

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2015**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 9/16/15 - OFFICIAL COPY

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anthony Falco, President  
Michael J. Timo, Vice President (Arrived 9:20pm)  
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:** Kristin Capel-Eden, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel  
Paul Manzo, Deputy Superintendent  
Jessica Schmettan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction - Elementary  
Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent  
Chris Clayton, Esq.  
Carol Adelberg, 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.

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

July 1, 2015 - Reorganizational Meeting  
July 1, 2015 - Special Meeting  
July 14, 2015 - Special Meeting  
July 15, 2015 - Regular Meeting

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** 1. The Future of School District Finances – Don Hoffmann, CPA and Partner of Cullen & Danowski gave a presentation to the Board on Sachem’s financial position. A questions and answer period followed.

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**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Bid Awards

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

The bid/RFP awards presented for action are:

	<b><u>RFP/Bid Number &amp; Title</u></b>	<b><u>Action Required</u></b>
<b>a.</b>	B 15-155 Beverage & Snack Vending Services - Exclusive Vending Rights	Approve
<b>b.</b>	B 15-152 School Cafeteria equipment Parts, Compressors & Compressor Parts	Approve
<b>c.</b>	B 15-152A School Cafeteria Equipment Parts	Approve
<b>d.</b>	B 15-84 Trophies & Awards	Approve
<b>e.</b>	B 15-110 District-Wide Office Machine repair	Approve
<b>f.</b>	B 15-9 Audio/Visual Supplies	Approve

**PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

Consent Agenda Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a consent agenda for the personnel items.

**Leaves of Absence of Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the leaves of absence of teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Cannetti, Kristen	Business	North	Child Care Leave	8/31/15-/30/16
O'Malley, Jody	Elementary	Waverly	Child Care Leave	8/31/15-6/30/16
Rovere, Tasha	English	North	Child Care Leave	8/31/15-/31/16

**Probationary Appointments of Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the appointment of probationary teachers as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Hinkaty, Jonathan*	ESL	East	9-6	8/31/15-6/30/19

\*Excessed in English

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*Under the new APPR requirements employees who fall under the four year tenure requirement must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his or her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.*

**Resignation of Leave Replacement Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the resignation of leave replacement teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mauro, Matthew	Special Ed	Sagamore	Personal	8/17/15

**Leave Replacements Appointments of Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) 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>
Caldararo, Devon*	Elementary	Nokomis	8-4	8/31/15-6/30/16
Fessel, Susan	Special Education	East	1-4	8/31/15-6/30/16
Leonardi, Laura*	Guidance	Sagamore	6-7	8/31/15-6/30/16
Littman, Ilene	Business	North	1-4	8/31/15-6/30/16
Killoran, Gina	Special Ed	East	1-4	8/31/15-6/30/16
Hudak, Alison*	English	North	5-6	8/31/15-6/30/16
Marino, Christine*	Elementary	Waverly	7-7	8/31/15-6/30/16
Medina, Lorraine	Speech	Cayuga	1-4	8/31/15-6/30/16

\*Excessed teacher

**Salary Changes for Teaching Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) 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>
Degenhardt, Debra	Merrimac	8/31/15	16-8	16-9	2,699.00
Mednick, Jennifer	East	8/31/15	10-5	10-6	2,698.00
Peguero-Collazo, Diamela	North	8/31/15	12-8	12-9	2,697.00
Schaefer, Christina	Nokomis	8/31/15	8-6	8-7	2,698.00
Stalzer, Anna	Sagamore	8/31/15	6-6	6-7	2,451.00
Stumpf, Heather	Sagamore	8/31/15	16-8	16-9	2,699.00
Tracey, Deborah	Seneca	8/31/15	20-7	20-8	2,698.00

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### Ten Year Increment for Teaching Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the ten year increments for teaching personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Moss, Colleen	Grundy	9/15/15	\$270.00
Cossack, Stephanie	Samoset	9/24/15	\$270.00
Lux, Domenic	North	9/25/15	\$270.00
Levesque, Gwendolyn	Lynwood	9/28/15	\$270.00
Kolonoski, Nicole	Waverly	9/30/15	\$270.00

### Approval of Substitute Teachers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the substitute teacher list as follows:

<u>Name</u>
Dorsi, Keri
Jarry, Robert

### Termination/Resignation of Substitute Teachers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the termination/resignation of substitute teachers as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Casasco, Vincent	8/19/15
Lopez, Maria	6/30/15
Raspler, Laurie	6/30/15
Williams, Keith	6/30/15

### Resignation of Teaching Assistants

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the resignation of teacher assistants as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Bellafiore, Bryan	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sagamore	August 21, 2015
Cascio, Melissa	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Wavery	August 28, 2015
Helmke, Danielle	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sachem East	August 10, 2015
Hinkaty, Jonathan	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sachem East	August 30, 2015
Mauro, Matthew	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sagamore	August 17, 2015
Tobin, Grace	Special Education Teacher Assistant	North	August 20, 2015

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**Appointment of Leave Replacement Teaching Assistants**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the appointment of leave replacement teacher assistants as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Barricelle, Jennifer	ESL Teacher Assistant	Sagamore	1-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Borger, Lisa	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Samoset	3-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Cottone, Danielle	Special Education Teacher Assistant	East	1-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Efron, Milissa	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Waverly	2-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Lowis, Ashley	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Waverly	2-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Miller, Jillian	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sequoia	2-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Mueger, Tara	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sachem North	2-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Russo, Justin	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Lynwood	1-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Syron, Bridget	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Samoset	2-3	8/31/15-6/30/16
Tworek, Edna	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Sequoia	2-1	8/31/15-6/30/16

**Leave of Absence of Teaching Assistants**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the leave of absence of teacher assistants as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Alaimo, Amy	Special Education	Waverly	Child Care Leave	8/31/15-6/30/16

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) 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>
DeMilagro Burke, Neris	4 Hr. FSW/Tamarac	8/26/15
Foti, Francis	Campus Security/District Wide	8/27/15
Manzari, Kimberly	4 Hr. FSW/Gatlot	8/26/15
Paider, Matthew	Custodian/ Tamarac	9/2/15
Pritchett, Frederick	Campus Security/District Wide	8/27/15
Trow, Jason	Campus Security/District Wide	8/27/15

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**Return from a Leave of Absence of Support Services Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the return from a leave of absence of support services personnel as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Date</u>
Huffman, Jeffery	Custodian/ North	Personal	7/17/15

**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. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) 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>Aides</u></b>	
Ringle, Darlene	8/7/15
<b><u>Clerical</u></b>	
Baumann, Michelle	8/21/15
Scollo, Deanna	8/27/15
<b><u>Custodian</u></b>	
Coury, Joseph	8/27/15

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) 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>
Buck, Lisa	Hall Monitor/Hiawatha	\$9.08/hr.	09/01/15	None
DelMilagro Burke, Neris	Cook/Manager/Wenonah	\$34,687	8/27/15	90 days 8/27/15-11/24/15
Donato, Matthew	Recreation Aide/Child Care	\$10.28/hr.	8/27/15	None
Greenberg, Alyssa	Asst. Group Leader/ Group Leader/Child Care	\$11.80/hr./ \$17.24/hr.	8/27/15	None
Harney, Christina	Recreation Aide/Child Care	\$10.28/hr.	8/27/15	None
Hornak, Karen	Asst. Group Leader/Child Care	\$11.80/hr.	8/27/15	None
Rocco, Lisa	Recreation Aide/ Asst. Group Leader/ Group Leader/Child Care	\$10.28/ \$11.80/hr./ \$17.24/hr.	8/27/15	None

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Werlick, Sharon	Asst. Group Leader/ Group Leader/Child Care	\$11.80/hr./ \$17.24/hr.	8/27/15	None
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**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. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the substitute support services personnel (exempt, labor and non-competitive) as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Service Begins</u></b>
<b><u>Custodian</u></b> Hoek, John	8/19/15

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Mini Contracts:**  
Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a consent agenda for mini contracts a –c.

**a. Approval of Agreement with Woods Services 2015-16**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the agreement between Sachussetts Central School District and Woods Services to provide adequate instruction, related services and/or a facility to students enrolled at the facility during the school year. The tuition and maintenance rate shall be set by the State Education Department. This agreement shall be in effect for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

**b. Approval of Amendment to the Agreement with Reach for the Stars Tutoring, Inc. 2015-16**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the amendment to the agreement between Sachussetts Central School District and Reach for the Stars Tutoring, Inc. This amendment will allow the provider to bill a flat rate of \$20/session for treatment sessions cancelled if the provider has not received 24-hour notice by the parent or school of the need to cancel the session. All other terms and provisions shall continue in full force and effect during the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This amendment has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

**c. Approval of Agreement with SCO Family of Services/Westbrook Preparatory School 2015-16**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the agreement between Sachussetts Central School District and SCO Family of Services/Westbrook Preparatory School to provide adequate instruction, related services and/or a facility to students enrolled at the facility during the school year. The tuition rate shall be set by the State Education Department, based on the child’s

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program. This contract shall be from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the school district’s attorney.

### Donation - Tecumseh PTA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (8-0) to accept with gratitude, a donation to the students at Tecumseh Elementary School from the Tecumseh PTA of ten (10 x 10) pop up tents to be used for outdoor events such as field day, walking club, etc. The approximate value of this donation is \$300.00.

### Policy 4326 Revised - Limited English Proficiency Instruction-First Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to accept as a first reading Revised Policy 4326 - Limited English Proficiency Instruction.

### Policy 5152.1 Revised - Admission of Foreign Exchange Students-First Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Canales, and carried unanimously (8-0) to accept as a first reading Revised Policy 5152.1 - Admission of Foreign Exchange Students.

### Adoption of Policy 6830 - Revised - Second Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Coggin, seconded by Ms. Slattery, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the adoption of Policy 6830 Revised - Travel Reimbursement.

### Approval of District Wide Lifeguards

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Canales, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following personnel as District Wide Lifeguards for the 2015-16 school year as follows:

Caputo, Erin

### Approval of Extracurricular Clubs/Activities for the 2015-16 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following extracurricular clubs/activities for the 2015-16 school year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisor(s)</u>
<i>East</i>	Anime/Science Fiction Club	James Berger
	Art Club	Loretta Corbisiero
	Book Series Club	Jaimie Sison



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Buddies Club	Warren Meahan
Chess Club	Stephen Wefer
Club Advisor - 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Meredith Babst/Jaimie Sison
Class Advisor - 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sue Herrmann/Sean Holden
Class Advisor - 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Robert Regan/Glen Monsen
Class Advisor - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ken Dobbins/Kathy Stein
Coordinator - Senior Trip	Rich Lemke/Jason Toto
Creative Outdoor Club	John Crisci/April Kunz
Creative Writing Club	Jon Hinkaty
Culinary Club	Arlene Lovascio
DECA Club	Lisa Anthony
Digital Photography Club	Keith Connelly
Diversity/ESL Club	Mike Jannace
Drama Club	Ken Dobbins
Eastside View	Larry Patten
Envirothon Club	Mike Vacariello/Colleen Lohr
Foreign Language: French	Ana Meadows
Foreign Language: Italian	Gina DiMaggio
Foreign Language: Spanish	Krysta Verdone
Future Educators Association	Lori Mulhern/Donna Jackson
Gay/Straight Alliance	Kate Taylor
Homecoming Coordinator	Katherine Gengler
Honor Society: Art	Lauren Lewonka
Honor Society: Business & Marketing	Lisa Anthony
Honor Society: English	Lorri Kropp
Honor Society: Foreign Language	Alexis Shaw
Honor Society: Math	Bill Carmon
Honor Society: National	Tina Moon/Kristin Goodwin
Honor Society: Science National	Caitlin Thompson/April Kunz
Interactive Technologies	Arthur Scheffer
Leader in Me	Carol Herrmann/Patricia Broderick
Math Team 9	Joanne Albino
Math Team: Senior High	Jennifer Genova
Model United Nations	Nick Antonucci
Nat'l History Club & Honor Society	Tracey Melandro
News 12 LI Challenge/Debate Team	Scott Kennedy/Nick Antonucci
Peer Tutoring Coordinators	Donna Jackson/Nicole Koerber
Physics Club	Richard Gearns
Pottery Club	Loretta Corbisiero
Project Spectrum Coordinator	Erin Gearns
Robotics	Andrew Cifuni/Robert Wentzel
S.A.D.D.	Patricia Broderick
Sachem East Mentoring Club	Donna Jackson/Nicole Koerber
Sachem East Pep Band	George Macchio
Sachem East Sports News	Warren Meahan
School Store	Keith McCaffrey

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	School Store Assistant	Lisa Anthony
	Science Club	Kevin Sloane
	Skills USA	Michelle Savickas
	Stock Market Club	Michael Jannace
	Strategy & Tactics	James Berger
	Student Government	Matthew Rivera/Damon Gallo
	Suburban Olympic Team	James Berger/Jason Toto
	Teens as Teachers	Lori Hewlett/Patricia Broderick
	Yearbook: Advisor	Art Scheffer
	Yearbook: Business	Glen Monsen
	Yearbook: Video	Doug Kelsch
	Volunteer Club	Richard Lemke
<i>Samoset</i>	Community Service Club	Lisa Carlen
	National Jr. Honor Society	Jill Berk/Joanne Creighton
	Renaissance	Kailey Stolte
	Samoset Leadership Assoc.	Christopher Hanley/Lindsay Guzzo
	Student Government	Christina Gieck/Christina Santoriello
	Yearbook	Jaclyn Savarese/Nicholas Kreamer
<i>Seneca</i>	National Jr. Honor Society	Jenna Haines/Erin Patronaggio
	Renaissance	Concetta Wharton/Peter Cafiso
	Student Government	Frank DeMeo/Elizabeth Curry
	Yearbook	Jessica Ramsay

### Approval of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Specialists for the 2015-16 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following personnel as Specialists for the 2015-16 ABA program:

Patrica Sheehan	Ashley Lewis	Peter Gentzlinger
Camille Rubino	Marie Aghabekian	Brittany Heath
Maryellen Scarola	Ashley Koval	Nancy DiDonna
Nicole DeMaio	Anna Maria Cordi	Rhonda Kravitz
Karen Marrero	Andrea Vultaggio	Shauna Phelan
Teal Haskins		

### Approval of Sachem Nurses Association Memorandum of Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Sachem Nurses Association and the Sachem Central School District.

### Approval of Coaching Assignments for the 2015-16 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Ms. Slattery, and carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the following Coaching assignments for the 2015-16 school year:

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### ARROWETTES/FALL & WINTER

North Junior Varsity - Taryn Prusinski (OOD)

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

East Junior Varsity - Alison Macchio (East)

### FIELD HOCKEY

*Rescind* East Varsity Asst. - Madeline Combs

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

North Varsity Assistant – Chris Weilbacher (OOD)

### **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. Slattery, and carried unanimously (8-0) to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for the following meetings:

8/13, 8/18, 8/19, 8/20, 8/24, 8/25

## **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

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

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

8/13, 8/18, 8/19, 8/21, 8/25, 8/26

### **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** – Ms. Schmettan provided an update to the Board on elementary enrollment and class size.

### **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*

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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.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

1. Testing Days at the High School – Mr. Coggin highlighted a “Proposal for Testing Days.” A question and answer period followed. The Board requested the input from administration, principals and teachers on the proposal.

## **COMMENTS FROM**

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

## **FUTURE AGENDA**

- ITEMS:**
1. Consolidation of clubs, classes, sports, etc. to cut costs.
  2. School closings, consolidation, and re-districting.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next work Session Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 2, 2015 at 7:30pm the Board Room at Samoset Middle School.

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### EXECUTIVE

**SESSION:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Canales, seconded by Mr. Scavo, and carried unanimously (8-0) to convene into Executive Session at 9:11pm to discuss specific personnel matters.

Mr. Timo arrived at 9:20pm

### OPEN

**SESSION:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Coggin, and carried unanimously (9-0) to reconvene into Open Session at 10:50pm.

### ACTION ITEM:

#### Approval of Resolution

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 following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of a settlement agreement and release regarding a disciplinary matter involving a certified staff member whose identity has been made known to the Board of Education in Executive Session, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board, subject to the final execution of the agreement by all parties.

**ADJOURN:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Coggin, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 10:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg  
District Clerk