

**PROPOSED
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**APPROVED MINUTES
February 15, 2023
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. Jack Bell
Ms. Johanna Burkhardt
Ms. Kelly Howe
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mr. Ryan Remza
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION

SECONDED

APPROVED

Remza

Burkhardt

3/15/23

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Superintendent
Ms. Catherine Kacyvenski, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive
Ms. Sydelle Steward, HS Principal
Mr. Scott Snyder, MS Principal
Mr. Ed Swartwout, MS Asst. Principal
Ms. Jessica Bowerman, Brookside Principal
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of Facilities
Ms. Shannon Hogan, SVTA Representative
Ms. Patricia Westgate, Teacher
2 Students

Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, to accept into record the attendance for the February 15, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023, 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 REPORT – Ms. Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remza, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the January financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brubaker reminded the board that they are invited to attend the rehearsal of the drama production, Freaky Friday, after the meeting. She noted that on the 2023-24 school calendar there are four two-hour delays scheduled for teacher professional development. She said that this is easier on parents to cope with two-hour delays than early dismissals, and these will be used for data analysis and common assessment work. She said that we will have a pilot two-hour day on May 8 for suicide prevention training for middle and high school staff.

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

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

- Authorize the 26 services recommended on the CSE list dated 1/11 – 2/1/23

Resignation – that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Theresa Mahoney	Bus Monitor	Transportation	1/31/23

Retirements – that the following retirements be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Andrea Gresko	Teacher	1990 – 2023 (33)	6/30/23
Beth Bieber	Teacher	1987 – 2023 (36)	6/30/23

Leaves of Absence – that the following leaves of absence be approved:

- The Superintendent recommends that Courtney Marris, High School teacher, be granted a medical leave of absence from on or about April 17 through the remainder of the 2022-23 school year.
- The Superintendent recommends that that Meggan Olds, High School teacher, be granted an extension to her leave of absence through March 12, 2023.
- The Superintendent recommends that Colin Staiger, High School teacher, be granted a medical leave of absence from on or about April 5 and return on April 24.

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>
Christian Kick	Substitute Teacher – Non-certified	As Per Contract	2/16/23
Douglas Keister	Substitute Teacher – Non-certified	As Per Contract	2/16/23
Caroline Donnelly	Substitute Teacher – Non-certified	As Per Contract	2/16/23

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

Caiden Hogan	Substitute Teacher Aide	As Per Contract	2/16/23
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SAT Advisors – that Elizabeth Strnatka and Rachel Heslin be approved to teacher SAT review classes for the 2022-23 school year at a stipend of \$1000 each.

Mentors – that the following mentors be approved for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Breanna Ryder	Mentor	As Per Contract	12/1/22
Michael Ramsden	Mentor	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year

Extra Class Stipend – that the following teacher receive a stipend for an additional teaching assignment for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Richard Brice	6 th Class – AIS Math, Spring Semester	As Per Contract

Technology Coaches – that the following technology coaches be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brendan Heslin	Technology Coach	Brookside	\$750	Feb. – June 2023
Heather Benning	Technology Coach	Donnelly	\$750	Feb. – June 2023
Breanna Ryder	Technology Coach	Middle School	\$750	Feb. – June 2023
Colin Staiger	Technology Coach	High School	\$750	Feb. – June 2023

Athletic Department Spring Head/Assistant Coach Appointments – that the following 2022-2023 athletic department spring head/assistant coach appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Matt Merrell	Head Varsity Baseball	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Karen Bidwell	Head Varsity Softball	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year

Anthony Ruffo	Head Varsity Boys Tennis	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Grace TabEEK	Head Varsity Girls Track & Field	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Matthew Schneider	Head Varsity Boys Track & Field	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Michael Ford	Head Varsity Girls Flag Football	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Jim Desimone	Asst. Junior Varsity Baseball	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Samuel Chapman	Asst. Modified Baseball	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Amanda Spottek	Asst. Junior Varsity Softball	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Todd Kariam	Asst. Modified Softball	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Michael Ford	Asst. Modified Boys' Tennis	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Kellyn Chapman	Asst. Varsity Girls Track & Field	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Eric Holmberg	Asst. Varsity Boys Track & Field	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
William Egan	Asst. Modified Boys' Track & Field	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Allison Cass	Asst. Modified Girls' Track & Field	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year
Alexandria Alford	Asst. varsity Girls Flag Football	As Per Contract	2022-23 School Year

Tenure – that the following personnel be granted tenure in the respective tenure area on the effective date indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Daniel Simonds	Social Studies 7-12	High School	3/19/23

Purchasing Agent – that Amanda Suer be and is hereby appointed as Purchasing Agent of this District effective 2/6/23 through the remainder of the 2022-23 school year, and is hereby authorized to participate in other governmental agency (i.e. BOCES, county, village, town) purchasing agreements, bids and other purchasing contracts when it is determined to be in the best interest of the school district during the 2022-23 school year.

School Calendar – that the school calendar for 2023-2024 be approved as proposed.

Donation – that the Board of Education accept a donation from DonorsChoose.org for two Resin Adirondack Chairs valued at \$405.46.

Disposal/Trade-In – Whereas, the Susquehanna Valley School District has a 2017 John Deere Utility Tractor Model # 5075E, Serial #1PY5075EHHJ402142 with a John Deere 520M loader they wish to trade in, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the Purchasing Agent to remove it from inventory. Furthermore, via this resolution the Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose by trade in the equipment and replace with a 2023 John Deere Utility tractor Model # 5075E, Serial # 1PY5075ECNP422443, with a 520M loader purchase to be made from NYS Contract #PC69378 from Lindsey Lawn & Garden.

Bid Awards – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the Meat & Cheese Bid for the months of March-June and that it be awarded to the following vendors: Lupos, Slate Foods, Renzi, Ginsberg, Roc Star Ice Cream Headwater Food Hub.

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A 2250.490-99-400	A 2110.490-99-990	\$15,000.00
A 9010.800-99-700	A 1910.415-99-104	\$8,000.00
A 9050.800-99-700	A 1910.415-99-104	\$19,000.00

School Policies – 2nd Reading

- that the new School Policy #8110, Curriculum Development, Resources, and Evaluation, be approved effective February 15, 2023.
- that the new School Policy #8320, Textbooks, Library Materials, and Other Instructional Materials, be approved effective February 15, 2023.
- that the new School Policy #8330, Objection to Instructional Materials and Controversial Issues, be approved effective February 15, 2023.

Tuition Rates – that the tuition rates for 2022-23 be revised as follows:

<u>Grade Level of Pupil</u>	<u>Tuition for Regular Education Pupil</u>	<u>Tuition for Special Ed Pupil</u>
Full Day K-5	\$7,745	\$27,578
Full Day 6-12	\$11,445	\$31,278

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

SVESSA Contract Addendum – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the funds for the contract addendum between the District and the Susquehanna Valley Education Support Staff Association (SVESSA) for the remainder of the contract through June 30, 2025. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

CNCT Contract– Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remza, 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, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

Business Executive– Ms. Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the funds for the contract between the District and the Business Executive for the 2023-2024 school year. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

BOCES Final Request for Services – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the Board of Education of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District will participate in the attached services during 2023-2024 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the schedule as determined by Broome – Tioga BOCES. Also, be it resolved that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in accordance with the Broome – Tioga BOCES requirements. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

Mrs. Brubaker gave an update on the capital project in regard to turf on the baseball, softball and multi-purpose fields. She reported that in their visits to other fields, they saw some things that were concerning with the transition between artificial turf to natural turf. In working with the architect and Chenango Contracting, they will be shifting things with the multi-purpose field, so that they will be able to fully turf both the softball and baseball fields. This will be done with the appropriation of \$850,000 to take care of the lighting and electrical work instead of putting it into the Capital Project Reserve for future capital projects. This was decided as they realized that they probably won’t have the opportunity to do this field work again. She stated that IBI Group will be at the April meeting to do a presentation. She reminded the board that there will be a budget work session on March 15, at 5 p.m., and March 22 will be the Joint Dinner Meeting at Windsor CSD.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Kacyvenski reported that we will be partnering with Healthy Kids for before and after school programs. She said that we have to get both of our elementary school facilities approved, and then our partner will go through the state to get us licensed. Once that happens, we will get the information to our families. We are hopeful that it will be at both schools, but that will depend on enrollment. She reported that there will be a childcare subsidy for families that make \$98,000 or less who will be able to apply. Ms. Kacyvenski also stated that we will be starting up summer enrichment programs for the summer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – No Report

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Ms. Bowerman reported on some of the events at Donnelly: the Planetarium came to Donnelly, they held Valentines events, Bee Bop Clubhouse came for preschoolers, Peer Leaders from the High School will be visiting, Agriculture in the Classroom, and many other events. The administrators went for a DASA training update. She stated that they held data meetings to look at teachers mid-year data to see where everyone is at, how the kids are doing and to see who needs support.

Ms. Steward reported that the High School musical is coming up; she reported that three students made Area All State: Julie LaMantia, Anastacia Ostrowsky and Andrew Waite. She said they announced that Justin Pencek is this year’s valedictorian, and Lauren Hannigan is the salutatorian. She announced that Jerah Reeves from Binghamton University came today to speak with the students about personal vision.

Mr. Swartwout announced all of the winter sport accomplishments and congratulated Avery Zembek who had her official signing to Nazareth College to play softball.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, 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 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk

