

## BAC Meeting Minutes on 8/29/06:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at the Sagamore Library.

The following BAC members that attended the meeting were: Ed Hudson, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Sal Tripi, Al Sacher, Pete Kersich, Liz Morrison, Marty Ronning, Gary Carruthers and Lianne Daily. Also attending and speaking at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Murphy and Bruce Singer. There was also one visitor who attended – Tony Falco Sachem Board member.

Dr. Murphy addressed the committee about the following issues:

- The BAC has now 10 members, 2 members dropped out. The Board will replace the 2 members bringing the committee back to 12 members. They will also assign BAC alternate members that will be available to step in should any of the current members leave unexpectedly.
- The Board would like us to take a look at the current Community Education Program. It is currently functioning with a \$70,000 deficit. The goal is for this program to operate at break even. The committee agreed to evaluate all aspects of this program and make appropriate recommendations to the Board. Bruce Singer will distribute program information to the committee.
- The Board would also like us to take a look at the Facilities overtime expenses and recommend potential lower cost alternatives. Bruce Singer will forward the committee expense and schedule information.
- We would also like to perform an analysis of the amount of money Sachem spends on security/student compared those numbers to other school districts.

The committee would like a current listing of all of the classes offered this year at the High Schools and their enrollment. Dr. Murphy can give us a run of the classes and class size. He did note

that the #'s change during the school year. It was suggested that we get a run at school opening and than take another look in October.

The Board would like our meeting dates posted on the Sachem website, so anyone from the district could sit in on our meetings. The Board would also like our minutes posted. The following are the prospective dates: September 11<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be at Sagamore Middle School at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

It was also suggested that we include a copy of our meeting minutes in the Board packages that are available to the taxpayers prior to the Board meetings. Effective immediately the committee will send a copy to the district office after each meeting.

- The committee was asked evaluate and recommend term limits for members of the BAC. The goal is to keep the committee fresh with new community members while also maintaining the continuity and knowledge that comes from stable base of members.

After a brief discussion the committee will recommend 3 year terms for BAC members (with the first 4 departing 2007). This allows one year to get acclimated to the budget process and then 2 years to contribute. Additionally, these terms will mirror the Board terms. This will be presented to the Board for approval.