

SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Holbrook, New York

Samoset Middle School
Board Room

March 3, 2010
7:30 PM

Board of Education 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.
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Moment of Silent Meditation

B. 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.

C. 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 awards presented for action are:

- a. School Bus Air Conditioning System-Purchase & Installation-*rescind previous award*
- b. Internal Claims Auditor-*approve - tabled*
- c. External/Independent Auditor-*approve- tabled*

D. ACTION ITEMS*CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION ITEMS D.1.a. THROUGH D.1.d.***1. Mini Contracts****1.a. Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and The Lake Grove School**

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 Lake Grove School to provide the instruction of handicapped children in those situations where the school district is unable to provide for their education. Currently the rates are set as follows to be paid by the Office of Student Services:

10-month program \$865.60 per week for forty (40) weeks

2-month program \$926.33 per week for six (6) weeks

The term of this agreement shall be in effect for the period February 8, 2010 to June 30, 2010. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

1.b. Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and Never Alone Adolescent Rehabilitation Center

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Never Alone Adolescent Rehabilitation Center to provide instruction to the students placed in the program. Sachem School District will pay \$37.00 per hour for each child. The term of this agreement shall be from September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

1.c. Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and Mountain Lake Children’s Residence

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Mountain Lake Children’s Residence to provide for the education of handicapped children enrolled in the program. The cost for each child is the tuition rate set by the State Education Department. The term of this agreement shall be from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

1.d. **Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and High 5 Adventure Learning Center**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Sachem Central School District and High 5 Adventure Learning Center to provide a three (3) day workshop to Physical Education staff who teach 12th grade Project Adventure and shall include, but not be limited to the following areas:

- Review of knots
- Review of equipment; proper use maintenance
- Belay skills; review and practice
- Self-belayed climbing gear; set-up and retrieval
- Basic rescues; Release the load and 2 person cutaway rescue
- Belay escapes

Due to the timing in processing the agreement, the workshop was presented in eight (8) hour sessions on November 1, 2009; November 2, 2009; and November 3, 2009 prior to Board of Education approval. The cost is \$3,513.50 for the workshop to be paid by the Teacher Center. The term of this agreement shall be for the period from October 31, 2009 and shall continue through and including November 4, 2009. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.”

2. **Adjustment Of Income Eligibility For Senior Citizens (Age 65 & Over) Tax Exemption/Disability Limited Income Exemption/Medical Expense Offset**

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 2010-2011, 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, 2010.

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</u>
Under \$29,000	50%
\$29,000 to \$30,000	45%
\$30,000 to \$31,000	40%
\$31,000 to \$32,000	35%
\$32,000 to \$32,900	30%
\$32,900 to \$33,800	25%
\$33,800 to \$34,700	20%
\$34,700 to \$35,600	15%
\$35,600 to \$36,500	10%
\$36,500 to \$37,400	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.”

3. **Approval of Energy Performance Contract Financing – Bank of America**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following resolution dated March 3, 2010, confirming that Bank of America provide the lease financing at a fifteen year rate of 4.55% (Tax Exempt) as follows”:

RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 3, 2010 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT HOLBROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, CONFIRMING THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING PROGRAM WITH THE BANK OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Sachem Central School District at Holbrook, in the Towns of Brookhaven, Smithtown, and Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York (the “School District”) has determined that necessary and essential capital expenditures, including the annual acquisition of school equipment and furnishing, are required to maintain and enhance the educational facilities of the School District in order to provide quality educations for enrolled students and the School District wishes to confirm the authorization of the acquisition and installation of the Energy Performance Contract in the School District;

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law and the Education Law of New York, the School District hereby authorizes and confirms the execution and delivery of a Lease (Installment) – Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Bank of America or its related entity or affiliate upon such terms and conditions as shall be satisfactory to the School District. Such Agreement shall be executed by the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools in the form approved by the Associate Superintendent and bond counsel to the School District.

Section 2. The officers, employees and agents of the School District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the School District to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the payment of principal and interest due thereunder, and deliver all additional certificates, instruments, and documents, to pay all such fees, charges, and expenses, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee, or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the School District with all of the terms, covenants, and provisions of the Agreement and to make the Agreement binding upon the School District.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. **Approval for Establishment of Tuition Rate**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tuition rate for children of a non-resident to attend the Sachem School District. The formula to calculate the tuition rate for a regular education pupil is determined by the New York State Department of Education. The tuition rate for a student, full day K – 6, for the 2009-10 school year is \$5,454. The tuition rate for a student, grade 7-12, for the 2009-10 school year is \$8,681. The 2010-11 school year tuition rate has not yet been calculated. Therefore, it is recommended, if in the event a child of a non-resident is approved to attend a school in the Sachem School District, the tuition charged will be \$5,454 for K-6 and \$8,681 for 7-12 and shall be modified upon receipt of the 2010-11 tuition rate.

It is further recommended that the Board of Education approves the educational contract for two children to attend Sachem School District from March 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.”

E. DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. 2010-11 School Budget

F. 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 also be a budget meeting and will be held on Wednesday, **March 17** in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School at 7:30 PM.

The Board of Education will hold a work session and budget meeting on Wednesday, **April 7** at 7:30 PM at Samoset in the Board Room.

- G. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board will adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

H. ADJOURN

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