:	\$60,175.00
CORRECTED TAX BILL:	\$1,021.42
REASON:	Basic STAR applied – should have been enhanced (tax before STAR \$2,716.42 – STAR savings \$1,695.00 = total tax \$1,021.42) Difference = \$849.00

Donations –

- that the Board of Education accept a donation of a student-sized cello, viola, and violin from Catherine Reynolds valued at \$400.00.
- that the Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation from Amphenol Aerospace of Sidney, NY, a Formlabs Form 2 Stereolithography 3D printer, valued at \$1,500, to the High School Technology Department.

School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring Program – that a professional service agreement with Broome County for a School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring Program be approved through December 1, 2024. The purpose of this program is to increase the safety of children onboarding or exiting stopped school buses within the School District by reducing illegal passes by motorists of stopped school buses within the district.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

External Audit Report – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the 2019-20 External Audit Report submitted by Inero & Co. CPA's, LLP, and the associated Corrective Action Plan be accepted by the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Leaves of Absence – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that .

- Erin Foster, Brookside Elementary teacher, be granted an unpaid leave of absence from October 27, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Teresa Steflik, RTS Middle School teacher, be granted a leave of absence from 10/20 through 12/15/20.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Leave of Absence – Mrs. Vimislik requested that the resolution for the following leave of absence be held for held for a poll vote: that Jay Vimislik, Middle School teacher, be granted an extension to his leave of absence through 1/2/21.

Upon poll vote, the motion was approved. (6 yeses, 1 abstain) (Vimislik, abstain; Strick, yes; Bell, yes; Haskell, yes; Howe, yes; Leighton, yes; Remza, yes)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brubaker reported that the K-6 numbers for remote learning have decreased, the 7-8 grade remote numbers have stayed the same, and the high school numbers have increased slightly to about 25 percent for 9-12 doing remote learning. She explained how the classrooms were different and more difficult for the teachers this year, and thanked them for their patience in handling this situation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – No Report

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mr. Schuldt reported that they have just about wrapped up the vestibule work from the summer project with just the punch list items remaining.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – None

Executive Session – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

At 6:43 p.m. the Board recessed

At 6:44 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

There being no further business, Mr. Strick adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk

