

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

**Seneca Middle School  
Cafeteria**

**March 9, 2006  
8:00 PM**

**Board of Education Budget Work Session**

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

**AGENDA**

**A. OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Moment of Silent Meditation

James Kiernan, President  
will preside. A quorum is expected.

**B. 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 is:

- a. Exploratory Soil Investigations – Samoset Middle School - *approve*

C. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Statement of Charges and Notice of Disciplinary Hearing**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby prefers charges pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75 against an employee of the Sachem School District as set forth in written charges entitled Statement of Charges and Notice of Disciplinary Hearing dated March 9, 2006; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby designates the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Statement of Charges and Notice of Disciplinary Hearing dated March 9, 2006 on behalf of the Board; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby designates Joseph Wooley, Esq., to be the Hearing Officer to hear such charges and to make proposed findings of fact and a recommendation with respect to measure of discipline, if guilt be found, in accordance with the provision of the Civil Service Law; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that said employee shall be suspended without pay effective immediately for thirty (30) days pending determination of the charges.

2. **Board of Education Approval of 2005-06 Proposed Field Trips**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following proposed field trips for the 2005-06 school year.”

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Field Trip</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
East/North Arrowettes	National Dance Association High School Dance Championship - Orlando, Florida	March 9-13, 2006

3. **Approval of May 16, 2006 Proposition #2 - Ex Officio Board of Education Member**

RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions 12 and 12-a of Section 1804 of the Education Law as last amended by Chapter 314 of the Laws of 2005 that the proposition set forth below be placed upon the ballot for the annual school district budget vote and election to be conducted on May 16, 2006:

Proposition #2

Shall a student attending each high school within the District be permitted to serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Education pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1804 of the Education Law, and provided that such student members shall not have a vote, nor attend executive sessions of the board, nor receive any compensation for such participation?

4. **Board of Education Approval of 2005-06 Use of Baseball Heaven**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Sachem North and East Varsity Baseball Teams to travel to Baseball Heaven for the 2005-06 school year. Sachem North and Sachem East will play ten (10) home games each at a total cost of approximately \$2,300 for each school.”

5. **Board of Education Authorization – Special Proceeding**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the initiation of a special proceeding in the Supreme Court of the State of New York to stay arbitration in response to a demand for arbitration submitted to the District by the Sachem School District Employees Union ("SSDEU").

6. **Board of Education Resolution - Approval for Legal Defense**

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with New York Education Law section 3811, Board Members, James Kiernan, Richard Sayres, David Aronow, Mike Botti, Anthony Falco, Michael Pomara, Deborah L. Slinkosky, Frederick Tinari and Ralph Stile, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Charles J. Murphy, and staff members, Bruce Singer, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Gail Grenzig, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, have submitted timely written requests for a legal defense and indemnification in a legal action entitled Jay Krieger against the Board of Education of the Sachem Central School District, Dr. Charles Murphy, Superintendent, Gail Grenzig, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, and Bruce Singer, Assistant Superintendent for Business, in their official and individual capacities.

**WHEREAS**, there are allegations in the legal action arising from the performance of the above-referenced employees’ duties and responsibilities within the scope of their employment; and

**WHEREAS**, there are allegations in the legal action arising from the performance of the above-referenced Board members’ duties as Board trustees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the law firm of Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., 150 Motor Parkway, Suite 400, Hauppauge, New York 11788 is designated to represent the individual defendants in addition to the school district in the above-referenced legal action.

**E. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

1. 2006-07 Budget Meeting #4
  - Athletic Assistant Proposal
  - Budget Committee Presentation
  - Contingency Budget
  - Fund Balance, Reserves, and Liabilities
  - Food Service/Utilities
  - Soil Boring Testing
  - Staffing

**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 monthly meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, **March 14, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria at Seneca Middle School

The Board of Education will hold Budget Work Session #5 at **8:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria at Seneca Middle School on Thursday, **March 22, 2006.**

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

- H. OPEN SESSION**- The Board will reconvene into Open Session.

**I. ACTION ITEM**

7. **Board of Education Resolution – Defense and Indemnification Agreement**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute a defense and indemnification agreement between the SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT and the TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY which meets with the approval of District Counsel regarding the matter of Dome Well Restoration and ENCO Environmental Services v. G.& A Restoration, *et al* bearing Index No.’s 03-5259 and 02-32730; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, L.L.P. will be appointed to represent the District in the aforementioned actions at no cost to the District upon the execution of the defense and indemnification agreement.

J. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board of Education will adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters

K. **ADJOURN**