

**PROPOSED
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**APPROVED MINUTES
September 20, 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
Ms. Kelly Howe
Mr. Mark Leighton
Mr. Robert Sullivan
Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik

MOTION Andres
SECONDED Vimislik
APPROVED 10/18/17

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Mr. Roland Doig, Superintendent
Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Karen Mullins, District Clerk
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive
Mr. Donald Gerlach
Mrs. Jill Rich
Mrs. Erin Eckert
Mr. Ralph Schuldt
Mr. Gianni Cordisco, SVTA Representative
Mr. Daniel Shoen, Insero & Co. CPA's, LLP
Mr. Michael DiPerna, C & S Construction
Mr. Edward Bernhauer, BCK IBI Group
Mr. William Sands, BCK IBI Group
Mr. James Niles, Parent
6 Students

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

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to accept into record the attendance for the September 20, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andres to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017, 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 – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the August financial reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

Presentation – Financial Audit – Mr. Daniel Shoen, Insero & Co. CPA's, LLP, reviewed the 2016-17 External Audit Report and stated they were providing an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the district and the district's internal control and compliance of regulations. They identified no instances of noncompliance and no material internal control weaknesses in both of these categories. Mr. Shoen stated that there were a couple receipt issues with the extraclassroom funds, and overall, the district looked very good financially.

External Audit Report – Mrs. Howe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the 2016-17 External Audit Report submitted by Inero & Co. CPA’s, LLP, be accepted by the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (6 yeses)

Presentation – Capital Project – Mr. Edward Bernhauer and Mr. William Sands, BCK IBI Group, and Mr. Michael DiPerna, C & S Construction, gave a presentation on the capital project designs and timeline. They stated that they plan to start the bid process in February and award those bids in March. Depending on the timeliness with the State Education Department, they would like to start construction in April or May.

Resolutions – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leighton, to approve the following resolutions:
Special Education Recommendations – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education:

- Authorize the 3 services recommended on the CPSE list dated 9/18/17.
- Authorize the 1 service recommended on the CSE list dated 9/18/17.

Resignations – that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dale Loftus	Food Service Worker Donnelly	8/18/17
Gregory Olulich	Custodian Facilities	8/28/17
Sara Solian	Food Service Worker High School	8/30/17

Termination – that the following termination be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Janet Nabywaniec	Secretary Brookside	7/21/17

Leave of Absence – that Sheri Brewer, Donnelly Elementary teacher, be granted a medical leave of absence from on or about October 17, through November 28, 2017

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position / Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Melissa Backus	Food Service Helper High School	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Theresa Guinan	Food Service Helper Donnelly	As Per Contract	9/21/17

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Courtney Sabin	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Lauren Kirshner	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Ryan Kerrick	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Jessie Hogan	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Alexa Krowiak	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Christine Raughley	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17
Eric Reaves	Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified	As Per Contract	9/21/17

Non-Instructional Substitute Appointments – that the following non-instructional substitute appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jessica Baker	Substitute School Nurse	\$17.00 Per Hour	10/20/17

Athletic Department Appointments – that the following athletic department appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Shawna Barrett	Substitute Pool Supervisor	\$12.00 Per Hour	2017-18 School Year
Lorraine Buckley			
Nathanael Dingman			
Daniel Kosick			
Evan Ligeikis			

Courtney Marris						
Samuel Argetsinger						
Alyssa Barrett						
Richard Bedosky						
Evelyn Bennedum						
Dakota Daye						
Lia Frank	Lifeguard	\$9.70 Per Hour	2017-18 School Year			
Emily Jacobs						
Tanner Rose Maynard						
Nicholas Miller						
Liam Olsen						
Justin Rosenkrans						
Matthew Scheffield						
Mark Morgan				Asst. Varsity Girls Swimming	As Per Contract	2017-18 School Year

District Clerk - Revision – that Karen Mullins be and is hereby appointed Clerk of this District to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education during the school year 2017-18 at an annual salary \$5800.

School Policy – 2nd Reading – that School Policy #5662, Charge Meal Policy be reviewed and approved effective September 20, 2017.

Equipment Disposal – Whereas, the Susquehanna Valley School District has a Vending machine in the Sr. High cafeteria that no longer has value to the district since it is no longer used, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the district Purchasing Agent to remove this item. 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.

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

Substitutes United in Broome Contract – Mrs. Vimislik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve the funds for the contract between the District and the Substitutes United in Broome for the school years July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020.

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

Emergency Appointment – Interim Middle School Principal – Mr. Leighton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vimislik, that the Board of Education appoint Donald Gerlach as Interim Middle School Principal of the Susquehanna Valley Central School District, effective as of September 5, 2017, in accordance with a contract with approved terms between the District and Mr. Gerlach, and the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said contract in a form approved by legal counsel to the District.

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brubaker reported that the orientation programs for all of our new students entering buildings, that being Pre-K, BK, kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade students, were very well attended and those students are adjusting nicely to their new surroundings. She said that she has been meeting with all of the department chairpersons to go over Regents results, curriculum changes, and the professional development opportunities for the year. She reported that we finally received our state assessment data and those scores and student trends are currently being reviewed at each building. The results showed that we scored in the top five regionally in grade four and eight science and in eight science we ranked first in the region. Third grade ELA and math, seventh grade ELA and eighth grade ELA and math also did very well. On Monday, 9/11, the Board of Regents adopted their Next Generation Learning Standards for ELA and math, which is a rebranding of the Common Core. They put these new standards through a review process inviting comment from stakeholders including teachers, parents and the public, and after a two year process, the board has now adopted these Next Generation Learning Standards. A multi-year schedule to roll out these new standards has been developed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT – None

VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS – Mr. Gerlach gave an update for Mr. Snyder on athletics stating that this fall there are 231 student athletes from the High School and 112 athletes from seventh and eighth grades participating in sports. He reported that homecoming, football and cheerleading senior recognitions and the Wall of Fame ceremony all take place on October 7th. He said that there are seven very deserving athletes, two contributors and one team being inducted to the Wall of Fame this year.

In regards to the Middle School, Mr. Gerlach reported that the Sixth Grade Student Orientation took place and went very well with 101 sixth graders and parents out 116 were in attendance. The following day all but two returned for their schedules. The RTS Welcome BBQ was held on the first Tuesday back, and Jordan Patch from Animal Adventure came and gave a great message to the students and did a wonderful job. They are in the process of getting the iPads out to the students; Curriculum Night will be held tomorrow night.

Mrs. Eckert report that Brookside had a successful opening with their Pre-K, BK and kindergartens getting into the swing of things. This week they had their emergency drills, and they look forward to the Back to School Carnival held this Friday at 6 p.m., with Curriculum Night being held October 3.

Mrs. Rich stated that prior to the start of school, Donnelly had a Meet the Teacher Night for the Pre-K families with all 18 families attending to meet Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Derrick and explore their room. They also had 50 of the 52 BK and kindergarten families attend the orientation, and all-in-all, it was a smooth start to the year. The fourth and fifth graders received their one-on-one iPads, the first Cubs Assembly took place last Friday, they are looking forward to Curriculum Night next Friday, and Movie Night will be held on October 13. Mrs. Rich gave a huge thanks to Mr. Schuldt and his staff for getting the buildings ready for the start of school.

Mr. Schuldt thanked BCK and C & S for their presentation and stated that they continue to work on designs for the Capital Project to keep the project rolling. He reported that school got off to a good start and thanked his staff for their long hours the last few days before school to prepare for the first day.

Mr. Cordisco reported that Mrs. Butts wanted to remind everyone of the SVTA Craft Fair on November 18. This event helps raise money for two SVTA scholarships each year.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2 – Mr. James Niles, parent, voiced his concern regarding transportation for his child to Central Baptist Christian Academy. Mr. Doig asked Mr. Niles if he was new to the district and asked him if his request was turned in by the New York State School Law deadline of April 1; both of which Mr. Niles replied no. Mr. Doig told Mr. Niles that he would look into it and get back to him with a decision.

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

At 7:06 p.m. the Board recessed

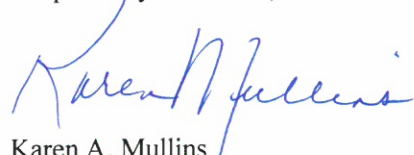
At 7:08 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 7:42 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howe, 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 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Mullins
School District Clerk