

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2015**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 11/18/15 - OFFICIAL COPY

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anthony Falco, President  
Michael J. Timo, Vice President  
Teri Ahearn  
Vic Canales  
William Coggin  
Dorothy Roberts  
Robert Scavo  
Laura Slattery  
Sal Tripi

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Nolan, Superintendent of Schools  
Kristin Capel-Eden, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel  
Paul Manzo, Deputy Superintendent  
Jessica Schmettan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction - Elementary  
Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent  
Christopher Clayton, Esq.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order by President Falco at 7:30pm.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to convene into Executive Session at 7:32pm to discuss a real estate matter.

**OPEN SESSION:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to reconvene into Open Session at 7:40pm.

**DISCUSSION:**

School Closings                    A presentation was made by Mr. Manzo and Ms. Schmettan regarding the option of closing four elementary schools and moving the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school. A question and answer period followed.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo and was seconded by Mr. Scavo to eliminate the proposed option of closing of four elementary schools and moving the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes:    Mr. Falco, Mr. Timo, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Canales, Mr. Scavo, Ms. Slattery

No:     Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Tripi

**Motion** carried (6-3).

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Slattery, seconded by Mr. Coggin, and carried unanimously (9-0) to eliminate the proposed option of closing two middle schools and moving the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the elementary schools.

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A **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to eliminate the proposed option of closing one middle school – Seneca MS.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Coggin, seconded by Ms. Slattery, and carried unanimously (9-0) to eliminate the proposed option of closing two elementary schools.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Coggin and was seconded by Ms. Slattery to add an option of closing three elementary schools and one middle school.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Coggin, Ms. Slattery

After a discussion, Ms. Slattery withdrew her second on the **Motion**. There was no second.

**Motion** defeated.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo and was seconded by Mr. Scavo to add an option of closing two elementary schools and two middle schools.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Timo, Mr. Canales, Mr. Scavo

No: Mr. Falco, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Slattery, Mr. Tripi

**Motion** defeated (3-6)

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Slattery and was seconded by Mr. Coggin to close two elementary schools and one middle school.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Falco, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Canales, Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Slattery

No: Mr. Timo, Mr. Scavo, Mr. Tripi

**Motion** carried (6-3)

### COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

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

### NEXT MEETING:

The next work session meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School.

### School Closing

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo and was seconded by Mr. Timo to add an option of closing two elementary schools and two middle schools.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Timo, Mr. Canales, Mr. Scavo

No: Mr. Falco, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Slattery, Mr. Tripi

**Motion** defeated (3-6)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to convene into Executive Session at 10:50pm to discuss specific negotiation matters.

**ADJOURN:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 11:50pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg  
District Clerk