

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2015**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 5/6/15 - OFFICIAL COPY

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Bai, Student Member
Brendan Lauth, Student Member

ALSO PRESENT: James J. Nolan, Superintendent of Schools
Jessica Schmettan, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction - Elementary
Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent for Business
Chris Clayton, Esq.
Carol Adelberg, District Clerk

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

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

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

ACTION ITEM:

Approval of Stipulation of Settlement - Instructional Employee

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a Stipulation of Settlement between the Sachem School District and an instructional staff member, whose identity has been made known to the Board in Executive Session, regarding a personnel matter.

DISCUSSION:

2015-16 SCHOOL BUDGET – Mr. Singer reviewed the proposed school budget and the 2015-16 Budget Status Report to Achieve Tax Cap. A question and answer period followed regarding the following topics: Summer guidance, 5pm bus, teacher attrition, class size, student accident insurance, claims, and co-curricular activities. There was unanimous consensus of the Board to adopt the 2015-16 budget in the amount of \$296,073,703, which is within the tax cap. A formal resolution will be adopted at the next Board meeting.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (9-0) convene into Executive Session at 9:18pm to discuss real estate matters and specific personnel issues.

Mr. Duncan left the meeting at 10:30pm.

OPEN SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Canales, seconded by Mr. Isernia, and carried unanimously (8-0) to reconvene into Open Session at 10:50pm.

ACTION ITEM:

Resolution for the Appointment of Special Counsel, Engagement Letter

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby appoints Douglas Spencer Esq. as Special Counsel to conduct an investigation into a personnel matter on behalf of the Board of Education and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President and/or the Superintendent of Schools to execute a letter of engagement with Mr. Spencer to perform such legal services at the District's customary hourly rate for legal services as has been negotiated with its general counsel.

ADJOURN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Falco, and carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn at 10:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg
District Clerk