

**PROPOSED  
MINUTES  
of the**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
MARCH 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. Robert Sullivan  
Mr. Thomas Donnelly, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell (personal)  
Mr. Joseph Walker (personal)

**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Mr. Gerardo Tagliaferri, 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)  
Mr. Mark Bordeau, Director of Food Service  
Mr. David Daniels, High School Principal  
Mr. Roland Doig, Middle School Principal  
Ms. Denise Wickham, Middle School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Brookside Principal  
Ms. Erin Eckert, Donnelly Principal  
Mrs. Kathy Hattala, English Teacher High School; SVTA Representative

Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the salute to the American flag.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Storm, to accept into record the attendance for the March 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Mr. Storm indicated that he believed Mrs. Haskell's absence on February 19, 2014 was for personal and not business reasons. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1** – No Comments

**NEW BUSINESS** – No Report

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Storm, to acknowledge receipt of the February Financial Reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

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

**Energy Education Report** – Mr. Bordeau provided an update on the Energy Education Program, reviewing the goals of the program and the savings to date.

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

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

- Authorize the 2 services recommended on the CPSE list 3/14/14
- Authorize the 39 services recommended on the CSE list dated 2/7 – 3/5/14

Terminations – that the following termination from provisional appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Donald Price	Custodian/Facilities	3/24/14
David Romeo	Custodian/Facilities	3/24/14

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>
Donald Price	Laborer/Facilities	\$8.00 Per Hour	3/25/14
David Romeo	Laborer/Facilities	\$8.00 Per Hour	3/25/14

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>
Mary Boyle	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	3/20/14
Kaylee Velez	Substitute Teacher	Certified	As Per Contract	3/20/14

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>
Kaylee Velez	Substitute Teacher Aide	As Per Contract	2/20/14

SAT Advisors – that Shauna Cody and Frances Simkulet be approved to teach SAT review classes for the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of \$1,000 each.

Extra Class Stipends – that the following teachers receive stipends for additional second semester teaching assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Brian Staiger	Science – 3 days in a cycle	\$1250
Lorraine Buckley	Science – 3 days in a cycle	\$2500
Mike Pixley	Earth Science – 3 days in a cycle	\$1875
	Living Environment – 2 days in a cycle	
Sharon Repp	Science – 2 days in a cycle	\$ 625
Rick Cleary	Science – 4 days in a cycle	\$1250
Norm Cline	Social Studies – 6 days in a cycle	\$3125
	US History – 2 days in a cycle	
Chad Freije	Global History – 2 days in a cycle	\$ 625
Bret Naccarato	US History – 2 days in a cycle	\$ 625
Gianni Cordisco	English – 4 days in a cycle	\$1250
Matt Mindemann	English – 4 days in a cycle	\$1250

Athletic Department Appointment – that the following athletic department appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Megan Labosky	Lifeguard/Pool	\$8.00 Per Hour	3/20/14

Extended Season Coaching Payments – that the following coaches be paid for an extended winter coaching season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mark Ward	1 week extended season head coach	As Per Contract

Pat Hogan	1 week extended season assistant coach	As Per Contract
Chad Freije	1 week extended season head coach	As Per Contract
Ray Haskell	1 week extended season assistant coach	As Per Contract
Ray Lasky	1 week extended season head coach	As Per Contract
Rick Pflanz	1 week extended season assistant coach	As Per Contract

2014-15 School Calendar – that the school calendar for 2014-15 be approved as proposed.

Retirement – 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>
Darlene Oleniacz	Secretary	Donnelly	20	8/31/14

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 Meat and Cheese Bid for the months of March – April and that it be awarded to the following vendors:

Renzi Brothers	Sysco
US Foodservice	Behlog
Ginsberg	Maines

Technology Equipment for the Instructional Technology Service from BT-BOCES – that WHEREAS the Instructional Technology Services Budget (A557) requires additional technology equipment to the currently available equipment

WHEREAS the Susquehanna Valley Central School District wishes to spread the cost over several years with a multi-year installment purchase; the Broome-Tioga BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District, in conjunction with the IT service, funds to acquire the following equipment:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Contract PT65428		
27	Apple iMac 21.5 w/AppleCare Protection Plan	
12	Apple iPad 2 16GB w/WiFi White (10-pk) w/AppleCare+	
Contract PT65350		
100	HP ProOne 400 PC	
	Total Purchase Price	\$140,000.00
	Estimated Financing Cost	<u>5,273.41</u>
	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$145,273.41</b>

Budget Transfer – that the following budget transfer be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2250.490-99-400	A2110-490-99-990	\$45,510.00

Tuition Rates –that the tuition rates for 2013-14 be approved 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	\$ 6,792	\$18,799
Full Day 6-12	\$10,606	\$22,613

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

**C & S Contract** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that be it RESOLVED that the Board President and the Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute the Construction Management Contract with C & S Companies on behalf of the District in connection with the 2013 Capital Improvement Project, at a fee of \$169,376 for

basic services plus additional reimbursements as provided under the contract. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**Retirement** – Mr. Strick 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>
Don Gerlach	Director of Technology	District	34	6/30/14

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

**Leave of Absence** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that Diana Drew, High School Teacher, be granted a leave of absence to begin on or about March 17 through April 25, 2014, using FMLA. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Walter Foster	Custodian/Facilities	As Per Contract	3/24/14

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

**Extra Class Stipend** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, 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>
Debbie Merrell	Geometry – 2 days in a cycle	\$313

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

**School Tax Reimbursement** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that be it RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following a State of New York Supreme Court: County of Broome order dated October 16, 2013, that the tax amount for the 2013-14 tax year be adjusted and refunded as follows

Name:	Kenneth C. and Shelly J. Wilcox
Tax Map #:	161.04-3-1
Address:	199 Felters Road, Conklin, NY 13748
Total Refund Due:	\$1,503.50
Reason:	Change in Assessment from \$197,000 to \$160,000

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

**Resignation** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that be it RESOLVED that the resignation of Anthony Raggi is accepted effective March 19, 2014, and the terms of an agreement dated March 11, 2014 providing for the payment of back salary and other costs and benefits is hereby approved. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**Scheduling District Meeting – Bus Proposition** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, to approve the following resolution

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 May 20, 2014, 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 two (2) 66 passenger buses, each at a cost not to exceed \$119,250 and to expend therefore not to exceed \$231,500 after trade-in, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, and said sum of \$231,500 is hereby approved and appropriated therefore and serial bonds and statutory installment bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$231,500

in anticipation of a tax to be collected in installments as authorized. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeases)

**Information** – The BOCES Annual Meeting is being held April 9. A special budget workshop will be scheduled in April once the state budget is approved. The regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22. The new website, which will be powered by eSchoolView, is almost complete. The District is looking for a new company to administer the flex plan for cafeteria employees since the company that administers the plan now is getting out of the business. Mr. Tagliaferri reported that the design work for the next Capital Project has begun.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – No Report

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

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mrs. Kline thanked Kelly Browning and Nicole Travis for the social thinking workshop they presented to support staff and aides on the early release day.

Mrs. Brubaker reported that five 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were filmed reading the Rock on Café menu. The Me and My Man Dance was held February 21 and the Me and My Gal dance will be held March 21. The Morris Brothers presented their anti-bullying program at the end of February. Mr. Gerlach is installing iPad stations in the classrooms. The orchestra, band and chorus performed at the mall as part of Music in Our Schools month. Irish dancers performed at the school on March 17. Mrs. Brubaker commended Mrs. Eckert on the writing workshop she presented on the Superintendent’s Conference Day.

Mrs. Eckert reported that Donnelly had a lot of the same activities as Brookside. The March Math Madness kickoff was held today. The Arts in Asia Program at Brookside was held with 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Donnelly had three Odyssey of the Mind teams compete, one team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, one team placed 4<sup>th</sup> and one placed 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Doig reported on the Odyssey of the Mind team. The Middle School is preparing for state testing. The Band, orchestra and chorus performed at the Oakdale Mall as part of Music in Our Schools month. Mr. Doig thanked the teachers and department chairs for their work for the Superintendent’s Conference Day. Mr. Doig also thanked the Facilities staff for all their work setting up and tearing down for the programs held at the Middle School. RTS Middle School Fun Night was held on March 14. On March 21 a program will be held on statistic facts. Mr. Doig reported on the Math Counts Parents Night held on March 3.

Mr. Daniels reported on the work teachers did for the Superintendent’s Conference Day. The Winter Prince Dance was held March 7. Saber Stage Productions performed Beauty & the Beast on February 28, March 1 and 2. The Dollars for Scholars phoneathon was successful. The Music Department concert is March 20. Mr. Daniels reported on the testing that will be taking place.

Mrs. Wickham reported that the winter sports season has wrapped up and congratulated the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams on making it to the playoffs. Mrs. Wickham reported on a conference she attended and the use of iPads at the elementary level for physical education.

Mr. Schuldt reported that he is the President of the Southern Tier Chapter of the NYS Building and Grounds Association. Mr. Schuldt attended Advocacy Day in Albany n March 5 and on March 6 attended SED Facilities Planning meetings.

**SVTA** – Mrs. Hattala reported that the teachers are appreciative of the support they receive from the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, administrators and the Board.

Mr. Storm reported on the All County Music Festival held last weekend where students in the 6-9 Orchestra and Band and 9-12 Chorus performed. The Festival takes place over three weekends.

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

**Executive Session** – Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Board of Education meet in

Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (5 yeses)

At 7:36 p.m. the Board recessed

At 7:45 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 9:05 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mr. Sullivan 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 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Kalmen  
School District Clerk