

**SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Holbrook, New York**

**Samoset Middle School**  
**Board Room**

**February 4, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**

**Board of Education Budget and Work Session**

*The Board of Education welcomes all who are attending this meeting.*

**AGENDA**

**A. OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order

Anthony Falco, President  
will preside. A quorum is expected.

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board will immediately convene to executive session to discuss negotiations.

**C. OPEN SESSION** – The Board will reconvene to open session at 8 PM.

1. Salute to the Flag

2. Moment of Silence

**CHARLES JONES**  
**CHELSEA MEDINA**

**D. VISITORS**

1. **Visitors** (Each visitor will be limited to 3 minutes)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education welcome visitors who wish to address the Board on matters relating to this agenda.”

If you wish to speak, please fill out a card (located on the table in the rear of the room) and turn in to the table in the front of the room adjacent to the Board of Education. The President of the Board will call speakers to the floor.

**E. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Bid Awards**

Certain supplies, materials, and equipment to be used in various school units have been advertised for bid in accordance with section 103 of the General Municipal Laws. Bids have been evaluated by the staff and recommendations for action are ready to be made.

The bid award presented for action is:

- a. Group Life Insurance Rates - *approve*

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Mini Contracts**

*Consent agenda for Action Items F.1.a and F.1.i.*

**1.a. Approval of Agreement Between Sachem Teacher Center and State University of New York at Stony Brook**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is recommended that the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Sachem Teacher Center and State University of New York at Stony Brook for graduate courses. The term of this agreement shall commence on December 15, 2008 and shall terminate on December 15, 2009. This agreement may be terminated upon written notice to the other party. Such termination shall be effective within ninety (90) days following receipt of such notice. This tuition is paid through the Sachem Teacher Center and there is no impact to the Sachem Central School District. The tuition rate for a three-credit course will be \$695 for the Program beginning January 2009 and the Sachem Teacher Center guarantees no less than twelve (12) participants per course. There was a SUNY tuition increase which starts during the end of March, 2009. The new tuition rate will be \$791 for a three-credit, graduate course. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by our attorney, Ingerman Smith LLP.”

1.b. **Approval of Agreement Between Sachem School District and Sayville UFSD**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Sayville UFSD to provide special education services to parentally-placed students with disabilities, when such students attend private schools in the Sayville Union Free School District. Sayville UFSD shall be entitled to bill Sachem CSD in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and the Regulations or Rules of the Commissioner of Education. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

1.c. **Approval of Agreement Between Sachem School District and Brentwood Union Free School District**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Brentwood Union Free School District to provide health and welfare services to students who reside in the Sachem Central School District and attend non-public schools in the Brentwood UFSD. The rate for this service is \$576.60 per student. The term of this agreement shall be from September 3, 2008 through June 26, 2009. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

1.d. **Approval of Health and Welfare Service Agreements**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreements between Sachem Central School District and Bayport/Bluepoint School District, Brentwood School District, Central Islip School District, Comsewogue School District, Connetquot Central School District, East Hampton School District, East Islip School District, Eastport/South Manor Central School District, Hauppauge School District, Longwood Central School District, Middle Country Central School District, Miller Place Union Free School District, Mt. Sinai School District, North Babylon School District, Patchogue-Medford School District, Smithtown Central School District, South Country Central School District, Three Village Central School District, William Floyd School District and Massapequa Union Free School District for health and welfare services to non resident students who attend a nonpublic school located within the Sachem Central School District. The cost is \$838.92 per student for the period of September 2008 through June 2009. These agreements have been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

1.e. **Approval of Agreement Between Sachem Arrows Marching Band and Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Sachem Arrows Marching Band and Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The Band agrees to furnish its service consisting of musicians under the direction of Pipe Major and or Pipe Sergeant, for the purpose of performing and marching in the town of Ronkonkoma, St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Sunday, March 15, 2009."

1.f. **Approval of Agreement Between Sachem School District and The Princeton Review**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and The Princeton Review, Inc. to provide SAT review classes and course materials to students. Tuition for the classes is to be paid directly by the students to The Princeton Review. The term of this contract shall be from November 15, 2008 to June 30, 2009. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district's attorney."

1.g. **Rescission of Special Education Cross Contracted Tuition Agreement Between Sachem Central School District and Comsewogue UFSD**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the Special Education Cross Contracted Tuition agreement between Sachem Central School District and Comsewogue UFSD in the amount of \$97,586.70 and approves the tuition at \$87,001.70 for two students who reside outside the Sachem Central School District. This agreement has been approved by the school district's attorney."

1.h. **Approval of Agreement Between Sachem School District and the Hilton-Long Island/Huntington, Sachem High School North Senior Prom**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and The Hilton-Long Island/Huntington for the Sachem High School North Senior Prom being held on June 25, 2009. This will be paid by the students. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district's attorney."

1.i. **Approval of Agreement Between Sachem Teacher Center and Long Island Children’s Museum**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Long Island Children’s Museum for two field trips for third grade elementary students in the GATE program on March 12 and March 19, 2009. The total cost of each field trip is \$232 to be paid through the GATE program. This agreement was reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

2. **Approval of R. S. Abrams and Company to Audit J. J. Stanis Dental Claims**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP to audit the dental claims administration as provided by J.J. Stanis and Company, Inc. for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.”

3. **Approve Adoption of Omni’s 403(b) Retirement Plan Document**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves for adoption Omni’s 403(b) Retirement Plan Document effective January 1, 2009.”

4. **Approval of Donation - Barnes & Noble – Cayuga Elementary School**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude, a donation from Barnes & Noble in the amount of \$1,115.01, to be used at Cayuga Elementary School.

5. **Approval Of Standardization Between Sachem CSD and Daktronics Scoreboards - Long Island Gym**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution”:

As per section 103 of the General Municipal Law the Board may standardize by resolution on a particular type of material or equipment. Standardization restricts a purchase to a specific model or type of equipment or supply.

BE IT RESOLVED, that for reasons of efficiency and/or economy the Board of Education approves the standardization of Daktronics Scoreboards for the Sachem Central School District.

The adoption of this resolution does not eliminate the necessity for conformance to the competitive bidding requirements.

6. **Adjustment of Income Levels for Senior Citizens (Age 65 & Older) Tax Exemption/Disability Exemptions**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Sachem Board of Education supports and herewith gives notice of its intent to have the district participate and cooperate in all current and future provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law as enacted by New York State and administered by the local townships. Since the inception of this program for tax relief for Senior Citizens (age 65 and over), the district has cooperated and endorsed the program.

Inasmuch as the state has adjusted the eligibility levels for 2009-2010, it is the intent of this resolution to make clear that the district will continue to participate in providing real property tax exemptions for qualified senior citizens and partial exemption, based upon income, to those persons who may be disabled, as changes take place;

WHEREAS, according to Chapter 313 of the laws of New York, 1996, such income may be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Sachem Board of Education hereby adopts the following income eligibility levels for the Senior Citizens tax exemption under Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and, partial exemption for persons with disabilities who have limited income pursuant to authority of Real Property Tax Law, Section 459-c, and 459-c(1)(b), effective January 1, 2009.

<b><u>Annual Income</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</u></b>
Under \$28,000	50%
\$28,000 to \$29,000	45%
\$29,000 to \$30,000	40%
\$30,000 to \$31,000	35%
\$31,000 to \$31,900	30%
\$31,900 to \$32,800	25%
\$32,800 to \$33,700	20%
\$33,700 to \$34,600	15%
\$34,600 to \$35,500	10%
\$35,500 to \$36,400	5%;

and, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the Department of the Assessor in the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip, and Smithtown.”

7. **Approval of Target Field Trip Grant**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude, a 2009 Target Field Trip Grant in the amount of \$800.00. The money will be used to help pay for a fifth grade field trip to the Long Island Museum, Stony Brook in May 2009.”

8. **Approval of Field Trips for 2008-09 School Year**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following field trip for the 2008-09 school year”:

North/East DECA Students	March 3-6, 2009	NYS DECA State Career Conference Rochester, NY
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9. **Approval of High School Commencement Exercises Start Time**

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 9AM start time for the June commencement exercises at Sachem High School East and Sachem High School North beginning with the commencement on June 27, 2009."

10. **Approval of Budget Transfers \$50,000 or Greater**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “Resolved, that the Board of Education approves (2) budget transfers of \$50,000 or greater. One transfer for \$317,114 is to fund the BOCES code for Student Assistance Services. This is for three BOCES counselors. The other transfer for \$135,979.12 is to allocate funds for the Cayuga and Gatelet playgrounds. The District received donations and special legislative grants for the purchase of these playgrounds but the payments must still run through the general fund budget.”

**G. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

1. AP/Honors Social Studies
2. 2008-09 Equipment and Supplies
3. 2009-10 Budget – First Draft

**H. CLOSING**

1. **Visitors** (Each visitor will be limited to 3 minutes)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hear from members of the audience who wish to present any matters of importance.”

2. **Board of Education Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that any member of the Board of Education wishing to propose a future agenda item present a motion to the Board of Education for consideration.”

3. **Next Meeting**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 25, 2009** in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School at 8 PM.

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board will adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, negotiations and legal matters.

**J. ADJOURN**

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