

**PROPOSED
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**APPROVED MINUTES
April 19, 2021
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. Jack Bell
Mrs. Mary Haskell
Ms. Kelly Howe
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mr. Ryan Remza (6:01 p.m.)
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION

SECONDED

APPROVED

Leighton
Vimislik
5/19/21

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk (Video Conference)
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive
Mr. Ralph Schuldt, Director of Facilities
Ms. Shannon Hogan, SVTA Representative

Mr. Robert Strick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, to accept into record the attendance for the April 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1 – No Comments

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the March financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Doig explained the budget funding from the State. He stated that the money is being looked at with a two to three year spending plan as they are still looking at all the perimeters and how the district is allowed to spend the money. He discussed that with this money, they were also able to reduce the tax levy with the average taxpayer having an increase of .97 percent. He stated that with the budget freeze made several months ago, they were able to save and allocate \$375,000 to spend next year on stadium restrooms and concessions. Not only is this a convenience item, but also a security item as now the buildings can be locked during sporting contests. The district is waiting on SED to approve the plans.

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

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

- Authorize the 1 service recommended on the CPSE list dated 4/12/21
- Authorize the 33 services recommended on the CSE list dated 3/9 – 4/1/21

Resignations – that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Justin Trip	Custodian Middle School	3/24/21
Mackenzie Collins	Receptionist Brookside	4/30/21
Justin Trip	Custodian Middle School	3/24/21

Leaves of Absence –

- The Superintendent recommends that Steven Gorgos, RTS Middle School teacher, be granted a leave of absence from on or about May 3 through May 14, 2021.
- The Superintendent recommends that Christine Titus, Brookside teacher, be granted a leave of absence from on or about April 22 through May 3, 2021.

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>
Alexandria Alford	Asst. JV Softball	As Per Contract	202 -21 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>
Joanna Volkert	SWD 1-6, B-2	Brookside	9/7/21
Kurt Rezucha	Technology 7-12	Middle School	9/7/21
Nicole Manning	Early Childhood B-2	Donnelly	9/7/21
Amy Thompson	Early Childhood B-2	Donnelly	9/7/21
Amy Hanrahan	SWD 1-6, B-2	Brookside	10/27/21

Deputy Treasurer – that Michael W. Fenn (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 2020-2021 year.

School Policy – 2nd Reading – that the new School Policy #5633, Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms, be approved effective April 19, 2021.

Donation – that the Board of Education accept a donation from the New York Beef Industry Council in the amount of \$100.00 for Beef for Classroom 2020 program and hereby appropriates the amount into the General Fund as follows:

Use: \$100.00 to A 2110 450 06 257 (HS FACS – Materials and Supplies)
Source: \$100.00 to A2705 (Revenue – Gifts and Donations)

Bid Award –

- that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve meat and cheese bid May through August: Renzi, Ginsberg, BC Provisions, Lupo's, Slate Foods, Headwater
- that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the bid SV2020-2021:08 2021 GMC Acadia AWD 4dr SLE with Trade (2016 GMC Terrain- Vin#GKALLEK6G6112167) and that it be awarded to Matthews GM Center, 3721 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY 13850.

Insurance Recovery – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education does and hereby approves an increase to the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,030.49 for insurance recoveries associated damage to a school bus, and hereby appropriates the amount into the General Fund as follows:

Use: \$2,030.49 to A 5510.400-07-65010 (Transportation Bus Repairs)
Source: \$2,030.49 to A 2680 (Revenues-Insurance Recoveries)

Vote Inspectors – to approve the following resolution regarding vote inspectors for the May 18, 2021, Annual Vote: BE IT RESOLVED, that Sue Dean serve as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Vote. That John Dancesia serve as Chief Inspector of the Vote. The following persons are nominated to serve as Assistant Clerks and/or Inspectors of the Election: Sue Dean, Jennifer Dancesia, Yolanda Dancesia, Jan Strnatka, Debbie Wood, Donna Pritchard, Cindy Willis, and Anne McGuigan.

2021 Prom - As a result of year-long COVID-19 restrictions and regulations, fundraising efforts for the 2021 Senior Class Prom and activities associated with that event, have been either severely limited or cancelled entirely. This has resulted in a significant financial shortfall which the 2021 Senior Class will be incapable of resolving at this juncture. Shifting the financial costs of the event to the individual students will make participation impossible for all but a few. Recognizing that there are important student educational and social benefits to be derived from this event, and the uniqueness of the impact of the pandemic on fundraising for this particular class, the Superintendent recommends the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of \$5,000.00 (A 2020.400-06- 203) HS Contractual Expenses to support the 2021 Susquehanna Valley Senior Prom and authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to oversee the use and application of such authorized funds in the manner he deems most appropriate.

Medicare Advantage – WHEREAS, Broome County will be issuing a Request for Proposals seeking a contract for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Services for its retirees, and
WHEREAS, Broome County has proposed issuing a joint Request for Proposal with other interested municipalities pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o, and
WHEREAS, upon selection of the vendor each participating municipality may enter into its own contract with the vendor, and

WHEREAS, SVCSD wishes to participate in this joint request for proposals, now therefore be it,
RESOLVED, that SVCSD agrees to participate with Broome County and other participating municipalities in a joint request for proposal for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Services for its eligible retirees, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that SVCSD understands that upon selection of a vendor the SVCSD may enter into its own contract with the vendor, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that participation in this joint request for proposal does not obligate the SVCSD to enter into a contract with the selected vendor, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that within the limitations of confidentiality, HIPAA and the law, SVCSD agrees to provide Broome County any information required to develop the Request for Proposal including, but not limited to, utilization reports, plan benefits, medical claims, participant history, prescription claims and any other plan data necessary for bidders, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to execute any agreements, documents or papers as may be necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

BOCES Budget – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remza that the administrative budget of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,245,861 is hereby approved.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

BOCES Trustee Seats – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the Board casts votes for the Broome Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services as follows:

1.	John Crosby	(Three Year Term)
2.	David Hawley	(Three Year Term)
3.	Nick Matyas	(One Year Term)

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Adopt 2019-2020 Budget – Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the Board of Education adopt the proposed 2021-2022 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$40,782,768.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Property Tax Report Card – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the Board of Education does and hereby accept the enclosed Property Tax Report Card in concurrence with the adoption of the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget to be forwarded to the NYS Education Department.

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Athletic Department Appointment– Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the following athletic department appointment be approved:

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Malcolm Huesman Asst. Modified Baseball As Per Contract 2020-21 School Year
Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brubaker reported the number of students who are remote, with Brookside at 5 percent, Donnelly at 6 percent, 7-8 grades 17.5 percent, and 9-12 grades 27 percent. She said that the State budget included \$256,000 funding for a Universal Pre-K program, and that she was working out the details for that program. She stated that kindergarten registration is well under way with 37 new kindergartners so far, and the two, 18 Pre K positions are filled with eight students on a wait list. She reported that there were 15 applicants for the High School principal position, and they will be interviewing three of them on Thursday.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – None

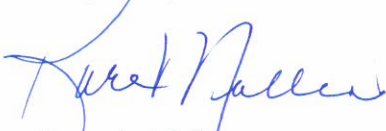
VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mr. Schuldt thanked Mr. Doig, Mrs. Brubaker, and the building principals for the hard work everyone did to make it possible to bring all students back next week.

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. (7 yeses)

There being no further business, Mr. Strick adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk