

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2011**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 4/13/11 – OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Scavo, President
Jim LaCarrubba, Vice President
Douglas Duncan, Jr.
Anthony Falco
Michael J. Isernia, Esq.
Christine Lampitelli
Michael F. Licata
Sal Tripi
Kelly Gochan, Student Member
Jimmy Ye, Student Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael J. Timo

ALSO PRESENT: James J. Nolan, Superintendent of Schools
Gail Grenzig, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Jill M. Karp, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction -
Elementary
Paul E. Manzo, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction -
Secondary
Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent for Business
Ed McCarthy, Esq.
Carol Adelberg, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: The work session meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order by President Scavo at 7:35pm.

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

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: The Board heard comments from members of the audience.

RECOGNITIONS:

1. Sachem East's Musical Snippet – “The Drowsy Chaperone” performed by several East Drama Students
2. North Football – Suffolk County Finalists and Division Champions
3. East Field Hockey – Suffolk County Finalists

PRESENTATION:

Literacy Through Music – Merrimac 1st Grade students

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Bid Awards

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. LaCarrubba, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following bid awards:

The bid awards presented for action are:

- a. Internal Auditing Services - *approve*
- b. External/Independent Auditor - *approve*
- c. Banking Services - *approve*
- d. Actuarial Review & Valuation - *approve*

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- f. Third Party Administrator – Dental Program – *approve*
- g. Third Party Administrator – Worker’s Compensation Self-Insured Program – *approve*
- h. Project Adventure Course – Annual Inspection, Preventative Maintenance & Repair - *approve*
- i. Collection Management System – Credit Card Payment Processing - *approve*

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve mini contracts a – d.

Mini Contracts

- a **Approval of Agreements Between Sachem Central School District and Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District.**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District to provide health and welfare services to students who reside in the Sachem Central School District. The rate for this service is \$603.31 per student. The term of this agreement shall be from September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

- b **Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and the Riverhead Central School District**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Riverhead Central School District to provide health and welfare services to students who reside in the Sachem Central School District. The rate for this service is \$599.43 per student. The term of this agreement shall be from September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

- c **Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and Bilinguals, Inc.**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Bilinguals, Inc. to provide services of licensed and qualified occupational therapists, speech pathologists, special educators and psychologists to students with handicapping conditions. The fees per evaluation are as follows:

For Children Ages 5-10	English or Spanish	Other Language
Psychological Evaluation	\$445.00	\$580.00
Speech Therapy Evaluation	\$370.00	\$445.00
For Children Ages 11-21		
Psychological Evaluation	\$500.00	\$605.00
Speech Therapy Evaluation	\$395.00	\$500.00

This will be paid through the Office of Student Services. The term of this agreement shall be from September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

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d **Approval of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District and Special Education Providers for Section 611 and Section 619 Grants**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the agreements for receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding between Sachem Central School District and AHRC-NYSARC, Inc. Suffolk Chapter, East Islip PreSchool Program Early Childhood Center and the Opportunity Pre-School as special education providers for the 611 and 619 grants. The costs associated are in accordance with the IDEA section 611 and section 619 federal funds consistent with federal and state statutes. The term of these agreements shall be September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for a ten (10) month program or July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for a twelve (12) month program. These contracts have been reviewed and approved by the school district's attorney.

Board of Education Approval of 2010-11 Extracurricular Club and Activity

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. LaCarrubba, seconded by Mr. Licata, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following 2010-11 Extracurricular Club/Activity:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>
East	Piano Accompanist/Vocal Prep	Paula Willis

Approval of Field Trip for 2010-11 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Lampitelli, seconded by Mr. Licata, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following 2010-11 field trip:

North Varsity Lacrosse	March 23-26, 2011	Greer, South Carolina/ Concord, North Carolina
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Approval of Workers' Compensation and Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserves to Fund Workers' Compensation Claims

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sachem Central School District does hereby elect to utilize approximately \$2,000,000 Workers' Compensation Reserve and approximately \$500,000 Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve to fund Workers' Compensation claims and payments to individuals terminating or retiring from service from resources accumulated in the Workers' Compensation Reserve and the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve. The exact amount will be determined when the June 2011 external audit is completed.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- Budget Presentation – The Board requested the following: a list of the increases to the baseline budget, a list of the items that were not purchased when spending was frozen, and to have the administrators report on suggestions for personnel/staffing cuts.
- Capital Projects – A chart entitled “2011 Capital Projects – Priority 1” was reviewed. The Board requested a Priority 1 list of capital items that are absolutely necessary to be done.
- Transportation Issues – A memo dated 3/1/11 entitled “March 2, 2011 Board of Education Meeting – Transportation Discussion” was discussed. There was a leaning by the Board to maintain the 25 mile out of district transportation to private and parochial schools and to hold firm on the April 1 deadline for out of district transportation requests.

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- d. Equipment Requests - A chart entitled “2011-2012 General Fund Equipment Requests” was reviewed. The Board requested an updated list of those items only absolutely necessary for health and safety.

COMMENTS FROM

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

FUTURE AGENDA

- ITEMS:**
1. Revisit the use of retirees as substitutes
 2. Community Education/Use of Facilities expenses and revenue

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Sachem Board of Education has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 16, 2011** at 7:30 PM at Samoset Middle School.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. LaCarrubba, and carried unanimously (8-0) to convene into Executive Session at 9:24pm to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg
District Clerk