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**APPROVED MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 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
Mr. Jordan Jicha
Mr. Rusty Storm
Mr. Robert Sullivan
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik
Mr. Joseph Walker

MOTION

SECONDED

APPROVED

Jicha
Sullivan
1/21/15

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell

**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. Ralph Schuldt, Director of School Facilities
Mrs. Maureen Kline, Director of Special Services (CSE)
Ms. Denise Wickham, Athletic Director/MS Asst. Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Hattala, English Teacher HS; SVTA Representative
Ms. Kelly Howe, Resident
Ms. Judy Kelly, Resident
Ms. Chris Miller, Resident
Mr. William Miller, Resident
6 Students
Ms. Marcia Guardia, *Country Courier*

Mr. Robert Strick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, to accept into record the attendance for the December 17, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014, Special Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Storm to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014, 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 – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the November financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Tagliaferri

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 1 service recommended on the CPSE list dated 12/1/14
- Authorize the 33 services recommended on the CSE list dated 11/10 – 12/3/14

Resignation – that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Donna Miele	Secretary	Donnelly	12/9/14

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sara Yezzi	Lifeguard	Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	12/18/14
Paul Deeley	Lifeguard	Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	12/18/14

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>
Heather Hall	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$8.00 Per Hour	12/18/14
K. (Jimmy) Jeevananda	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$8.00 Per Hour	12/18/14
Michelle Grant	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$8.00 Per Hour	12/18/14
	Substitute Teacher Aide		
Tina Waffle	Substitute Typist	\$8.00 Per Hour	12/18/14
	Substitute Teacher Aide		

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>
Tina Waffle	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	12/18/14
Therese Zadi	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	12/18/14
Sophia Reading	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	12/18/14

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A 2110.130-05-202	A 2855.160-99-264	\$9,610.00
A 9060.800-99-700	A 1621.420-10-130	\$31,000.00

Donations – that the following donations be approved:

- The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education accept a donation from the SV All Sports Boosters Club in the amount of \$4,249.61 for the purchase of sideline chairs, and hereby appropriates the amount into the General Fund as follows:
 Use: \$4,249.61 to A 2855 450 99 264 (Athletics – Materials and Supplies)
 Source: \$4,249.61 to A2705 (Revenue – Gifts and Donations)
- The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education accept a donation from Andrew Kearns of an alto saxophone valued at \$400.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation for these generous donations.

Equipment Disposal – that one (1) cafeteria vending machine (Snackshop 113, serial #221023203), which no longer functions properly be sold to Maine-Endwell for \$200.00 for parts be disposed of.

Minimum Wage Increase – that due to the minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2015, any substitutes, support staff and non-contractual employees whose wages are less than \$8.75 per hour be raised to the minimum wage level effective January 1, 2015.

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

Extended Season Coaching Payments – that the following extended season coaching payments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ted Hudock	1 week extended season head coach	As Per Contract
Jay Vimislik	1 week extended season assistant	As Per Contract
Grace Tabeeek	1 week extended season head coach	As Per Contract

Upon poll vote the motion was approved. (5 yeses, 1 abstain) (Storm, yes; Vimislik, abstain; Walker, yes; Sullivan, yes; Jicha, yes; Strick, yes).

Information – Mr. Tagliaferri reported that he was currently in Albany as a member of the New York State Council of School Superintendent's Legislative Committee. He stated that guidance is deficient for the property tax freeze exemption and the recently passed Smart Bonds Act which would allow Susquehanna Valley to get up to \$1.6 million for technology purposes. Fortunately, this is a multi-year plan, but there currently isn't any direction as to the timeline. The district and SVESSA gave a member benefit presentation with speakers from Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, NYSUT Member Benefits Service and the Employee Retirement Service.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Stalma reported that professional development activity with Gene Jordan had a math focus. Six through eight grade math leaders looked at data from the state assessments and the trends with our students at Susquehanna Valley. This information will be reviewed and applied.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Mr. Strick announced that Mr. Walker was resigning from the Board of Education and will be the Town of Binghamton Justice as of January 1, 2015, and that this would be his last meeting. He thanked Mr. Walker for his service to the district and wished him luck as Town Justice.

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mrs. Kline discussed EL learners; students who require English as a second language. She recently attended a meeting at Maine-Endwell with State representatives where it was discussed that the regulations regarding EL Learners have become more rigorous in what we provide these students. Fifteen percent of all our professional development is for EL learners.

Mrs. Wickham reported that they have started the winter sport season. She reminded everyone that cheerleading is not a sport with competitions and the local and state levels. The Middle School held the Senior Citizen Holiday Lunch which was a success. The thanked Ben Amorese for his role as Santa, the music and food service departments.

Mr. Schuldt reported that the capital project summer work is at SED for approval and is on schedule for a February bid. The NetZero project was at the State for approval and should start during the spring break.

Mrs. Hattala talked about the many concerts and luncheons taking place. Approximately \$900 in Thanksgiving food baskets went to families in need. She thanked Mr. Walker for his service to the district.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – No Comments

Ms. Judy Kelly, SV resident, asked about the search for a new superintendent. Mr. Strick stated that the Board of Education was seeking interest within the district, which would determine whether the search needed to be reopened. The Board of Education is following the advice of Mr. Buyck, District Superintendent of BOCES. Ms. Kelly asked how a resident could get a hold of a board member, where Mr. Strick told her to get a hold of Mrs. Mullins, District Clerk, who was authorized to provide Mr. Strick's phone number if requested.

Julia Allen, student, asked Dr. Stalma how SV compared to other districts when analyzing ELA and math assessments, where Dr. Stalma reported that SV fell in the middle range.

Tyler Miller, student, expressed concerns with the scheduling of lifeguard hours at the pool.

Executive Session – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jicha, 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 7:07 p.m. the Board recessed

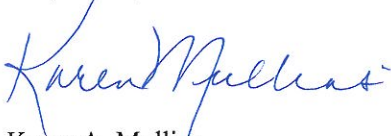
At 7:14 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 9:22 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Walker 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 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk