

## **BAC MEETING MINUTES 12/16/08**

The meeting began at 7:00 in the Samoset Boardroom Annex.

The following members attended: Gary Carruthers, Ted Disalvo, Ed Hudson, Mike Iernia, Paul Killian, Larry Levy, James Mayers, Liz Morrison, Larry Nostramo and Alan Sacher. From the district office were Ron Sacks and Bruce Singer. There were no visitors.

The following topics were discussed:

- 1) Review and approval of the BAC meeting minutes from 12/3.
- 2) Ron Sacks updated the committee on the state budget cuts. Sachem is expected to have a \$7.3 million cut in aid.
- 3) There was a request made by the committee to have the budget worksheet sent to the committee in excel format.
- 4) Once again there was a review of the committees mission for this year.
- 5) Ron Sacks and Bruce Singer explained about the districts freeze on purchases. What is feasible and what is not. What would be approved and what would not. The purchase process and how each school is dealing.
- 6) Bruce Singer explained the implementation of "School Notes" this will be used by teachers and staff.
- 7) Gary Carruthers requested the continued guidance by the BOE to alleviate duplication by the BAC and the BOE.
- 8) There was a discussion in regards to the busing requirements for private school students from the district.
- 9) Areas of interest for the committee this year will be athletics, child care, community ed, security, transportation, food service and building usage.

- 10) There was a discussion of the different budget cut proposals by the governor and their impact on the district.
- 11) There was a creation of sub-committees to review different areas of the budget. Some sub-committees will be
  - Child care, building usage and community ed
  - Athletics
  - Course offerings
  - Transportation
  - Security
  - Food service
- 12) Gary Carruthers reminded the committee that any requests for information should be sent to him first and then he will forward the request to the appropriate person.

The meeting ended at 9:00 and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 6, 2009 at 7 pm in the Samoset Boardroom Annex.