

**PROPOSED
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**APPROVED MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2014
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. Rusty Storm
Mr. Robert Sullivan
Mr. Jordan Jicha

MOTION Sullivan
SECONDED Jicha
APPROVED 12/17/14

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Joseph Walker
Suzanne Vimislik

**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. Joan Lucress, Pro Tem District Clerk
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of School Facilities
Mrs. Maureen Kline, Director of Special Services (CSE)
Ms. Erin Eckert, Donnelly Principal
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Brookside Principal
Ms. Denise Wickham, Athletic Director/MS Asst. Principal
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, English Teacher HS; SVTA Representative
Mr. Thomas Ryan Andres, Resident
Ms. Laura Kolanda, Resident
Ms. Joni Thornton, Visitor
Ms. Marilyn Thorton, Visitor
Ms. Jennifer Reese, Former Student
1 Student

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

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to accept into record the attendance for the November 19, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Jicha made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014, Special Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1 – No Comments

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the October financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Tagliaferri

Pro Tem District Clerk – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Storm, that the Board of Education approve Joan Lucrez as the pro tem District Clerk, with an appropriate compensation for a pro tem District Clerk as \$75 per meeting for any meeting(s) actually covered during the 2014-15 calendar year. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

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

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

- Authorize the 35 services recommended on the CSE list dated 9/10 – 10/2/14

Resignations – that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brenda Jewell-Freeman	Food Service Worker	High School	10/22/14
David Pavlick	Teacher	High School	12/12/14
David Pavlick	Asst. Modified Boys' Swim Coach	Athletics	11/3/14

Leave of Absence – that the leave of absence for from October 30 through November 5, 2014, and from December 12, 2014, through January 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>
Dale Loftus	Food Service Helper Donnelly	\$8.08 Per Hour	11/20/14
Krista Micalizzi	Lifeguard Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	11/20/14

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Adrienne Weaver	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$8.00 Per Hour	11/20/14

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>
Christina Roma	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	11/20/14
Abby Pierce	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	11/20/14
Audra Ridikas	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	11/20/14
Sonya Beylo	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	11/20/14
Jessica Remza	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	11/20/14
Gina Baldwin	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	11/20/14

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

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Began</u>		<u>Salary</u>
Head Varsity Baseball	Brendan Heslin	2012-13	3 rd Year	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Boys Tennis	Anthony Ruffo	2010-11	5 th Year	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Girls Track & Field	Marion Foley	2001-02	14 th Year	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Boys Track & Field	Seth Cosens	2006-07	9 th Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Baseball	Chad Freije	2008-09	7 th Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Baseball	Niklas Pace	2013-14	2 nd Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Track & Field	Rick Cleary	1993-94	21 st Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Track & Field	Brian Staiger	2012-13	4 th Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Track & Field	Bob Weingartner*	2012-13	16 th Year	As Per Contract
Asst. Modified Track & Field	Allison Cass	2007-08	7 th Year	As Per Contract
Asst. Modified Track & Field	Ted Hudock	2002-03	14 th Year	As Per Contract

School Tax Reimbursements – due to an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll, that the following tax amounts for the 2014-15 tax year be adjusted as follows:

NAME:	Spacek/Backo
TAX MAP #:	224-02-1-23
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$2,640.35 to \$984.35
REASON:	Change in STAR savings
NAME:	Scarantino/Bayne
TAX MAP #:	192.03-2-20
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$2,243.70 to \$1,442.70
REASON:	Change in STAR savings
NAME:	Skolnikov
TAX MAP #:	176.12-1-44
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$2,003.30 to \$1,202.30
REASON:	Change in STAR savings
NAME:	Davis
TAX MAP #:	176.19-2-18
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$3,706.43 to \$4,507.43
REASON:	Change in STAR savings
NAME:	BC IDA
TAX MAP #:	194-07-1-3.11
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$9,027.78 to \$0
REASON:	Parcel wholly exempt
NAME:	Aton, Ronald
TAX MAP #:	224.02-1-29.111
ASSESSMENT	Changed from \$176,500 to \$45,000
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$7,071.65 to \$1,802.97
REASON:	Change in Assessment
NAME:	Aton, Joseph
TAX MAP #:	224.02-1-29.112
ASSESSMENT	Changed from \$15,000 to \$146,500
TAXES DUE:	Changed from \$600.99 to \$5,869.67
REASON:	Change in STAR Savings

Food Service Bids – that the following meat and cheese food service bids are awarded for the months of November and December:

Sysco, Renzi Brothers, US Foodservice, Lupos, Behlog, Maines, Binsberger

Energy Education Stipend – that Mark Bordeau and Ralph Schuldt be appointed Energy Educator, Inc. managers with a reallocation (prorated) of the Energy Education stipend for duties performed effective December 1, 2014 as follows:

Mark Bordeau	\$12,900
Ralph Schuldt	\$3,600

Certification of Lead Evaluator For Teachers – that Natalie Brubaker, David Daniels, Roland Doig, Erin Eckert, Charles Hutchinson, Denise Wickham, Maureen Kline, Dr. Renée Stalma, and Gerardo Tagliaferri are hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluators of teachers having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.0(b). This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the Susquehanna Valley Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan.

Certification of Lead Evaluator For Principals – that Gerardo Tagliaferri and Dr. Renée Stalma are hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluators of building principals having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.0(b). This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the Susquehanna Valley Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan.

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

Internal Auditing Services – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that Ernie Skiadas be authorized to provide Internal Audit Services for the years ending June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2019. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

2015-16 BOCES Services – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, that the unit cost methodology is hereby approved for shared services with the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the 2015-16 school year. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

CNCT Contract – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the funds for the contract between the District and the Susquehanna Valley Certified Non-Classroom Teachers' (CNCT) for the school years July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

Scheduling Special District Meeting – Bus Proposition – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, Resolution of the Board of Education that the following proposition be placed before the voters for consideration at an Annual meeting of the District to be held on February 10, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and the District Clerk is directed to take all necessary steps to arrange for the publishing of the notice of such meeting and all required actions associated therewith:

Shall the Board of Education purchase one (1) 72 passenger bus, at a cost not to exceed \$118,000 after trade-in, two (2) 66 passenger buses, each at a cost not to exceed \$118,500 after trade-in, and one (1) wheel chair bus at a cost not to exceed \$86,000 after trade-in including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, and said sum of \$441,000 is hereby approved and appropriated therefore and serial bonds, bond anticipation notes, and statutory installment bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$441,000 in anticipation of a tax to be collected in installments as authorized. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

Winter Assistant Coaching Appointment – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, that the following winter assistant coaching appointment be approved:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Assistant Modified Boys' Swimming	Marion Foley	11/20/14	As Per Contract

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

Resignation of Board Member – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, Recommendation that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education accept the resignation of Board Member Joseph Walker, effective January 1, 2015. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

Information – Mr. Tagliaferri acknowledged School Board Recognition Week, which took place in October and shared proclamations from Governor Cuomo and Broome County Executive Debbie Preston along with an article that Mr. Hull had provided to the Country Courier. As a matter of record, Mr. Tagliaferri reviewed a letter that was received from the State Education Department in June regarding reduced testing as part of the district's APPR Plan. As discussed in previous board meetings, the district worked over the course the past school year on modifying the district's APPR Plan to reduce testing. This was submitted to the State Education Department in June and approved in August. Approximately \$1.6 million has been allocated to the district with the passing of the Smart Bond Act legislation. Eligible uses as known were reviewed. Guidelines have yet to be issued. We are currently thinking of adding an ad hoc Group for the Facilities Advisory Committee to address the Smart Bonds plan as funding falls under capital projects. Mr. Tagliaferri and Mr. Berry attended the Health Insurance Consortium meeting on November 7. It was reported that this is the final year of agreement with Excellus, and the contract would be renegotiated. Also, our surplus is increasing slightly and rates for the next year are to be set in February. With Mr. Walker resigning as trustee, it will be necessary to appoint someone in his place. Information was also provided regarding increases in cost adjustments to BOCES addressing some unanticipated expenses. Mr. Gorgos provided the board with information regarding the Veterans Property Tax Exemption Option that was signed into law December of 2013. This was first brought to the board's attention in February of 2014 for consideration. As Mr. Gorgos reported, the Property Tax Law Option is very complicated and tiered depending upon the veteran's status. He has had discussion with the assessor for

the towns of Conklin and Binghamton in an attempt to determine impact. There are many unknowns; it would involve the shifting of taxes to non-veterans to make up the levy and there are potential tax cap implications. This item will be researched further for board consideration.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Stalma reported that the PDP Committee met twice and finalized initiatives for the 2015-16 school year. Some have already been the focus for this school year. Poverty was the focus because of the increase in economically disadvantaged students. Teachers and administrators attended the Eric Jenson workshop are turn keying the information and each building is implementing the new information. K-12 social studies: SED released their framework that the purpose is to serve as a guide for local school districts in development of the social studies curricula. Dr. Stalma showed the resources that can be found on EngageNY. To prepare for this, Patricia Polen, an associate in instructional services from SED, presented the framework and its implementation; teachers and administrators attended.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – None

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mrs. Brubaker stated and an evacuation drill took place and everything went smoothly. The Student Leadership Team was making up Thanksgiving Baskets for 12 families. She mentioned the Kopernik visit, the PARP Program and the book fair all went well. The Brookside Winter Concert was schedule for December 10.

Mrs. Eckert reported that PARP Program went well, that each student received a free book from the PTA, and the Hula Hooping Club gave a nice presentation, December 4 was Donnelly's Mathapalooza, and the Donnelly Winter Concert was scheduled for December 11.

Mrs. Wickham reported that the golf team was STAC Division Champions and Marisa Fiorentino broke the 11 dive school record. Many thanks: Mr. Schuldt for the HS gymnasium renovations with new banners, Mr. Apicella for the sound system at the football field, and Mr. Tagliaferri and Mrs. Haskell for their participation in the Wall of Fame. The Middle School Senior Citizen Lunch held of 11/18 was a success; Mr. Tagliaferri and Mr. Paske attended.

Mrs. Kline stated that assessment training was held on November 18; Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Strnatka attended. There were six attendees for pediatric yoga. Mr. Berry attended Medicaid Cost Report training in October. The November 15 report is not due on December 21, 2014. The November 12 and December 13 reports will be reopened.

Mr. Schuldt reported that the capital project is under review at the State Education Department. The High School gymnasium renovations and new banners are complete, and the new baseball scoreboard is installed.

Mr. Cordisco reported that the SVTA Craft Fair will be held on November 22 at the Middle School.

Mr. Gorgos welcomed the students in attendance, and stated that meetings are open to the public and explained the executive session.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – No Comments

Executive Session – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

At 7:40 p.m. the Board recessed

At 7:44 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 8:48 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

Athletic Department Appointments – Mr. Storm made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the following athletic department appointments pending fingerprint and criminal background check be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Evan Ligeikis	Substitute Lifeguard	\$12.00 Per Hour	2014-15 School Year
	Supervisor for Aquatics/Pool		
Teresa Steflik	Substitute Lifeguard	\$12.00 Per Hour	2014-15 School Year
	Supervisor for Aquatics/Pool		

Dave Pavlick	Substitute Lifeguard	\$12.00 Per Hour	2014-15 School Year
	Supervisor for Aquatics/Pool		
Astrid Baker	Head Varsity Volleyball	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Jeffrey Neuberger	Asst. Modified Girls' Soccer	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Eric Lipski	Asst. Varsity Girls' Swim & Diving	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Rita Foran	Asst. JV Volleyball	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Brent Mattson	Asst. Modified Volleyball	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year

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

Athletic Department Appointments – Mr. Storm made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the following athletic department appointments pending fingerprint and criminal background check be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lorraine Buckley	Substitute Lifeguard	\$12.00 Per Hour	2014-15 School Year
	Supervisor for Aquatics/Pool		
Teresa Steflik	Head Boys' Swim & Diving	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year
Jessica Wright	Asst. Modified Girls' Tennis	As Per Contract	2014-15 School Year

Upon poll vote the motion was approved. (6 yeses, 1 no) (Storm, no; Vimislik, yes; Walker, yes; Haskell, yes; Sullivan, yes; Jicha, yes; Strick, yes)

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk