

**PROPOSED  
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**APPROVED MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 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:** Ms. Suzanne Vimislik  
Mr. Rusty Storm  
Mr. Robert Strick  
Mr. Joseph Walker  
Mr. Thomas Donnelly, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell (business)  
Mr. Robert Sullivan (business)

**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. Erin Eckert, Donnelly Principal  
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, English Teacher, High School; SVTA Representative  
1 resident

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. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to accept into record the attendance for the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

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

Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 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 REPORTS** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to acknowledge receipt of the January Financial Reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

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

**Resolutions** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to approve the following resolutions:

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

- Authorize the 3 services recommended on the CPSE list 1/29/14
- Authorize the 51 services recommended on the CSE list dated 1/14 – 1/30/14

Resignations – that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sara Gorton	Assistant JV Softball/Athletics	1/29/14
Scott Giraud	Assistant Modified Boys' Tennis/Athletics	2/4/14

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>
Megan Godbout	Assistant JV Softball	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year
Demetra Kermidas	Assistant Modified Softball	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year
Michael Burke	Assistant Modified Boys' Tennis	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year
Madelyn Blackman	Lifeguard	\$8.00 Per Hour	2/20/14

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>
Ryan Wiggins	Teacher Aide/High School	As Per Contract	2/20/14
Elizabeth Walters	Food Service Helper/High School	As Per Contract	2/20/14

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>
Stacy Duink	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	2/20/14
Holly Kaiser	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	2/20/14
Kelsey Mullins	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	2/20/14
Lucas Pint	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	2/20/14
Maggie McGoff	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	As Per Contract	2/20/14

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>
Brenda Jewell-Freeman	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$8.00 Per Hour	2/20/14

Donation – that based upon the donation from the SV Athletic Booster Club for new swimming and diving equipment in the amount of \$1402.54, the Board of Education approves an increase to the 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$1402.54, and hereby appropriates the amount into the General Fund as follows:

Use: \$1402.54 to A 2855 450 99 264 (Athletics – Materials and Supplies)  
 Source: \$1402.54 to A2705 (Revenue – Gifts and Donations)

Retirements – that the following retirements be accepted with much regret and appreciation for the years of service:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael Burke	Teacher	High School	37	6/30/14
Evan Romer	Teacher	High School	30	6/30/14
Brian Staiger	Teacher	High School	29	6/30/14
Mary Zlock-Swingle	Senior Typist	Donnelly	12	6/30/14

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

**Bond Resolution** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, that the following resolution be approved:

Bond Resolution dated February 19, 2014

A resolution authorizing the Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin, Broome County, New York, to pay the cost of the reconstruction of various school district facilities of and authorizing the issuance of \$2,469,480 bonds of said school district to pay a portion of the cost thereof.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin duly approved a proposition at the Special District Meeting of said School District duly called, held and conducted on December 10, 2013, authorizing the reconstruction of various School District facilities, in and for said School District, at a maximum estimated cost of \$3,169,480 and providing that \$2,469,480 of said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be levied by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and to issue, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District; and

WHEREAS, such project has been determined to be a "Type II Action" as defined under the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed such regulations provide, will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize such capital project and to provide for the financing thereof, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction of various School District facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for the Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin, Broome County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$3,169,480.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes shall be as follows: a) by the issuance of not to exceed \$2,469,480 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and (b) by the appropriation and expenditure of 700,000 Capital Reserve Fund Monies hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probably usefulness of said class of objects or purposes is 30 years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law as a "school construction project" as defined therein.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin, Broome County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities, and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of

such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for the purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

**Section 9.** This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Upon poll vote the motion was approved. (5 yeses) (Donnelly, yes; Walker, yes; Strick, yes; Storm, yes; Vimislik, yes)

**Retirement** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that the following retirement be accepted with much regret and appreciation for the years of service:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Susan Davis	Teacher Aide-Computer	Donnelly	16	6/30/14

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

**Information** – Mr. Tagliaferri and Mr. Gerlach attended a webinar today on state and regional updates, which included Common Core, Regents, and Race to the Top. The APPR small committee will be meeting on February 24 to review the current plan. There is a new Labor Relations Specialist through DCMO BOCES. The Board received information from Mr. Bordeau regarding the minimum guidelines for lunch prices and will address the issue next year. Mr. Gorgos reviewed the new Veteran Exemption option for school district property tax exemptions. Mr. Gorgos has discussed the exemption with John McDonald, Tax Assessor for Conklin and the Town of Binghamton, and this does require further study. Mr. Gorgos and Mr. Walker will meet with Mr. McDonald to do some fact finding.

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

Dr. Stalma reported that a Math Counts Parents Night will be held March 3 at the Middle School, with the same type of format as the one that was held for the elementary schools.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – Mr. Tagliaferri, Mrs. Vimislik, and Mr. Walker attended the Health Consortium Meeting on February 7. The benefit rates were reviewed.

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mrs. Kline attended a professional development workshop on February 18 regarding the implementation of ELA modules. Mrs. Kline and ten special education teachers attended a workshop on February 19 on implementing the Common Core for students with disabilities.

Mrs. Eckert reported for Brookside and Donnelly. The Arts in Asia Program at Brookside was held with 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Mr. Gerlach is working on rolling out iPads in the classrooms. The Peer Leaders have met with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The bands, orchestras and choruses will be performing at the Oakdale Mall for Music in Our Schools Month in March. The Morris Brothers will be presenting their anti-bullying program next week. The Pasta Palooza at Donnelly was successful. Teachers worked on the math modules on the February half days. Mrs. Eckert thanked the facilities staff for their hard work on the snow removal.

Mr. Schuldt thanked his staff for their hard work and long hours removing snow. The spring sports season starts March 3. Mr. Schuldt reported that he is looking forward to starting the design work on the new capital project.

**SVTA** – No Report

Mr. Cordisco reported that the Saber Stage Productions will be performing Beauty & the Beast on February 28, March 1 and 2.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2** – Ryan Andres asked what the District’s standpoint is on security in the schools. Mr. Tagliaferri reported that as part of the 2008 capital project, access control entry systems and cameras were installed. Each building has a Crisis Response Team, plans are reviewed every year, and drills are held.

Mr. Storm read a statement: “At the Board of Education August meeting the Board was asked to render a decision on an item contained in our agenda for that night. I based my decision solely on the information made available to me at the time. Since then, other information has been discovered, that was not made available to me at the time of the vote. As a result, I have become more and more distressed over my decision. I cannot reverse my vote or have my vote stricken from the record. Therefore, I would like to announce to my supporters and constituents, that had I received all the information regarding this item I would have definitely voted NO! Other members can do as they wish, but I have only two guides in my service to the District, my constituents and my conscience. And I believe by providing this public statement I have served both!

**Executive Session** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss specific personnel matters and negotiations. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

At 7:15 p.m. the Board recessed

At 7:29 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 8:51 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

There being no further business, Mrs. Vimislik adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Kalmen  
School District Clerk