

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 23, 2013**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 6/19/13 - OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Scavo, President
Sal Tripi, Vice President
Teri Ahearn
Douglas Duncan, Jr.
Tony Falco
Michael J. Isernia, Esq
Christine Lampitelli
Dorothy Roberts
Michael J. Timo

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James J. Nolan, Superintendent of Schools
Jill Karp, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary
Paul Manzo, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Secondary
Bruce H. Singer, Associate Superintendent for Business
Carol Adelberg, District Clerk
Chris Clayton, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order at 7:40pm by President Scavo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Scavo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: The Board heard comments and concerns from member of the audience.

DISCUSSION:

2013-14 School Budget – President Scavo reviewed three options for Board decision regarding the budget. There was a consensus of the Board to schedule a revote on June 18, 2013 and to place a budget for voter approval on that date of a budget that is a 3.14% tax increase (tax cap). The proposed budget must be adopted by the Board on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia and was seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby indefinitely suspends Policy #7800 “Closing of Facilities” and any policy requirements for a first and second reading of such policy modifications due to the financial exigency created by the present budget crisis and loss of revenue as set forth in the Board’s public discussions..

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Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Scavo, Mr. Tripi, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Falco, Mr. Isernia, Mr. Timo

No: Ms. Lampitelli, Mr. Roberts

Motion carried (7-2).

There was a consensus of the Board to move the item “closing of schools” from the cuts listed in Option C to Option B. Administration was asked to report back to the Board with recommendations including specific details of which schools to close in order to shift the savings of closing the schools to re-instate some of the other proposed cuts and to meet the 3.14% budget increase. The Board asked for a priority list including the consideration of consolidation of various clubs/activities/sports in order to keep some of these items in the budget but at a lower cost.

A Special Board meeting to discuss the budget is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th at 10:30am in the Board Room at Samoset.

A Special Board meeting to discuss and then adopt the proposed budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 in the auditorium at Samoset.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Budget Re-Vote Date

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the scheduling of a Budget Re-Vote consistent with the legally established uniform re-vote date of June 18, 2013.

Notice of School Budget Re-Vote

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the notice that the Board of Education of the Sachem Central School District, Towns of Brookhaven, Smithtown, and Islip, Suffolk County, New York, that the re-vote on the school district budget, will be held on June 18, 2013, between the hours of 6 am and 9 pm. Voting will take place at Sachem's twelve elementary schools:

Election District #1 Lake Grove, NY	Wenonah Elementary School
Election District #2 Lake Grove, NY	Cayuga Elementary School
Election District #3 Lake Ronkonkoma, NY	Gatelot Elementary School
Election District #4 Lake Ronkonkoma, NY	Hiawatha Elementary School
Election District #5 Holbrook, NY	Nokomis Elementary School
Election District #6 Holtsville, NY	Chippewa Elementary School
Election District #7 Holtsville, NY	Waverly Elementary School

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Election District #8 Farmingville, NY	Lynwood Elementary School
Election District #9 Farmingville, NY	Tecumseh Elementary School
Election District #10 Holtsville, NY	Tamarac Elementary School
Election District #11 Holbrook, NY	Merrimac Elementary School
Election District #12 Holbrook, NY	Grundy Elementary School

Rental of Voting Machines for the School Re-Vote

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the rental of thirteen (13) voting machines from the Suffolk County Board of Elections for use on June 18, 2013.

Notice of Public Hearing - (Information Item)

The formal Public Hearing on the School Budget Re-Vote will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at Samoset Middle School at 7:30 pm.

Open Voter Registration - (Information Item)

The Board of Education takes this opportunity to remind residents that the district maintains open voter registration. On any school or business day, district residents may register to vote at any district school and also at the Administrative Offices at Samoset Middle School. There will be two special voter registration days. They are Wednesday, June 5 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School and Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Office of the District Clerk. No registrations may be taken in the seven day period preceding the budget re-vote. The last day to register to vote is June 11, 2013 at 3:00 pm. Questions regarding voter registration should be directed to the District Clerk at 471-1331.

Absentee Ballots - (Information Item)

A Sachem resident who is qualified to vote but unable to participate directly in the Budget Re-Vote on June 18, 2013, at the Sachem polling places, for the reasons set forth in Section 2018A of the Education Law, may wish to utilize an absentee ballot. To arrange for absentee ballot use, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, an individual must submit a written application to the District Clerk on a form to be provided by the District Clerk, at least seven (7) days before the budget re-vote on June 18, 2013. If the absentee voter is to personally pick up the absentee ballot, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least one day before the election. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5pm, on the day of the budget re-vote, June 18, 2013. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk.

Appointment of Chief Election Inspectors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the appointment of the following qualified voters as Chief Election Inspectors for the Budget Re-Vote to be held on June 18, 2013, and

FURTHER, that they be compensated at the rate of \$10.07 per hour:

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Attard, Paul	Holbrook
Davis, Alice	Farmingville
Hudson, Marcie	Holtsville
Inguanta, Steve	Holbrook
Kane, Margaret	Lake Ronkonkoma
Marcocchio, Maryellen	Ronkonkoma
Pearl, Nina	Lake Ronkonkoma
Ripollone, Bernadette	Holbrook
Schramel, Peter	Ronkonkoma
Sobol, Ann	Holtsville
Vesia, Emily	Holbrook
Wood, Laurie	Holbrook
Cavallaro, Carol	Holbrook

Appointment of Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of Election

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Timo and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve that, pursuant to Education Law, Section 2025, the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following qualified voters as Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of Election for the Budget Re-Vote to be held on June 18, 2013; and

FURTHER, that they be compensated at the rate of \$8.90 per hour:

Alvino, Jean	Farmingville
Bauer, Wayne	Lake Ronkonkoma
Babb, Cheryl	Lake Grove
Benedetto, Genaro	Lake Ronkonkoma
Benedetto, Grace	Lake Ronkonkoma
Berliner, Theodore	Lake Grove
Biehner, Barbara	Holbrook
Burbach, Mary Anne	Holbrook
Cafiero, Edna	Ronkonkoma
Campos, Juanita	Farmingville
Catropa, Marie	Lake Ronkonkoma
Cavallaro, Carol	Holbrook
Cavallino, Joann	Holtsville
Cecere, Kathleen	Holbrook
Cecere, Marjorie	Lake Ronkonkoma
D'Agostino, Eleanor	Holbrook
Davis, Alice	Farmingville
DiSanto, Roseann	Holbrook
DellaIaconi, Kathleen	Holtsville
Farrell, Dorothy	Farmingville
Firestone, Christine	Ronkonkoma
Galbo, Genevieve	Holbrook
Grady, Arthur	Holbrook
Grady, Rosemary	Holbrook
Graeber, Florence	Holbrook
Graeber, Robert	Holbrook
Griffin, Helen	Lake Ronkonkoma
Guzman, Hector	Farmingville
Hudak, Robin	Holbrook
Inguanta, Lois	Holbrook

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Kern, Lynette	Lake Ronkonkoma
Khan, Reema	Holtsville
Koelln, Alice	Lake Ronkonkoma
Koslosky, James	Holtsville
Kowalski, Gertrude	Holbrook
Levy, Marie	Holbrook
Mallon, Marilyn	Lake Ronkonkoma
Marrone, Charles	Farmingville
Maybrown, Harvey	Lake Grove
Maybrown, Myrna	Lake Grove
Moorman, Debra	Ronkonkoma
Neves, Graca	Farmingville
Pabst, Honey	Holbrook
Pearl, Fred	Holbrook
Pedersen, Marilyn	Holbrook
Pennacchio, Debra	Holbrook
Perrotta, Linda	Lake Ronkonkoma
Peterson, Warren	Holbrook
Pinaud, Ernest	Lake Grove
Reardon, Teresa	Holbrook
Rucker, Alice	Holbrook
Russo, Peter	Holbrook
Ruston, Richard	Holbrook
Schramel, Janet	Lake Ronkonkoma
Schulz, Doreen	Holbrook
Spero, Rosemary	Farmingville
Teller, Ed	Holbrook
Variale, Susan	Holbrook
Whelan, JoAnn	Lake Ronkonkoma
Wiegand, Kathleen	Lake Ronkonkoma
Zoebelein, Ruth	Holbrook

COMMENTS FROM

VISITORS: The Board heard comments and concerns from members of the audience.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to convene into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel issues at 11:43pm.

ADJOURN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Roberts, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 12:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg
District Clerk