

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2013**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 11/20/13 – OFFICIAL COPY

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Scavo, President  
Sal Tripi, Vice President  
Teri Ahearn  
Douglas Duncan, Jr.  
Anthony Falco  
Michael J. Isernia, Esq.  
Christine Lampitelli  
Dorothy Roberts  
Michael J. Timo

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Katie Doherty, Student Member  
Caila Hendrickson, Student Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** James J. Nolan, Superintendent of Schools  
Gail Grenzig, Asst. Superintendent for Personnel  
Paul E. Manzo, Deputy Superintendent  
Bruce H. Singer, Associate Superintendent for Business  
Carol Truglio, Acting District Clerk  
Julie L. Yodice, Esq.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order by President Scavo at 7:31pm.

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

**MINUTES:** 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 approve the following minutes:

September 10, 2013 – Work Session Meeting  
September 25, 2013 – Regular Meeting

**RECOGNITIONS:**

1. Summer Enrichment Program
2. Board of Education

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 1.** Annual Risk Assessment Report – Cullen & Danowski – Don Hoffman gave an overview of the Annual Risk Assessment Report
- 2.** Grants – Stephanie MacIntosh presented a Powerpoint on two of the latest grants – McKinney Vento Grant and the ESL Program.
- 3.** Facilities Study Committee – Mike Keany asked for Board direction as to whether or not to include various Sachem properties in the Facilities Study Committee. A majority of the Board stated that they wanted to include all Sachem properties in the study. A majority of the Board voted to include the elementary and middle schools in the facilities study and not to review the high schools for possible closing.

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### CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to change the order of the agenda to include High-Stakes Testing & Resolutions to the Presentations portion of the beginning of the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS (CONTD)

NYS Assemblyman Al Graf addressed the Board on the resolution and suggested that everyone sign the on-line petition. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, our nation's and New York State's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, our nation's school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

WHEREAS, the over-reliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems in undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Race to the Top funding does not adequately address the significant cost associated with the implementation of the new APPR and Common Core Learning Standards such as hiring professionals to ensure local assessments at grades 3-8 are valid, or other test construction and implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, New York State will require computer based testing statewide starting in 2014, requiring districts to build technological capacity to administer these high stakes tests, including the need to purchase computers, improve networks, develop infrastructure capacity, and train and hire personnel at an estimated cost of approximately 5% of current district budgets, without providing additional funding and while capping State and Local aid; and

WHEREAS, we do not oppose accountability in public schools and point with pride to the stellar performance of our students and teachers, but believe that standardized tests dominate instructional time and block out ability to make progress toward a world-class education system of student-centered schools and future-ready students; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Sachem Central School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, State Legislature and the Board of Regents to examine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a

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system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools; and

RESOLVED, that Sachem Central School District calls on the U.S. Congress and Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as the “No Child Left Behind Act,” reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Treasurer’s  
Report:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the monthly Cash Reconciliation Report as of June 30, 2013 for each fund as submitted by the District Treasurer, Diane Kollmer.

FURTHER, that the Board of Education approve the monthly Budget Status Report as of June 30, 2013 as submitted by the District Treasurer, Diane Kollmer.

Treasurer’s Report  
Revenues  
Expenditures  
Balance Sheets (as of June 30, 2013)

### **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Consent Agenda      Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a consent agenda for the personnel items.

#### **Retirement of Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the retirement of teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Alestra, Michael	English	Sachem East	11/4/13

#### **Termination of Leave Replacement Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the termination of leave replacement teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>
McGuire, Deborah	Elementary	Chippewa	11/1/13

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**Leave Replacements Appointments of Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the leave replacement appointments of teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Gillespie, Arlene*	F&CS	Seneca/North	6-5	TBD
McGuire, Deborah*	Special Education	Merrimac	4-4	TBD
Niski, Corinna	Special Education	Cayuga	1-4	10/24/13-6/30/14

\*Excessed teacher

**Salary Changes for Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the salary changes for teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date of Change</u>	<u>From Step</u>	<u>To Step</u>	<u>Salary Difference</u>
DiLorenzo, Christine	Chippewa	8/29/13	10-8	10-9	2,664.00
DiStefano, Matthew	Sachem North	8/29/13	12-8	12-9	2,664.00
Gearns, Erin	Sachem East	8/29/13	5-6	5-7	2,424.00
Hedemark, Paul	Sequoia	8/29/13	16-5	16-6	2,664.00
Kazmark, Donald	Seneca	8/29/13	9-5	9-6	2,665.00
Kennedy, Scott	Sachem East	8/29/13	9-7	9-8	2,665.00
Parise, Nicole	Sachem North	8/29/13	9-4	9-5	2,665.00
Ramaswamy, Isaac	Samoset	8/29/13	17-8	17-9	2,664.00

**Ten Year Increment for Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the ten year increments for teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
McCormack, Tara	Grundy	11/5/13	\$225
Clauss, Eric	Tecumseh	11/11/13	\$225
Ranieri, Lisa	Tamarac	11/13/13	\$225
Cole, Emily	Waverly	11/17/13	\$210

**Termination/Resignation of Substitute Teachers**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the termination/resignation of substitute teachers as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ambrico-Wilson, Tiffany	10/16/13

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Barba, Michael	10/16/13
Caffrey, Raymond	10/16/13
Cahill, Jessica	10/16/13
Dawson, Jaclyn	10/16/13
DeLorenzo, Beth Ann	10/16/13
George, Kyle	10/16/13
Katz, Robyn	10/16/13
Kircher, Sonia	10/16/13
Langrock, Robert	10/16/13
Lee, Richard	10/16/13
Long, Alessandra	10/15/13
Mattera, Anthony	10/16/13
Mazovec, Jodi	10/16/13
McCabe, Lyndsay	10/15/13
McGunnigle, Jessika	10/7/13
Moser, Kristen	10/11/13
Poggio, Alyssa	10/21/13
Prior, Lisa	10/16/13
Samuelsen, Erik	10/16/13
Sullivan, Katelynn	10/16/13
Ward, Brendan	10/16/13
Williams, Keith	10/16/13

### Approval of Substitute Teachers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the substitute teacher list as follows:

#### Name

Calandra, Robert  
Dougherty, Austin  
Fritch, Christopher  
Heinsman, Jeanne  
Holden, Christopher  
Opperman, Henry  
Polizzi, Matthew  
Rekowicz, Stephanie  
Sookram-Rusielewicz, Renarda

### Resignation of Teaching Assistants/Interpreters

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the resignation of teacher assistants/interpreters as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Attanasio, Nicholas	Special Education Teaching Assistant	Wenonah	10/16/13
Cucciniello, Maria	Special Education Assistant	Teaching Gatlot	8/29/13

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Esposito, Lauren	Special Education Teaching Assistant	Hiawatha	8/29/13
Ward, Andrea	Special Education Teaching Assistant	Seneca	10/22/13

**Appointment of Leave Replacement Teaching Assistant/Interpreters**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the appointment of leave replacement teacher assistants/interpreters as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Dates</u>
O'Brien, Denise	Special Education/ Teaching Assistant	Grundy	2-3	11/6/13-6/30/14

**Rescission of Termination of Support Services Personnel (All Civil Service)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to rescind the termination of the following support services personnel (all Civil Service classifications) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Service Ends</u>
Gustafson, William	Custodian/Sagamore	5/16/13

**Resignation of Support Services Personnel (All Civil Service Classifications)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the resignation of support services personnel (all Civil Service classifications) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Service Ends</u>
Doherty, Gail	Special Ed Aide/ Chippewa	10/15/13
Gustafson, William*	Custodian/Sagamore	5/16/13
Hecht, Raquel	Hall Monitor/ Sagamore	10/16/13
Laino, Jodi	3 Hr. FSW/Sagamore	10/20/13
Spain, Darlene	4 Hr. FSW/Gatelot	10/20/13

\*Pending Disability Retirement

**Leave of Absence of Support Services Personnel (All Civil Service Classifications)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the leave of absence of support services personnel (all Civil Service classifications) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Cooper, Susan	Special Education Aide / Hiawatha	Personal	10/15/13

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**Appointment of Support Services Personnel (Exempt, Labor and Non-Competitive)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the probationary appointment of support services personnel (exempt, labor and non-competitive) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Service Begins</u>	<u>Probationary Appointment</u>
Abbondanza, Janet	Registered Nurse/Child Care	\$41,263	11/4/13	26 weeks 11/4/13-5/5/14
Laino, Jodi	4 Hr. FSW/Sagamore	\$17.09/hr.	10/21/13	None
Schneyer, Melissa	Sign Language Interpreter/ Seneca	\$38,213	10/21/13	None
Semler, Angela	Registered Nurse/Child Care	\$41,263	11/4/13	26 weeks 11/4/13-5/5/14
Simonetti, Frances	3 Hr. FSW/Grundy	\$10.09/hr	10/21/13	90 days 10/21/13-1/18/14
Spain, Darlene	6 Hr. FSW/East	\$18.16/hr.	10/21/13	None
Vuturo, Josette	3 Hr. FSW/Sequoia	\$10.09/hr.	10/21/13	90 days 10/21/13-1/18/14

**Resignation/Termination of Substitute Support Services Personnel (Exempt, Labor and Non-Competitive)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the resignation/termination of substitute support services personnel (exempt, labor and non-competitive) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service Ends</u>
<b><u>Food Service Worker</u></b>	
Simonetti, Frances	10/20/13
Vuturo, Josette	10/20/13
<b><u>Clerical</u></b>	
Fields, Deborah	10/11/13
<b><u>Nurse</u></b>	
Semler, Angela	11/03/13

**Appointment of Substitute Support Services Personnel (Exempt, Labor and Non-Competitive)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the substitute support services personnel (exempt, labor and non-competitive) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service Begins</u>
<b><u>Aide</u></b>	
Mackey, Gina	10/23/13

**Resignation of Child Care Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the resignation of child care personnel as follows:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
O'Brien, Maggie	Asst. Group Leader/Group Leader	10/12/13

**Child Care Program Appointments**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the child care appointments as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Service Begins</u>
Blaswitz, Marie	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Block, Cassandra	Recreation Aide	\$10.07/hr.	10/23/13
Curreri, Noreen	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Daniele, Raffaella,	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
DiAngelis, Stephanie	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/10/13
Donodeo, Rosemarie	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Eichenholtz, Nicole	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Fortunato, Jacqueline	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Kiszenik Diane	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Larson, Jane	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Lopez, Lauren	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/11/13
Martin, Adriana	Recreation Aide	\$10.07/hr.	10/23/13
McAvoy, Laura	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
McMenemy, Vicky	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Monahan, Evelyn	Recreation Aide	\$10.07/hr.	10/23/13
Radakovic, Christina	Recreation Aide	\$10.07/hr.	10/23/13
Shadbolt, Courtney	Recreation Aide	\$10.07/hr.	10/23/13
Soricelli, Stephanie	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
White, Danielle	Recreation Aide	\$10.07/hr.	10/23/13
Wilson, Lorraine	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13
Wilson, Susan	Group Leader	\$16.90/hr.	10/23/13

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mini Contracts:  
Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia and was seconded by Ms. Ahearn to approve a consent agenda for mini contracts a –c. An Amended **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a consent agenda for items a and b with the exception of c.

**a. Approval of Agreement with Disney Youth Group Programs**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Disney's Youth Group Programs. The Sachem East High School String Ensemble will participate in a performance and workshop as part of Disney Performing Arts. The students will stay at Disney's All-Star Music Resort from May 16, 2014 to May 19, 2014. This trip will be paid by the students. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district's attorney.

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**b. Approval of Special Education Cross Contracted Tuition Agreement with Islip UFSD**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the agreement between Sachem Central School District and Islip Union Free School District for Special Education Cross Contracted Tuition to students who reside outside the Sachem Central School District. Sachem CSD shall be entitled to bill the non-resident tuition rate set by SED for the 2013-2014 school year. The term of this agreement shall be in effect for the period September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

**c. Approval of Agreement with Elite Sounds, Inc.**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried with Mr. Falco abstaining (8-0-1) to approve the agreement between Elite Sounds, Inc. and Sachem Central School District for disc jockey entertainment services for four events at Sagamore Middle School. The dates of the events and costs, which will be paid from Student Government fundraisers, are as follows:

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Student Government Dance	November 1, 2013	\$300
Student Government Dance	January 24, 2014	\$300
Student Government Dance	April 4, 2014	\$300
Student Government Dance	June 6, 2014	\$450

Due to the timing of the receipt of this agreement and the date of the first event, approval is being requested pending the school district’s attorney approval.

**Approval of Donation - Jeffrey A. Schatz**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Lampitelli, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to accept with gratitude, a donation from Mr. Jeffrey A. Schatz, parent of a student at Waverly Avenue Elementary School and President of D.B.L. Associates, Inc. in Ronkonkoma, of \$1,873.60 to Waverly Avenue Elementary School, to purchase eighty (80) cases of copy paper.

**Approval of Donation – Sachem North Touchdown Club**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Lampitelli, seconded by Ms. Roberts, and carried unanimously (9-0) to accept with gratitude, the donation of \$1,500 from the Sachem North Touchdown Club to Sachem High School North for academic enhancement.

**Approval of Dentcare Renewal Rates with J.J. Stanis and Company, Inc.**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Lampitelli, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the Dentcare renewal rates from J.J. Stanis and Company, Inc. The rates will remain the same. The current rates are \$17.74 for individual coverage and \$43.49 for family coverage. These rates are effective January 1, 2014.

**Appointment of Alternate Evening High School Staff for the 2013-14 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the appointment of the Alternate Evening High School staff for the 2013-14 school year as follows:

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Mark Lucas

Art

### Approval of the 2014-2015 Budget Development Calendar

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the 2014-2015 Budget Development Calendar.

### Approval of Agreement with Music Theatre International

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the production contract between Sachem Central School District and Music Theatre International (MTI) to provide materials, and pay a non-refundable materials fee and royalty fee for the production of Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. at Sequoya Middle School. The cost is \$907.00 and will be paid by the District Office for Music and Art and the Sequoya Drama Club.

### Approval of Coaching Assignments for the 2013-14 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the following coaching assignments for the 2013-14 school year:

#### WINTER

##### BOYS WINTER TRACK

East Varsity Assistant - Sean Cully (Sub)  
East Varsity Assistant - Nick Codispoti (East)  
East Varsity Volunteer - Mike Mastrogiacommo (North)

##### GIRLS WINTER TRACK

*Rescind* North Varsity Assistant - Mike Mastrogiacommo (North)  
North Varsity Assistant - Danielle Lasher (North)  
East Varsity Head - Joseph Coffey (East)  
East Varsity Assistant - Dan Schaub (East)  
East Varsity Assistant - Ashlee Ortiz (Sub)  
East Varsity Volunteer - Pete McNeill (Retired)

#### WRESTLING

*Please switch the positions previously sent forward for approval for Seneca MS Wrestling.*

*Correct assignments should read as:*

Seneca Head - Joseph Scholz (Gatelot)  
Seneca Assistant - Charles (Randy) LaBella (Seneca)

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

North Junior Varsity - Justin O'Connell (Sequoya)

### Approval of Extracurricular Clubs/Activities for the 2013-14 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the following extracurricular clubs/activities for the 2013-14 school year:

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<u>School</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
<i>East</i>	Buddies Club Class Advisor - 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Drama Club	Patricia Auletta Maureen Boles Kenneth Dobbins
<i>Seneca</i>	Select Chorus	Shoshana Hershkowitz
<i>Music</i>	Drama Director, Sequoya Drama Assistant Director, Sequoya	Heidi Mato Katrina Rocha

### Acceptance of Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Roberts, and carried unanimously (9-0) to accept the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of June 30, 2013 as prepared by Toski & Co., CPAs, P.C.

### Approval of Payment for Robert Wentzel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the payment of \$1,800 (sixty hours at \$30/hour) for Robert Wentzel, for set design, material procurement and set construction for the production of Lend Me A Tenor at Sachem North High School during the 2012-13 school year.

### Approval of Budget Transfers \$50,000 or Greater

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve one budget transfer of \$50,000 or greater:

- One transfer for \$3,075,438.40 is to move IDEA Grant salaries to the grant offset code and balance the remaining special education budget codes.

### Acceptance of Risk Assessment Update Report and Management Corrective Action Plan

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to accept the Risk Assessment Update Report prepared by Cullen & Danowski, LLP and the Management Corrective Action Plan.

### Disciplinary Suspension - Non-Instructional Staff Member

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby suspends, without pay, a member of the non-instructional staff for a period of eight (8) work days. The five day suspension shall be October 28, October 29, October 30, October 31, November 1, November 3 and November 4, November 5, 2013

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### Approval of District Wide Lifeguards

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Isernia, seconded by Mr. Timo, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the following personnel as District Wide Lifeguards for the 2013-14 school year as follows:

Bodkin, Kathleen  
Buckley, Taylor  
Caputo, Erin  
D’Arcangelis, Catherine  
DeGangi, John  
DiStefano, Jennifer  
Falco, Anthony  
Falco, David  
Gibbons, Elizabeth  
Harte, Clodagh  
Mulee, Thomas  
Neubauer, William  
Newham, Jason  
Nocco, Melissa  
Wolffer, Joan

### Appointment of DAC Coordinators

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to appoint the following building-level DAC (Dignity Act Coordinator) Coordinators for the 2013-14 school year.:

Grundy Avenue Elementary	Lisa Marie Johnson
Waverly Avenue Elementary	Robert Neufeld

### Motion to Establish a Thomas J. Sabatelle Scholarship

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the following resolution to establish the Thomas J. Sabatelle Scholarship:

WHEREAS, the Office of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, desires to establish with SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT a scholarship in the name of Thomas J. Sabatelle; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds are to be given to Sachem Central School District to be administered per instructions of Pete Blieberg, Athletic Director; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT establish the Thomas J. Sabatelle Scholarship Fund; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT accept the proceeds for that purpose to be administered in accordance with his instructions, said proceeds to be accepted pursuant to 1709 (12-a) of the Education Law.

### Establishment of 2013-2014 Tax Levy

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

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Sachem Central School District at Holbrook acknowledge receipt of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district as certified to by the Assessors of the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following amounts to be raised by tax levy in each town as indicated:

<u>Town</u>	<u>School Purposes</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brookhaven	106,155,666	6,321,769	112,477,435
Islip	50,477,501	3,006,030	53,483,531
Smithtown	6,364,245	379,003	6,743,248
	<u>162,997,412</u>	<u>9,706,802</u>	<u>172,704,214</u>

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education certify the amounts to be raised as per the above to the Supervisors of the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown.

### Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for the following meetings:

10/10, 10/11, 10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 10/21, 10/23

### MONTHLY REPORTS:

#### Damage & Loss Summary

The summary report reflects damage and loss for the period ending September 2013.

#### Determinations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education

The determinations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education for:

10/15/13 and 10/22/13

#### Board of Education Sub Committees

1. Sachem Legislative Committee .
2. Sachem Citizens' Advisory Audit Committee
3. Sachem Budget Advisory Committee
4. Facilities Study Committee

2013-14 Updates to the Board – the Board requested an update on the 245 Union Avenue property.

#### Board of Education Goals

Goal #1 – Provide Safe and Secure Schools

- The Board is dedicated to maintaining a safe, secure and orderly environment where anti-bullying and character education programs will be utilized K-12 to promote positive peer relationships, and successful student learning environments.

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### Goal #2 – Enhance Student Achievement, Quality of Instruction and Leadership Skills

- The Board is committed to implementing a curriculum which incorporates critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and civic responsibility. The curriculum is supported by a K-12 Curriculum Council of educators and administrators. Graduates will be college ready and be prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers.

### Goal #3 – Improve Parent, Community and Staff Communication

- Continue to enhance communication through a variety of print media and technology resources in an effort to be environmentally responsible.

### Goal #4 – Improve Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability throughout the District

- Continue to focus on balancing the needs of students with taxpayer sensitivity.

### Goal #5 – Technology Integration

- Curriculum will require students to exhibit a range of functional and critical thinking skills related to information media and technology.

### Goal #6 – Committed to Providing the Staff with the Necessary Tools and Support to Provide the Students with the Highest Quality Education

- Creating an environment conducive to personal and career growth. Encouraging employees to reach their full potential and positively impact the sachem students. .
- Encouraging and empowering employees to think outside of the box, make recommendations for improvement in order to help students reach new levels of success.
- Encouraging participation in district activities/events aimed at improved employee and student moral and increased community involvement.
- Making Sachem a great place to work, live and learn.

### Goal #7 – We Are Sachem

- The Board is dedicated to promoting one Sachem family and collaboration amongst our 18 schools. This will support consistent academic programs and activities.

### COMMENTS FROM

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

### FUTURE AGENDA

- ITEMS:**
- 1 Presentation on the gap in teaching math and integrated Algebra program.
  - 2 Update on a letter to the community regarding gap elimination adjustment and the impact on the district

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next Work Session Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at Samoset Middle School.

### EXECUTIVE

**SESSION:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to convene into Executive Session at 10:20pm to discuss particular personnel matters.

**ADJOURN** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 10:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg  
District Clerk