

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2015**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 1/20/16 - OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Falco, President
Michael J. Timo, Vice President
Teri Ahearn
Vic Canales
Bill Coggin
Dorothy Roberts
Robert Scavo
Laura Slattery
Sal Tripi
Shannon Christiano, Student Member
Alex Rosati, Student Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: James Nolan, Superintendent of Schools
Kristin Capel-Eden, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Paul Manzo, Deputy Superintendent
Jessica Schmettan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction -
Elementary
Chris Clayton, Esq.
Carol Truglio, Acting District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting held at Samoset Middle School was called to order at 7:30pm by President Falco.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Falco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silent Meditation.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Bid Award

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

The bid/RFP awards presented for action are:

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<u>RFP/Bid Number & Title</u>	<u>Action Required</u>
a. B 15-515B Sander Parts (Supplemental bid award – original bid B 15-515 Snow Plow/Sander Parts awarded 10/21/15)	Approve

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of SCTA (Sachem Central Teachers' Association) Memorandum of Agreement

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 Memorandum of Agreement between the SCTA (Sachem Central Teachers' Association) and the Sachem Central School District dated December 16, 2015.

Stipulation of Agreement - SAA and SCTA

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 a Stipulation of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District, the Sachem Central Teachers' Association (SCTA) and the Sachem Administrators' Association (SAA).

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement SCTA Aide Unit (Sachem Central Teachers Association Aide Unit)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the SCTA Aide Unit (Sachem Central Teachers Association Aide Unit) and the Sachem Central School District dated December 9, 2015.

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

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 accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for the following meetings:

12/3, 12/4, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/11, 12/14, 12/15, 12/16

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Determinations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education

The determinations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

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12/3, 12/4, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/14, 12/15, 12/16

Board of Education Sub Committees

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

2015-16 Updates to the Board

2015-16 Board 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.

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 21st 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.

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PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

School Closings – Mr. Wayne Verderber (demographer) gave a presentation on his reports and explained in detail Plan 1 (close Gatelot, Tecumseh and Sequoya) and Plan 2 (close Lynwood, Nokomis and Seneca). Mr. Verderber’s recommendation is to adopt Plan 1.

COMMENTS FROM

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

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS (Continued):

School Closings (Continued) – After a question and answer period, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo to adopt Plan 2 (close Lynwood, Nokomis, and Seneca). There was no second.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi and was seconded by Mr. Coggin to adopt Plan 1 (close Gatelot, Tecumseh, and Sequoya) and to approve the following resolution.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Falco, Mr. Canales, Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Slattery, Mr. Tripi

No: Mr. Timo, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Scavo

Motion carried (6-3).

Approval of Resolution for Sachem Central School District Redistricting - Plan 1

WHEREAS, opportunities to realize increased efficiencies within the Sachem Central School District have been under close study by the Board of Education for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment has been a concern of the Board for a least the past five years as the District struggles to implement costly mandates and continue its operations under the New York State property tax cap; and

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, pursuant to a duly adopted Board resolution, the Board of Education established the Sachem Facilities Study Committee, who, with the assistance of professionally trained experts retained by the District were charged to research and present to the Board of Education specific options and recommendations for building and district configuration during a period of declining enrollment and fiscal constraints, to ensure the efficient use of resources and support student achievement and continuous improvement of school programs, and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested and received updated demographic data, recommendations and educational impact statements regarding the closure of particular schools and redistricting options from professionally trained experts retained by the District it is hereby

RESOLVED

That the Board of Education hereby identifies Gatelot Avenue Elementary School, Tecumseh Elementary School and Sequoya Middle School as the Board of Education’s agreed upon proposed school buildings for closure, and hereby directs District Administration and Counsel to take the next necessary steps to ensure further compliance with District Policy 7800 and/or Education Law 408a, including but not limited to the publication of notices to the community and elected state and local public officials who represent the affected communities that it proposes to close Gatelot

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Avenue Elementary School, Tecumseh Elementary School and Sequoya Middle School, and to set the final public hearing for consensus on this decision.

FUTURE AGENDA

ITEMS: None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Work Session Board of Education meeting will be held on January 6, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School.

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 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg
District Clerk