

BAC MEETING MINUTES 5/5/09

The sub-committee work session began at 6:00 followed by the regular meeting at 7:40 in the Samoset BOE Annex.

The following members attended: Alan Sacher, Jim Mayers, Linda King, Liz Morrison, Paul Killian, Ed Hudson and Mike Iernia. From the district office was Ron Sacks. There were no visitors.

The following topics were discussed:

- 1) The work session focused on the Child Care and Community Education Programs and reviewed methods to reduce expenses and increase revenue. It is the view of the committee that each entity is looked at individually and each program is self-sustaining.
- 2) Review and approval of the BAC minutes from 4/28.
- 3) In regards to the Community Ed program the committee will continue to explore a series of alternatives to the present format.
 - 1) The possible elimination of the entire program.
 - 2) The temporary suspension of the program until a viable self-sustaining plan is formulated.
 - 3) The increase of class fees and the reduction of expenses to make the program self-sustaining.
- 4) The committee discussed the burden pool usage puts on the Community Ed program in regards to revenue and expenses and will continue to explore ways to reduce this burden.
- 5) The committee discussed possibly meeting with the Community Ed Committee to collaborate on recommendations for the program.
- 6) There was a motion passed to have the following read at the BOE meeting on Wednesday 5/6.

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

It is the conclusion of the Sachem Budget Advisory Committee that the Child Care Program provides a vital and necessary service to the Sachem Community.

Based on the most current information regarding the programs revenue and expenses it appears to be both self-sustaining and financially viable. The program does not pose a burden to the district's general fund.

Therefore, due to the current state of the economy, it is the recommendation of the Budget Advisory Committee that the Board of Education authorize the continuance of the Child Care Program during the 2009/10 school year at the current rates and fees.

The meeting ended at 8:30 and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5/12 at 6:30 in the Samoset BOE Annex.