

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2010**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 4/21/10 - OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Falco, President
Robert Scavo, Vice President
Douglas Duncan, Jr
David R. Egloff
Jim LaCarrubba
Christine Lampitelli
Michael F. Licata
Michael J. Timo
Sal Tripi

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Karley Dutra, Student Member
Nicholas Bejarano, Student Member

ALSO PRESENT:

James J. Nolan, Superintendent of Schools
Gail Grenzig, Asst. Superintendent for Personnel
Jill M. Karp, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction -
Elementary
Paul A. Kopp, Asst. Supt for Curriculum & Instruction
Paul E. Manzo, Asst. Superintendent for Administration
Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent for Business
Chris Clayton, Esq.
Carol Adelberg, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The work session meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order by President Falco at 7:32pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Falco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Bid Awards

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Lampitelli, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the bids received covering items shown on Schedule C#1 with the exception of bid 1b and c.

The bids presented for action are:

- a. School Bus Air Conditioning System-Purchase & Installation-
rescind previous award

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Egloff, seconded by Mr. LaCarrubba, and carried

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unanimously (9-0) to TABLE bid awards 1b and c

- b. Internal Claims Auditor-*approve* - TABLED
- c. External/Independent Auditor-*approve*- TABLED

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a consent agenda for Mini Contracts items 1a through d.

Mini Contracts

1.a **Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and The Lake Grove School**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 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:

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| 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 for the period February 8, 2010 through 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**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata , seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 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**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 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.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 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.

Adjustment of Income Levels for Senior Citizens (Age 65 & Older) Tax Exemption/Disability Limited Income Exemption/Medical Expense Offset

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 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.

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| <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.

Approval of Energy Performance Contract Financing – Bank of America

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Mr. LaCarrubba, and carried unanimously (9-0) to 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

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effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the School District with all 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.

Approval for Establishment of Tuition Rate

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Egloff, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 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 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 approve the educational contract for two children to attend Sachem School District from March 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. 2010-11 School Budget – The Board reviewed Associate Superintendent Singer’s memo addressed to the Superintendent dated 3/1/10 on the subject “Follow-Up to February 24, 2010 Board of Education Meeting – 2010/11 Budget.” Questions were asked about the suggested reductions at each level. The Board requested the following:
 - the cost of a stipend intramural program as opposed to the 50% reduction in middle school sports and JV2 & JV9 teams.
 - a priority list at each level subdivided by impact on children/program, staff development, or facilities
 - a breakdown of the school psychologists and social workers assignments compared to other school districts.
 - a timeline for the adoption of the final budget and publication of a 2-page budget newsletter.
 - detailed information regarding the requested purchase of an oven at North.
 - a listing of the reduction in the salary amounts for the retiring teachers in the proposed budget document.

COMMENTS FROM

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

FUTURE AGENDA

ITEMS: 1. Cafeteria software program

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next regular Board of Education meeting will also be a budget meeting and will be held on Wednesday, **March 17, 2010** in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School at 7:30 PM.

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The Board of Education will hold a work session and budget meeting on Wednesday, **April 7, 2010** at 7:30 PM at Samoset in the Board Room.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Egloff, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to convene into Executive Session at 9:02pm to discuss personnel matters.

OPEN

SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to reconvene into Open Session at 9:10pm.

RESOLUTION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Licata, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement and release settling a matter of a hearing pursuant to Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commission of Education regarding a student whose identity has been made known to the Board of Education in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Egloff, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to reconvene into Executive Session at 9:11pm to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. LaCarrubba, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg
District Clerk