

**PROPOSED
MINUTES
of the**

APPROVED MINUTES
August 19, 2020
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 (*Video Conference*)
Mr. Jack Bell
Mrs. Mary Haskell
Ms. Kelly Howe
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mr. Ryan Remza
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik (*Video Conference*)

MOTION Bell
SECONDED Leighton
APPROVED 9/16/20

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk
Mr. Ralph Schuldt
Ms. Shannon Hogan, SVTA Representative
Mr. Angelo Catalano, School Attorney

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

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, to accept into record the attendance for the August 19, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the July 15, 2020, Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Mr. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020, 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. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the June financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the July financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

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

- Authorize the 2 services recommended on the CPSE list dated 8/7/20.
- Authorize the 1 services recommended on the CSE list dated 8/7/20.

Retirement – that the following retirement be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Karen Comella	Secretary Middle School	8/21/20

Resignation – that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brytney Hatfield	Teacher Middle School	8/31/20

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>
Karl Gee	Teacher	Prof – <i>-Tech</i>	As Per Contract	9/8/20	9/8/23
Brooke Reynolds	Teacher	Initial – <i>SWD 1-6, Literacy BV-6, Child 1-6</i>	As Per Contract	9/8/20	9/8/24

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>
John Potter	Cleaner Donnelly	As Per Contract	8/24/20
Tina Miller-Rucky	Cleaner Donnelly	As Per Contract	8/24/20
Karin McGlynn	Cleaner High School	As Per Contract	9/8/20
Robert Weingartner	Maintenance Mechanic District-Wide	As Per Contract	8/20/20
Alexandria Alford	Director of Aquatics Athletics	As Per Contract	9/1/20

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>
Marjorie DePersis	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	9/8/20
Alexandria Alford	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	9/8/20

Substitute Appointments – that the substitute appointments for the 2020-21 School Year on Schedule A: Certified/Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, and Schedule B: Substitute Support Staff be approved.

Mentor – that the following mentor be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brendan Heslin	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year

Extended Season Coaching Payment – that the following coach be paid for an extended coaching season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chad Freije	2 weeks extended season head coach	As Per Contract
Ray Haskell	2 weeks extended season assistant coach	As Per Contract

Athletic Department Appointments – that the following athletic department head/assistant fall coach appointments be approved for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Head Varsity Cheerleading	Mary Clark	As Per Contract
Head Varsity B/G Cross Country	Grace Tabeek	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Football	Michael Ford	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Golf	Evan Ligeikis	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Boys' Soccer	TBD	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Girls' Soccer	Jeremy Mann	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Girls' Swim	Nathanael Dingman	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Girls' Tennis	Amanda Spottek	As Per Contract
Head Varsity Volleyball	Courtney Marris	As Per Contract
Assistant Mod B/G Cross Country	Matthew Schneider	As Per Contract

Assistant Varsity Football	Steve Haskell*	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Football	Chad Freije	As Per Contract
Assistant Varsity Football	Richard Pflanz	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Football	Ray Haskell	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Football	Troy Humphrey	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Football	Ken Bidwell	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Football	Jamie Lupole	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Football	Paul Novobilski	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer	Jim Desimone	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Boys' Soccer	Anthony Ruffo	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer	Adam Terboss	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Girls' Soccer	Sara Loftus	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Girls' Swimming	Shawna Barrett	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Girls' Tennis	Jessica Wright	As Per Contract
Assistant Junior Varsity Volleyball	Gianni Cordisco	As Per Contract
Assistant Modified Volleyball	Rita Foran	As Per Contract

Donation – that the Board of Education accept a donation from Walmart in the amount of \$2,000.00 for student reading materials at the High School and hereby appropriates the amount into the General Fund as follows:

Use: \$2000.00 to A 2110.450-06-255 (HS ELA – Materials and Supplies)

Source: \$2000.00 to A2705 (Revenue – Gifts and Donations)

Bid Award – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the Geo Preference Bid and that it be awarded to the following vendors: Headwater Food Hub, The Perfect Granola.

2021 Professional Services Agreements – that the following professional service agreements be approved:

- that a professional service agreement with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, be approved for LEA's allocation of the ASEP's share of federal IDEA Flow-Through Funds and the ASEP's expenditure and record keeping obligations with respect to said funds, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.
- 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, 2020, through June 30, 2021.
- that the District will allow, 2000305, a Chenango Forks special-education student, to attend its 12:1:1 special-education classroom located at Susquehanna Valley High School commencing on September 9, 2020, through June 18, 2021. The Susquehanna Valley CSD shall make good faith efforts to implement the student's individualized education plan and provide general education services to the student as appropriate. Chenango Forks CSD, shall reimburse Susquehanna Valley CSD for the pro rata actual cost of implementing the student's individualized education plan

2020-2021 School Calendar (Revision) – that the revised school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year be approved as proposed.

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	\$13,279.00
A 2250.490-99-400	A 2630.490-99-150	\$106,356.00

Transportation Contract – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve a contract extension, at the CPI increase, of bid SV2016-2017:03 for Special Ed - Regular Transportation for the 2018-2019 school year awarded to Serafini Transportation Corporation of PO Box 978, Vestal, New York 13850 at a total bid price of \$51.29 for daily one way transportation, and \$102.58 for daily round trip transportation.

COVID-19 Purchasing – WHEREAS, by Executive Order 2020, the Governor declared a State of Emergency within the State addressing the threat that the COVID-19 pandemic poses to the health and welfare of its residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, in response to the declaration of an emergency public schools were closed by Executive Order on or about March 17, 2020, and

WHEREAS, public schools have been tasked by the Governor with developing and promulgating a re-opening plan effective at the start of the 2020-2021 academic year, and

WHEREAS, the re-opening plan, among many other things, must include hygiene and disinfection requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency published by the New York State Department of Health on July 13, 2020 says, "Responsible Parties must ensure adherence to hygiene and cleaning and disinfection requirements as advised by CDC and DOH" and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of hygiene and cleaning and disinfection products has been made more difficult because of product shortages and price volatility, and having adequate supplies of such products will advance the goals of the public policy of the State announced in the various Executive Orders and State Legislation concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such products is necessary to preserve the life and health of school district students, faculty and staff, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such products must commence as soon as possible in order to have adequate supplies in place by the re-opening of school in September, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed preliminary estimates for the acquisition of personal protective equipment, including face masks, face shields and gloves and disinfecting solutions and other hard-to-acquire disinfecting supplies.

RESOLVED, due to the emergency situation, the urgent need and the universal shortage of supplies, the Board authorizes the awarding of contracts for the purchase, without competitive bidding of personal protective equipment, including face masks, face shields and gloves, disinfecting solutions and other hard-to-acquire disinfecting supplies, such acquisition to commence immediately, and

It is further

RESOLVED, that the all such expenditures made by authority of this resolution are ordinary contingent expenses.

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

2020-21 Tax Warrant – Mr. Remza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, that following be approved:

2020-2021 Tax Levy – that be it RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the sum of \$17,377,250 represents the amount needed to balance the 2020-2021 budget and that this amount be raised by levying taxes upon the taxable properties of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District, which have been certified by the Board of Assessors of the Towns of Binghamton, Conklin, Kirkwood, Vestal and Windsor, and be it further resolved that the District Clerk of this School District be and is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Assessors of the County of Broome, Binghamton, New York.

2020-2021 Tax Warrant – that WHEREAS: Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1977, amended 1318, subdivision 1 of the Real Property Tax Law:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education apply \$500,000 to the reduction of the tax levy;

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED: To the tax collector of the Susquehanna Valley CSD, Towns of Binghamton, Conklin, Kirkwood, Vestal, and Windsor, County of Broome, New York State, you are hereby commanded:

1. To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.
2. To give notice that the tax collection will end on November 2, 2020.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$17,377,250 in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of 553 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law.
5. To forward by mail to each owner of the real property listed on the tax rolls within 10 days after the start of the collection a statement of taxes due his/her property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the Office of the County Treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.

6. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.
7. To issue receipts in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file exact copies of all receipts issued as required by 986 of the Real Property Tax Law.
8. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by Town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law. This warrant is issued and delivered in accordance with 1306 and 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the Board of Education. This warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with 1318, subdivision 3 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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

Assistant Superintendent's Contract – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the contract with Assistant Superintendent, Natalie Brubaker, is hereby approved through June 30, 2023, upon the terms and conditions reviewed and accepted by the Board of Education, and the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the agreement between the District and Mrs. Brubaker.

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

Resignation – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the following resignation be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Anthony Marascia	Bus Driver	Transportation
		8/31/20

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

Leave of Absence – Mrs. Vimislik requested that the resolution for the following leave of absence be held for held for a poll vote: that that Jay Vimislik, Middle School teacher, be granted a medical leave of absence from September 8 through November 6, 2020.

Upon poll vote, the motion was approved. (6 yeses, 1 abstain) (Vimislik, abstain; Strick, yes; Bell, yes; Haskell, yes; Howe, yes; Leighton, yes; Remza, yes)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kelley Stewart	Senior Typist	Middle School	As Per Contract
			9/2/20

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
James Guth	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	9/8/20

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

Mentors – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, that the following mentors be appointed for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
William Egan	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year
Jennifer King	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year
Jennifer Potter	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year
Denise Miller	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year
Courtney Marris	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year
Mary Igo	Mentor	As Per Contract	2020-21 School Year

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brubaker explained the number of mentors were because we have gone to a two-year mentor period, so besides the new teachers this year, the new teachers from last school year were still going to have mentors for this school year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – None

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mr. Schuldt thanked the Board of Education members for attending the building tours.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – No Comments

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. (7 yeses)

At 6:15 p.m. the Board recessed

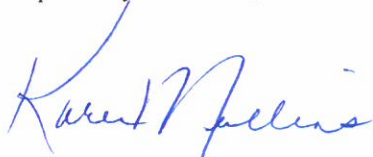
At 6:19p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 7:25 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk