

**PROPOSED  
MINUTES  
of the**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
March 22, 2017  
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  
Mr. Mark Leighton  
Ms. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION Andres  
SECONDED Leighton  
APPROVED 4/12/17

**MEMBERS  
ABSENT:** Jordan Jicha  
Mrs. Mary Haskell  
Mr. Robert Sullivan

**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent  
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk  
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive  
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, MS Principal  
Mr. David Daniels, HS Principal  
Ms. Jill Rich, Donnelly Principal  
Ms. Erin Eckert, Brookside Principal  
Mr. Scott Snyder, MS Asst. Principal/AD  
Mr. Charles Hutchinson, HS Asst. Principal  
Ms. Maureen Kline, Director of CSE  
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of Facilities  
Mr. Karl O’Leary, Teacher  
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, SVTA Representative  
Ms. Kelly Howe, Resident

Robert Strick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, to accept into record the attendance for the March 22, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (4 yeses)

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – No Report

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the February financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (4 yeses)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

- Authorize the 16 services recommended on the CSE list dated 2/14 – 3/1/17

Leave of Absence – that Christine Titus, Brookside Elementary teacher, be granted a medical leave of absence for April 13 through May 5, 2017.

Retirements – that the following retirements be approved with much regret:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Linda Landis	Senior Typist	2005 – 2017 (12)	6/30/17
Danette Singer	Senior Typist	2001 – 2017 (16)	6/30/17
Joyce Murphy	Teacher Aide	1997 – 2017 (20)	6/30/17

Resignation – that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael McCann	Custodian High School	3/8/17

Appointment District Office Supervisor of Attendance - that John Dancesia be appointed to the Managerial Confidential Employee position of Supervisor of Attendance in the District Office, effective March 23, 2017, with benefits as stipulated in the District Office Managerial/Confidential Employees Agreement.

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>
Gregory Oluich	Custodian - <i>Permanent</i>	As Per Contract	3/1/17
Brenda Brown	Custodian - <i>Permanent</i>	As Per Contract	3/1/17
John Comency, Jr.	Custodian	As Per Contract	3/29/17

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>
Kathryn Nemcek	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	3/23/17
Jessica Washnis	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	3/23/17

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>
Emily Whittaker	Substitute Bus Attendant	\$9.70 Per Hour	3/23/17
	Substitute Food Service Worker		
Melissa Backus	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$9.70 Per Hour	3/23/17
Marjorie Bennett	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$9.70 Per Hour	3/23/17

Bid Awards – that the following bid awards be approved:

- that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the Meat & Cheese Bid for the months of March – April and that it be awarded to the following vendors:

Ginsberg	Renzi	Lupos	US Foodservice
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- that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the USDA Government Processed Foods Bid and that it be awarded to the following vendors:

Syco	Peterson Farms	Nardones	National Food Group
Advance Pierre	Renzi	US Foodservice	Brookwood Farms

Equipment Disposal – Whereas, the Susquehanna Valley Central School District has a Rockwell Manufacturing classroom saw [Serial # 122-9472, and SV Inventory Tag # 000287] that no longer has value to the District since it is no longer safe for student use, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the District Purchasing Agent to enforce Board Policy #5250, “Sale and Disposal of School District Property,” to remove these items. Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent, as stated in Board Policy #5250 to: first sell these 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.

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A 2110.120-01-200	A 2110.120-04-201	\$21,824.00
A 9060.800-99-700	A 2855.400-99-264	\$32,753.85

A 9060.800-99-700	A 2855.450-99-264	\$115,767.00
A 9060.800-99-700	A 2630.450-99-150	\$7,313.95
A 9060.800-99-700	A 2630.490-99-150	\$13,606.59
A 9060.800-99-700	A 1621.420-10-130	\$44,915.00
A 9060.800-99-700	A 1621.450-10-130	\$57,960.84
A 9060.800-99-700	A 2110.450-99-260	\$44,097.75
A 9060.800-99-700	A 2110.450-06-270	\$23,620.16
A 2110.200-05-270	A 2110.200-99-260	\$8,085.00

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (4 yeses)

**Scheduling Annual District Meeting – Bus Proposition** – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres, that, the Annual meeting of the District to be held on May 16, 2017, 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. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to vote on the annual district budget for the school year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and to elect two members of the Board of Education for a term of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2017 to fill the positions of the following Board members whose terms are expiring: Mary Haskell and Jordan Jicha, and to vote on the following school bus proposition:

Shall the Board of Education purchase two (2) 66 passenger buses, each at a cost not to exceed \$115,847.56; one (1) wheelchair bus, at a cost not to exceed \$141,355.05; and one (1) 18 passenger bus, at a cost not to exceed \$55,580.00, and to expend therefore not to exceed \$428,630.17 after trade-in, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, and said sum of \$428,630.17 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 \$428,630.17 in anticipation of a tax to be collected in installments as authorized.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (4 yeses)

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT –**

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mr. Doig reported that there was a Crisis Response Team meeting on Sunday night between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. to go over preparations for the following school day. He thanked the team for their thoroughness and attention to detail, and stated that he thought things ran as smoothly as they could. He also thanked everyone that pitched in and went to places where they didn't usually go, such as Mr. Hutchinson spending more time at Donnelly than at the High School. Mr. Doig also thanked Mr. Schuldt and his crew for their tireless efforts in the snow removal and cleanup from the blizzard. "They worked many hours and did an outstanding job."

Mrs. Kline reported that all of the administrators are getting geared up for testing with ELA next week and math the first week of May. She stated that the school provides many students with accommodations for testing. She said that we can now read the ELA tests to students with that accommodation, where in the past the students would have to struggle through that test, which made it very frustrating for those students. And that it wasn't a true evaluation of their ability or what they were capable of. She said that just this week they found out that there was a change for their scribing students who have difficulty composing their thoughts and writing them at the same time. She said that they were just notified today on some final determinations where now we don't have to hold them accountable for all their punctuation and spelling. She said that they also have the NYS Alternative Assessment Test that will be given during the month of April and May for our students who are alternatively assessed and that is done on the computer for ELA and math with social studies and science still being done on paper. Next year we won't do social studies anymore and it will all be computerized.

Mr. Schuldt thanked the custodians at the different schools for their help in the snow removal. He reported that last Friday he and many of the administrators attended a School Risk Management seminar. On behalf of the district, Mr. Schuldt accepted an award for Excellence in School Safety from Utica National. The award was the Titanium Award, the highest level awarded, by demonstrating a safe and secure working environment. Mr. Schuldt stated that it was an honor to accept the award on behalf of the district. Mr. Berry said that this award does help with insurance renewal and pricing for the future.

Mr. Daniels reported that the SV Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-Thon was very successful this year. He said that the drama production, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, held in February was wonderful, and that the students worked very hard and did an amazing job with the production. The Mock Trial Team was undefeated making it to the finals, and the High School Peer Leaders were busy visiting the elementary schools.

Mr. Hutchinson spoke saying that with the recent events, he spent two days at Donnelly and wanted to mention that the Donnelly staff handled themselves professionally and remained strong for everyone, and that they did an outstanding job.

Mrs. Brubaker reported that last weekend six students went to the Odyssey of the Mind Competition with their coach Ashley Feltes. She stated that some of the students have been doing OM since elementary school. That same weekend 20 middle school students went to Binghamton University for "You Be the Chemist", where the students answered questions about chemistry. All the students did a fantastic job with six of the students moving forward to the state competition in Tarrytown on April 29. Erin Robertson and Ashley Feltes are preparing the students for that competition. The Middle School is also conducting a "Hoops for Heart" basketball tournament organized by Mrs. Bidwell. The Middle School Peer Leaders spearheaded "Which Class Cares the Most" taking in over \$250 in two short days to support Mr. Kosick shaving his head with proceeds going to the Saint Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money for childhood cancer research. Mrs. Brubaker shared an award from the company Better Outcomes LLC, which studied public schools inside of NY State, but outside of New York City, that met the criteria of having 30 or more economically disadvantaged students who took NYS tests last year, and who have 40 percent or more of overall student population economically disadvantaged. We were only one of 180 schools out of the 1100 that fit the criteria, that had 25% or more of our economically disadvantaged score a 3 or 4 on the 2016 NYS ELA tests, and 65% or more that scored a 2, 3 or 4. They wanted to know what we did with the students to achieve those levels and reach those students.

Mrs. Rich reported that Donnelly had a team at the Odyssey of the Mind competition at BOCES the past weekend; all comprised of fifth grade students who worked very hard coached by Mrs. Pilotti. Donnelly recently held their second Cubs assembly celebrating the students who were coming to school and working hard representing the character education characteristics that they work with them about. The students worked very hard and the awards almost doubled since the first assembly. Donnelly is very busy preparing for the NYS Assessments with the students doing the MobyMax competition; an online math program with homerooms competing against each other for most minutes logged in. To date, the students have logged in over 450 hours.

Mrs. Eckert stated that they started off the month with a visit from the Health Department, and she is proud to say that they received a 100% for their health inspection of the cafeteria. There were 35 faculty members from Brookside, Donnelly and the Middle School who participated in a Special Olympics Bowl-a-thon raising over \$1500. The Math and Movement Night went well facilitated by Ms. King; the night was a success with over 80 participants. Ms. Cortes and Ms. Coe put together a Reading for March Madness keeping track of total minutes read for the month. The Peer Leaders visited today and the Science Fair was currently underway with over sixty students participating this year.

Mr. Snyder reported that winter sports concluded earlier this month with many teams having great success. Boys' Basketball qualified for sectionals with Austin Haskell scoring his 1000th point; the Girls' Basketball team lost in the sectional finals to Seton ending their season with a 23-1 record. Olivia Gorman was named Time Warner Cable's Scholar Athlete for the entire winter season. All of our bowling teams were very successful this season with all of them winning STAC division titles. Boys' Swimming did very well this year with Nick Miller setting two school records in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle.

Mr. Leighton spoke up to say that he spent several weekends at Binghamton University for BCMEA (Broome County Music Educators Association); lots of SV students were there and did a great job. Mr. Doig said that he attended several SV musical performances at the Oakdale Mall, which were greatly attended by parents, grandparents, as well as people from outside the district.

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

**Executive Session** – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (4 yeses)

At 6:34 p.m. the Board recessed  
At 6:35 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session  
At 8:20 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mr. Andres made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the meeting be adjourned.  
Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (4 yeases)

There being no further business, Mr. Strick adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins  
School District Clerk