

**PROPOSED
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**APPROVED MINUTES
March 21, 2018
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. Robert Strick
Mr. Ryan Andres
Mrs. Mary Haskell
Ms. Kelly Howe
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION

SECONDED

APPROVED

Leighton
Howe
4/16/18

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Mr. Robert Sullivan

**ALSO
PRESENT:**

Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive
Mr. David Daniels
Mrs. Jill Rich
Mr. Scott Snyder
Mr. Edwin Swartwout
Mr. Jason Luke
Mr. Charles Hutchinson
Mrs. Maureen Kline
Mr. Ralph Schuldt
Mr. Gianni Cordisco – SVTA Representative
Mr. Cory Valentine – MS Teacher
Mr. Nicholas Oetinger – HS Teacher
Ms. Michele Smith – SVESSA President
Mr. Don Ryall – NYSUT Representative
1 Resident/Parents
Girls Basketball Team
16 Students

Mr. Robert Strick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, to accept into record the attendance for the March 21, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018, 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 – Mr. Andres reported that he attended a Safety Committee Meeting this past month.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the February financial reports.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Doig welcomed and congratulated the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team on their State Championship. The girls were presented with a certificate of congratulations by Mr. Doig and the Board of Education.

Presentation – Robotics –Mr. Nicholas Oetinger, High School teacher, and two students gave several different demonstrations of the robots that they built in their technology class. The students had a competition between their robots, which were controlled with their cell phones. It was very interesting and they did an excellent job.

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

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

- Authorize the 4 services recommended on the CPSE list dated 3/8 – 3/9/18
- Authorize the 38 services recommended on the CSE list dated 2/13 – 3/7/18

Retirements – that the following retirements be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joan Florance	Account Clerk Typist 1987 – 2018 (31)	6/30/18
Robert Oppici	Bus Driver 2002 – 2018 (16)	6/30/18
Dennis Diaferio	Custodian 2003 – 2018 (15)	6/30/18

Long-Term Substitute Instructional Appointment – that the following long-term substitute instructional appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject / Position</u>	<u>Long-Term Assignment</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Brittany Hagerman	LTS – Social Studies	3/26/18 – 6/22/18	As Per Board Policy

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Slade	Custodian - <i>Permanent</i>	As Per Contract	3/22/18
Andrew Bendick	Custodian - <i>Permanent</i>	As Per Contract	3/22/18
Kobe Jaworski	Custodian - <i>Permanent</i>	As Per Contract	3/22/18

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>
Taylor Tuzzalo	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	3/22/18
Christian Cody	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	3/22/18
Nathanael Dingman	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	3/22/18

School Policy – 2nd Reading – that School Policy #5662, Charge Meal Policy be reviewed and approved effective March 21, 2018.

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A 9060.800-99-700	A 2630.490-99-150	370,655.00
A 5510.512-07-650	A 2630.490-99-150	26,947.00
A 9010.800-99-700	A 2630.490-99-150	10,000.00
A 2110.160-01-200	A 2110.160-05-202	18,476.00

Bid Award – that that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve bid SV2017-2018:10 for Fencing and that it be awarded to Atlas Fence of 6852 Manlius Center Road., East Syracuse, New York 13057.

Equipment Disposal – Whereas, the Susquehanna Valley School District has a Yates American Saw (SS#A1480, Inventory Tag #000557) and a Millcreek Top Dresser (Mod #50TD, Ser # 103265, SV Tag # 000216) that no longer have value to the district since they are beyond repair and no longer used, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the district Purchasing Agent to remove these items. Furthermore, via this resolution the Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to: first sell the item to the party willing to pay the highest

price; second, if this item cannot be sold, to donate it to another public school or charitable organization; and, third, if this item cannot be sold or donated to dispose of it as trash.

Textbook Disposal – Whereas, the Susquehanna Valley School District has several books at Brookside Elementary that no longer have value to the district since they are no longer in use, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the district Purchasing Agent to remove these items. Furthermore, via this resolution the Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to: first sell the items to the party willing to pay the highest price; second, if these items cannot be sold, to donate them to another public school or charitable organization; and, third, if these items cannot be sold or donated to dispose of them as trash.

Deputy Treasurer – that Tracie Masi (CBO) be and is hereby appointed Deputy Treasurer of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education for the remainder of the school year 2017-2018 and until the next re-organization meeting in July 2018.

Technology Equipment For the Instructional Technology Service From BT-BOCES – WHEREAS the Instructional Technology Service (557) and the Network Support Service (610) require additional technology equipment to the currently available equipment; WHEREAS the Susquehanna Valley Central School District wishes to finance the cost of the additional equipment on a three (3) year installment schedule; the Broome-Tioga BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District and in conjunction with the IT and NSS services, funds to acquire the following equipment:

Quantity	Description	Total Cost
175	Aruba AP-315 Wireless Access Points	
53	HP Eliteone 800 AIO UMA Y8C75AV	
	Total Purchase Price	\$134,000.00
	Estimated Financing Costs	6,474.46
	TOTAL COSTS	\$140,474.46

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

BOCES Final Request for Services – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the Board of Education of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District participate in the attached services during 2018-2019 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 yeses)

Scheduling Annual District Meeting – Bus Proposition – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe that the following resolution be approved:

Resolution of the Board of Education that the Annual meeting of the District to be held on May 15, 2018, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 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. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to vote on the annual district budget for the school year commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and to elect three members of the Board of Education for a term of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2018 to fill the positions of the following Board members whose terms are expiring: Robert Strick, Mark Leighton and Ryan Andres, and to vote on the following school bus proposition:

Shall the Board of Education of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District be hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 72 passenger school bus and three (3) 66 passenger school buses, including incidental equipment, expenses, and preliminary costs at an aggregated maximum estimated cost of \$463,000, and said amount or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

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

Inter-Municipal Agreement – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve an inter-municipal agreement between the District and the Town of Binghamton to allow the District to utilize a portion of the Town of Binghamton Town Hall from time to time for off campus educational instruction as more fully provided under the terms of said agreement.

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

Stipend – Director of School Facilities & Operations – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that Ralph Schultdt, Director of School Facilities & Operations, be paid a monthly stipend in the amount of \$300, starting on April 23, 2018 through the completion of Phase II of the Capital Improvement Project, for additional responsibilities related to the Capital Improvement Project.

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

Retirement – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres, that the following retirement be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mary Ellen Fennimore	Guidance Counselor 1998 – 2018 (20)	6/30/18

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mrs. Brubaker discussed what workshops were offered to staff for the Superintendent’s Conference Day on March 16. She stated that many teachers stepped up to share their expertise with the rest of the staff. For the afternoon, they had Jill Alfred Hammond the Lourdes Substance Abuse Program Manager come out and offer information regarding how the adolescent brain works, risk taking behaviors as well as current trends in drug use. Mrs. Brubaker announced that for the second consecutive year, we have been awarded the School Safety Excellence Award by Utica National. She also announced that for the second year in a row, the RTS Middle School, and for the first year, Brookside Elementary School have been identified as honorable schools who have scored in the top 20 percent in New York State Public Schools for the achievement of their students in poverty. It is a study where 25 percent or more of our economically disadvantaged students scored a three or four on the ELA Assessment and 65 percent or more scored a two, three or four on the 2016 ELA Assessments. We were identified from 1128 New York State Schools that have 40 percent or more of our students are economically disadvantaged, and 30 percent or more of our students who took the tests were economically disadvantaged. Mrs. Brubaker stated that this speaks volumes of the things that we do to ensure that all students meet these rigorous academic outcomes.

Textbook Adoption – Mrs. Howe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the following textbook be adopted:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Name of Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Copyright Date</u>
7/8	United States History	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Social Studies	2018

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Mr. Strick reported that he attended the Pasta Dinner at the Conklin Senior Housing. The Student Council did a great job and everyone had a good time.

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mr. Cordisco stated that many of the faculty members wanted to thank the faculty members that volunteered and presented at the Superintendent’s Conference Day on March 16.

Mr. Daniels, High School Principal, reported that the Mock Trial Team reached the semi-finals with the help of Mrs. Butts. He announced that the High School Concert will be held on March 22, and the Drama Production of The Addams Family was a success.

Mr. Swartwout, Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, said that he was looking forward to learning a lot more about SV and serving the kids and the community in a positive way.

Mr. Luke, Director of Technology, reported that we will be getting a new phone system throughout the district. There is a lot involved with his department updating switches, getting battery backups, etc., and they hope to have it complete in May. With the new system, we will now have the capability to call classroom to classroom and building to building. Once the new speaker system is in under the Capital Project, Mr. Doig will be able to make a call to all four buildings at the same time should an emergency arise.

Mr. Snyder, Middle School Principal, reported that the Music Department at the Middle School has been busy with nine students participating in All County Chorus, eight students participating in All County Orchestra, and five students participating in All County Band. He stated that it's been a busy month for the music staff and that they've done a great job. The Odyssey of the Mind team went to BOCES last weekend and placed fourth in the team competition. The RTS Fun Night is coming up on Friday as well as Hoops for the Heart that night. ELA testing is coming up on the 11th and 12th of April.

Mr. Snyder congratulated several athletic teams for a great season. The Girls' Bowling Team won a section title, a state qualifier and advanced to the state tournament where they placed fourth out of nine teams. Spring sports started a couple weeks ago with modified sports starting this week. The weather has put a damper on the season, but the teams are trying to be patient. He congratulated six of the eight winter sports teams that were named Scholar Athlete Teams: Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Cheerleading, Girls' Bowling, Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track. That distinction means that 75 percent of their entire roster has to have a 90 or above grade point average.

Mr. Schuldt, Director of Facilities, reported that they had a pre-bid meeting with 19 contractors in attendance to go through each contract and the scope of work for the capital project.

Mrs. Kline stated that with the state testing coming up, we are reminding the proctors that work with our students with disabilities of the special accommodations necessary that fall within the regulations. She said that we have other students who will be taking the NYS Alternative Assessment, which is done on a computer and includes in-district students as well as students that attend BOCES programs.

Mrs. Rich, Donnelly Principal, reported that they continue with PARP with over 4000 books being read by the students so far. She said that the Binghamton Junior Senators visited and read to the students, had a question and answer session, and gave out a few autographs. With the 100th day of school celebration, Mrs. Stilloe collaborated with the Food Bank to kick off a food drive where 1267 items were collected. On March 10 Donnelly sent one Odyssey of the Mind Team to BOCES, and with the help of Mrs. Pilotti, the team took fourth place. Donnelly also had three students take part in All County Band. Many meals were served at the Pasta Palooza which ran in conjunction with the PTA Book Fair.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – Mr. Don Ryall, NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist, read a letter to the Board of Education regarding an incident at the RTS Middle School prior to a Safety Committee Meeting last month. He stated that in over 20 years of working with Susquehanna Valley, he has only had to address the Board of Education one other time, but felt that this was a serious enough situation that he felt it necessary to bring it to their attention. The situation was in regards to the treatment of two school district employees by one Board of Education member. He said that on February 23, two long-term support staff employees were scolded, demeaned, humiliated and bullied by a Board of Education member with other colleagues and students nearby. The other colleague asked the board member to step into another room; the two employees thought they were going to lose their job. Mr. Ryall stated that the employees did not do anything wrong, but were following school procedures. They do not unlock doors at dismissal time as they are controlled by a computer. Mr. Ryall stated that these two employees should not have been treated this way; he stated that they love their job, are friendly and professional to all visitors who enter that school, and should never have been disrespected and bullied. SV teaches its students not to bully and to step in when they see it, yet a board member felt that it was ok to bully district employees. Mr. Ryall said that labor relations have improved very much over the past few years, but this was one giant step backwards. SV employees should not have to work in a hostile environment or be bullied, humiliated or treated in this manner.

Michele Smith, SVESSA President, stated that she also has never had to bring a complaint in front of the Board of Education and read her letter reiterating what Mr. Ryall said.

Executive Session – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

At 7:00 p.m. the Board recessed

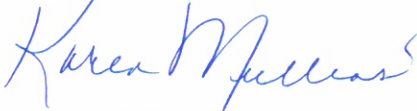
At 7:04 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 8:24 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, 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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk