

**PROPOSED  
MINUTES  
of the**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2013  
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:** Ms. Suzanne Vimislik  
Mrs. Mary Haskell  
Mr. Rusty Storm  
Mr. Robert Strick  
Mr. Joseph Walker  
Mr. Thomas Donnelly, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Robert Sullivan (personal)

**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. Diane Kalmen, District Clerk  
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of Facilities  
Mrs. Maureen Kline, Director of Special Services (CSE)  
Mrs. Natalie Brubaker, Brookside Principal  
Mrs. Erin Eckert, Donnelly Principal  
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, English Teacher, High School; SVTA Representative  
Ms. Marcia Guardia, *Country Courier*

Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the salute to the American flag.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to accept into record the attendance for the December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 Regular 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 REPORTS** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to acknowledge receipt of the November Financial Reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

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

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

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

- Authorize the 7 services recommended on the CPSE list 12/6/13
- Authorize the 12 services recommended on the CSE list dated 11/20 – 12/3/13

Resignation – that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michele Reilly	Teacher Aide/Brookside	12/4/13

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joyce Hawkins	Food Service Helper/Donnelly	\$8.00 Per Hour	1/2/14

Instructional Substitute Appointments – that the following per diem substitute appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kari DiTondo	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Demetra Kermidas	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Jennifer McPherson	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Jennifer Pawol	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Melissa Ryder	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Kenneth Bidwell	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Pam Gendron	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Sarah O'Neill	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13
Diane Pipher	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	12/19/13

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>
Elizabeth Walters	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$7.25 Per Hour	12/19/13
Nicole LeRoy	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$7.25 Per Hour	12/19/13
Tana Stilloe	Substitute Aide	\$7.25 Per Hour	12/19/13
Melissa Karpiak	Substitute Typist	\$7.25 Per Hour	12/19/13

Athletic Department Spring Head/Assistant Coach Appointments - that the following athletic department head/assistant spring coach appointments for the 2013-14 school year be approved:

<u>Level &amp; Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Began</u>	<u>2012-13 School Year</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Head Varsity Baseball	Brendan Heslin	2012-13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Softball	TBD			
Head Varsity Boys' Tennis	Anthony Ruffo	2010-11	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Girls' Track & Field	Marion Foley	2001-02	13 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Boys' Track & Field	Seth Cosens	2006-07	8 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant JV Baseball	Chad Freije	2008-09	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Baseball	Niklas Pace	2013-14	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant JV Softball	Sara Gorton	2006-07	6 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Track & Field	Rick Cleary	1993-94	19 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Track & Field	Brian Staiger	2012-13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Track & Field	Bob Weingartner*	2012-13	14 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Track & Field	Allison Cass	2007-08	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Track & Field	Ted Hudock	2002-03	12 <sup>th</sup> Year	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Softball	TBD			
Assistant Modified Tennis	Scott Giraud	2010-11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	As Per Contract

\*Coached Track 1992-2004 school years for total of 12 years

Extra Class Stipend – that the following teacher receive a stipend for an extra class teaching assignment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Sharon Rowe	LOTE	\$5,000

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2110.121-05-202	A2110.121-01-200	\$4,077.00
A2110-121-05-202	A2110-121-04-201	\$57,547.00

Donation – that the Board of Education accept a donation from the SV Athletic Booster Club for new swimming and diving equipment, 25 snorkels, 25 kickboards and 10 medicine balls, valued at \$1420.54.

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

Bid Award – that be it RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Food Services, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the Paper Bid for the months of January – June and that it be awarded to the following vendors:

Sysco	Sanico
Maines	Hill and Markes

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

**Arbitrage Contractual Agreement** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, that the contractual agreement be extended with no increase in costs with Arbitrage Compliance Specialists, Inc. for arbitration calculation and report filing services, and authorizes the board president to sign said agreement. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**Certifying Special Meeting Election** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Storm, that the following resolution be approved:

Resolution Showing Tabulation of Votes Cast  
and Declaration of the Results of the Ballot  
at the Special Meeting of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District on December 10, 2013

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of Susquehanna Valley Central School District, County of Broome, New York, duly adopted on September 18, 2013, the Special Meeting was duly called and held on December 10, 2013, for the purpose of voting on one proposition as set forth in the Notice calling the Special Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the Special Meeting and Vote held in this School District on December 10, 2013 was held in all respects in the manner prescribed by the Education Law of the State of New York.

Section 2. The Statement of Inspectors of Election has been presented to the Board of Education of said School District and said Board has examined said Certificate and tabulated it.

Section 3. This Board has this day canvassed the returns contained in such Certificate of the Inspectors of Election and HEREBY DETERMINES the number of votes cast “for” and “against” the proposition to be as follows:

RE: PROPOSITION VOTE

BALLET BOX TOTAL FOR: 196

BALLET BOX TOTAL AGAINST: 47

ABSENTEE

FOR: 3

AGAINST: 0

TOTAL FOR: 199

TOTAL AGAINST: 47

Section 4. It is HEREBY FURTHER DETERMINED that the proposition was passed by a majority of votes cast and is hereby declared to be adopted.

Section 5. As evidence of the several determinations hereinabove made, pursuant to Section 2034 of the Education Law of the State of New York, this Board has adopted this resolution.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Long-Term Substitute Appointment** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, that the following long-term substitute appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject/Position</u>	<u>Long-Term Assignment</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Sara Wahila	LTS – Guidance Counselor	1/9 – 4/7/14 (Colleen Squire)	As Per Board Policy

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

**Athletic Department Appointment** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that the following spring athletic department appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kelsey Mullins	Head Varsity Softball	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year

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

**Non-Instructional Substitute Appointment** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that the following non-instructional substitute appointment be approved

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Pavlick	Substitute Pool Supervisor	\$7.25 Per Hour	12/19/13

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

**Bid Award** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, that be it RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Food Services, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the Meat and Cheese Bid for the months of January – February and that it be awarded to the following vendors:

Sysco	Behlogs
Renzi Brothers	Ginsberg
Lupos	

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

**Minimum Wage Increase** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that due to the minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2014, the Superintendent recommends that any substitutes, support staff and non-contractual employees whose wages are less than \$8.00 per hour be raised to the minimum wage level effective January 1, 2014. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**Information** – The new serving line for Brookside will be installed over the holiday break. The APPR small group committee met on December 13 to start reviewing the plan. Mr. Tagliaferri attended legislative meetings in Albany last week.

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

Dr. Stalma reported that Gene Jordan, BOCES, worked with K-8 teachers on the math modules. Math Leaders, teacher representatives and Dr. Stalma attended training today for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade modules. Training on 4<sup>th</sup> grade modules is being held December 19. Math Counts Parents Night is being held January 13 at the Middle School.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – No Report

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mrs. Brubaker reported on the Singapore Math workshops. A lock-down drill was held before Thanksgiving and went very well. The holiday concert was held December 11. The science fair is being held January 9.

Mrs. Eckert reported that the Souper Mathapalooza was held December 5 and 80 families attended. The winter concert went well. Polar Express Day is being held on December 20. The Pasta Palooza is being held January 30.

Mrs. Kline reported on the use of ipads in the classroom, having students give responses to questions using the ipads. Teachers are able to tally the answers and see who is doing well and who needs more support.

Mr. Schuldt thanked the community for the support of the new capital improvement project and stated that he looks forward to getting started on the new project. Mr. Schuldt reported on the work that will take place in the buildings over the break.

**SVTA – No Report**

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – No Comments**

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

At 7:09 p.m. the Board recessed

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

At 8:21 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

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

There being no further business, Mrs. Vimislik adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Kalmen  
School District Clerk