

**PROPOSED  
MINUTES  
of the**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
August 18, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF EDUCATION  
of the  
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Held in the RTS Middle School Cafeteria  
Conklin, New York, County of Broome**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell (*Video Conference*)  
Mr. Jack Bell  
Ms. Kelly Howe  
Mr. Ryan Remza  
Mr. Robert Strick  
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION Strick  
SECONDED Bell  
APPROVED 9/15/21

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Mark Leighton

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent  
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk  
Mr. Ralph Schuldt  
Ms. Shannon Hogan, SVTA Representative  
12 Residents/Parents

Mrs. Mary Haskell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, to accept into record the attendance for the August 18, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**Oath of Office** – Mrs. Vimislik repeated the Oath of Office for vice president led by Karen Mullins and signed the Oath Book.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe to approve the July 14, 2021, Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, 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** – No Report

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remza, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the June financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Mr. Strick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the July financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

- Authorize the 5 services recommended on the CSE list dated 7/9 – 8/6/21.

Resignations – that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Leonard Ingrasciotta	Custodian Facilities	7/20/21
Gianni Cordisco	Teacher High School	7/27/21
Mackenzie Moss	Teacher Brookside	8/2/21
Daiamy Krizanek	Teacher Donnelly	8/11/21
Troy Humphrey	Monitor Middle School	8/2/21

Leave of Absence – that Denise Miller, RTS Middle School teacher, be granted an extension to her leave of absence through 1/28/22.

Instructional Appointments – that the following instructional appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Brittany Ann Bush	Teacher	Prof – ELA 7-12	As Per Contract	9/7/21	9/7/25
Randy Curth	Counselor	Prov – School Counselor	As Per Contract	9/7/21	9/7/25

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>
Jeanette Kelly	Teacher Aide Donnelly	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Breanna Hull	Teacher Aide Donnelly	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Christine Knickerbocker	Teacher Aide Middle School	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Savannah Rolston	Teacher Aide Brookside	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Malcolm Heusman	Monitor High School	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Jack LaMantia	Monitor Brookside	As Per Contract	9/7/21
John DePersis	Monitor Middle School	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Glenn Baer	Cleaner Brookside	As Per Contract	8/30/21

Instructional Substitute Appointments – that the following instructional substitute appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Emily Pressler	LTS – Spanish	As Per Contract	9/7/21
Brittany Bush	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	7/27/21

Substitute Appointments – that the substitute appointments for the 2021-22 School Year on Schedule A: Certified/Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, and Schedule B: Substitute Support Staff be approved.

Extra Class Stipends – that the following teachers receive a stipend for additional teaching assignment for the 2021-22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Stacey DiRenzo	7-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math – ½ period	As Per Contract
Dan Fitzgerald	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade SS – full period	As Per Contract

Athletic Department Appointments – that the following athletic department appointments be approved for the 2021-22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Parker Gendron	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Jenna Lawrence	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Luke Lucas	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Courtney Martone	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Cody Olds	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Sarah Steflik	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Peyton Swartwout	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Gayle Valentine	Lifeguard	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Alexandria Alford	Substitute Pool Supervisor	As Per Contract	8/19/21

Shawna Barrett	Substitute Pool Supervisor	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Lorraine Buckley	Substitute Pool Supervisor	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Nathanael Dingman	Substitute Pool Supervisor	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Courtney Marris	Substitute Pool Supervisor	As Per Contract	8/19/21
Teresa Stefluk	Substitute Pool Supervisor	As Per Contract	8/19/21

Fall Assistant Coaching Appointments – that the following fall assistant coaching appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Austin Haskell	Asst. JV Football	As Per Contract	2021-22 School Year
Malcolm Heusman	Asst. Modified Football	As Per Contract	2021-22 School Year
Gabriella Amelia	Asst. JV Volleyball	As Per Contract	2021-22 School Year

2021-22 Professional Service Agreements –

- that a professional service agreement with the Binghamton University Children’s Unit for Treatment and Evaluation, ASEP’s expenditure and record keeping obligations with respect to said funds effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
- that a professional service agreement with Upstate Cerebral Palsy, ASEP’s expenditure and record keeping obligations with respect to said funds, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A 2250.490-99-400	A 2610.490-99-550	\$21,709.00
A 2250.490-99-400	A 2630.490-99-150	\$98,135.00

Disposal – Whereas the Susquehanna Valley School District has items #000871 and #000877, Groen Steamers Model XSG-5 that no longer have value to the district and since they are no longer used, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the District Purchasing Agent to remove them from inventory. Furthermore, via this resolution the Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to first sell them to a party willing to pay the highest price; second, if they cannot be sold, to donate them to another public school or charitable organization; and, third, if they cannot be sold or donated to dispose of them as trash or recycled.

Internal Audit Report– recommended to accept the 2019-20 internal audit report submitted by Ernie Skadias, Internal Auditor.

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

**Bus Bond Resolution** – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that following be approved:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2021.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT CONKLIN, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin, Broome County, New York (the “School District”), held on May 18, 2021, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to purchase school buses as described in the proposition therefor (the “Proposition”), at a maximum estimated cost of \$400,000, such Proposition providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with not to exceed \$400,000 obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such purposes and 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 Susquehanna Valley Central School District at Conklin, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of school buses as described in the Proposition, including costs incidental thereto, is hereby authorized at maximum estimated cost of \$400,000.



Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall be by the issuance of not exceeding \$400,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five (5) years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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 as of 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 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(s) 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 vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

**Resignations** – Mrs. Howe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Corinne Gaskins	Teacher Aide Middle School	8/3/21
Jim Kildare	Bus Driver Transportation	8/16/21

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

**Termination** – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the following termination be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Idelis Reyes-Morales	Monitor Transportation	8/13/21

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

**Instructional Appointment** – Mrs. Howe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the following instructional appointment be approved:

Name	Position	Certified	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Tenure Date
Jennifer McPherson	Teacher	Prov – <i>Child Ed 1-6</i>	As Per Contract	9/7/21	9/7/25

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

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

Name	Position / Location	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
Jill Bennedum	Teacher Aide Brookside	As Per Contract	9/7/21

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

Mr. Doig spoke regarding masks in schools for the upcoming year. He stated that we are waiting to hear the guidance from Albany once the new governor is sworn into office next week.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mrs. Brubaker reported that after many interviews, all positions have been filled with the exception of one. She stated that we have had 49 new student registrations over the past two weeks. Some of those are students who are returning from homeschooling and private schools after last year. She also reported that with the UPK funding received this year, we have reduced our BK program to one class and increased our Pre-K program to three classes.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – None

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Mr. Schuldt reported that the Smart Schools camera replacement project is ongoing. He said that the paving has been completed and the fence replacement project has begun. The shade structures at each playground and by the athletic area will be completed soon. He stated that we still have not received approval from SED on the concession stand/restroom project.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2** – Ms. Barbara Winseman, Mr. Brian Timm, Ms. Michelle Reilly, Ms. Emily Wilcox and Ms. Colette Tokos ask questions regarding masks in schools.

**Executive Session** – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

At 6:50 p.m. the Board recessed

At 6:58 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 7:36 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mrs. Howe made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeases)

There being no further business, Mrs. Haskell adjourned the meeting at 7:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Mullins  
School District Clerk

