

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2015**

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 11/18/15 - OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Falco, President
Michael J. Timo, Vice President
Teri Ahearn
Vic Canales
William Coggin
Dorothy Roberts
Robert Scavo
Laura Slattery
Sal Tripi

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
Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent
Christopher Clayton, Esq.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 convene into Executive Session at 7:32pm to discuss a real estate matter.

OPEN SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to reconvene into Open Session at 7:40pm.

DISCUSSION:

School Closings A presentation was made by Mr. Manzo and Ms. Schmettan regarding the option of closing four elementary schools and moving the 5th graders to middle school. A question and answer period followed.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo and was seconded by Mr. Scavo to eliminate the proposed option of closing of four elementary schools and moving the 5th graders to middle school.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Falco, Mr. Timo, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Canales, Mr. Scavo, Ms. Slattery

No: Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Tripi

Motion carried (6-3).

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Slattery, seconded by Mr. Coggin, and carried unanimously (9-0) to eliminate the proposed option of closing two middle schools and moving the 6th graders to the elementary schools.

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A **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to eliminate the proposed option of closing one middle school – Seneca MS.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Coggin, seconded by Ms. Slattery, and carried unanimously (9-0) to eliminate the proposed option of closing two elementary schools.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Coggin and was seconded by Ms. Slattery to add an option of closing three elementary schools and one middle school.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Coggin, Ms. Slattery

After a discussion, Ms. Slattery withdrew her second on the **Motion**. There was no second.

Motion defeated.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo and was seconded by Mr. Scavo to add an option of closing two elementary schools and two middle schools.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Timo, Mr. Canales, Mr. Scavo

No: Mr. Falco, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Slattery, Mr. Tripi

Motion defeated (3-6)

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Slattery and was seconded by Mr. Coggin to close two elementary schools and one middle school.

Vote on the **Motion**:

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

No: Mr. Timo, Mr. Scavo, Mr. Tripi

Motion carried (6-3)

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

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

NEXT MEETING:

The next work session meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School.

School Closing

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo and was seconded by Mr. Timo to add an option of closing two elementary schools and two middle schools.

Vote on the **Motion**:

Yes: Mr. Timo, Mr. Canales, Mr. Scavo

No: Mr. Falco, Ms. Ahearn, Mr. Coggin, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Slattery, Mr. Tripi

Motion defeated (3-6)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Timo, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, and carried unanimously (9-0) to convene into Executive Session at 10:50pm to discuss specific negotiation matters.

ADJOURN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Tripi, and carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 11:50pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carol Adelberg
District Clerk