

BAC MEETING MINUTES 3/26

The meeting began at 7:30 in the Sagamore library.

The following members attended: Gary Carruthers, Liz Morrison, Alan Sacher, Frank Christiano, Joe Accurso, Linda King, Paul Killian, Roy Dragotta and Ed Hudson. From the district were Bruce Singer and Ron Sacks. From the Board of Education was Tony Falco. There were no visitors.

The following topics were discussed:

- Approval of the BAC minutes from the 3/19 meeting.
- The introduction of Paul Killian, and alternate BAC member who is now an active member.
- Gary Carruthers read an email sent to the BAC by a taxpayer outlining suggestions they felt the committee should be looking at.
- Gary Carruthers filled in the committee on a meeting he had with Dr. Murphy, Bruce Singer and Ron Sacks.
- The committee discussed how they would move forward for next year. How they can use the 2007/08 budget to make recommendations for the 2008/09 budget. They will use the BOE agenda for meetings and the minutes from meetings as a tool early in the year in order to review topics the BAC would like to look at prior to the adoption of the next budget. The BAC should start addressing the BOE in the first 3 months of the school year.
- Mr. Singer and Mr. Sacks explained how and when the budget process begins. They also reviewed reports that are generated on a regular basis and which ones the BAC might find useful in preparing recommendations to the BOE.
- The committee discussed with Mr. Singer and Mr. Sacks specific budget lines that they felt needed clarification. Mr. Singer also explained how and why line item dollars are changed for various reasons.
- Custodial sub salaries was revisited with a comparison between Sachem and several other districts. Recommendations by the committee in regards to the custodial budget will be presented at an upcoming BOE meeting.

Alan Sacher filled in the committee on his review of course offerings and will request from the district reports needed for him to move forward.

- The committee discussed their topics for the next meeting which will include the review of subs in the areas of custodial, clerical and food service. They also discussed what info they will need to request from the district.

The meeting ended at 9:20 and the next meeting is scheduled for 4/16/07 at 7:30 in the Sagamore library.