

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 3/20/13 - OFFICIAL COPY

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James J. Nolan, Superintendent of Schools  
Gail Grenzig, Asst. Superintendent for Personnel  
Jill Karp, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary  
Paul Manzo, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Secondary  
Bruce H. Singer, Associate Superintendent for Business  
Carol Adelberg, District Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order at 7:34pm by President Scavo.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**2013-14 School Budget**

Board President Scavo summarized the loss of State Aid. Mr. Singer compared the various tax rates to the 2013-14 budget reduction ; specifically, the following four options were discussed: 16.53% tax rate increase (roll over budget); 12.0% tax rate increase or \$6,400,000 reduction; 8.0% tax rate increase or \$13,600,000 reduction; 4.71% tax cap or \$18,700,000. Several reductions were reviewed: full and half day kindergarten, interscholastic athletics, music, co-curricular activities, GATE program, closing two middle schools, reconfiguring the high schools, relocating UPK from all elementary schools to Samoset MS, expanding UPK program to all four year old children, and increasing elementary class size.

There was a consensus of the Board to have administration prepare a draft budget with an 8% tax increase with \$13.6 million in budget reductions. The reductions to be suggested must have the least impact on the students. Teaching personnel on special assignment should be placed back into the classroom. Add one student to increase class size guidelines. Programs should not be eliminated. The reductions should be spread out across all the programs.

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**COMMENTS FROM**

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

**ADJOURN:** 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 adjourn at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg  
District Clerk