



Sachem Legislative Committee (SLC) Meeting Notes

January 14, 2019 Attending

Dr. Graham, Krupa Lauricella, Dorothy Roberts, Jamie Mare, Mark Salzano, Jim Green, Shawn Hymms and Kelly Short

- I. Meeting was called to order
- II. Dr. Graham reviewed the history of Sachem and the Smart School Bond Act:
 - a. Sachem did not immediately submit because of lack of funds
 - b. At the time schools needed to have cash in hand to back up the funds
 - c. Dr. Graham began Sachem's application for the Smart School Bond Act, when he arrived at the district.
 - d. Sachem's official application is dated for June 2017
 - e. Sachem will use money for both technology and security upgrades
 - a. Looking to establish a wireless system
 - b. Looking to get devices into the hands of students
 - c. Upgrade to security
 - f. Sachem has permit for vestibules
 - g. Dr. Graham has written to each of our NYS officials and State Department of Education in both May 2018 and December 2018
 - a. Only answers were from Assemblyman Doug Smith and Dean Murray
 - h. Last week we resubmitted the application again, but it was bounced back and then resubmitted
 - i. It is not known when the next meeting of the committee is
 - a. Their meeting is based on the Division of Budget and how often they meet
 - b. There is not regulation that says the frequency they must meet
 - c. Assemblyman Doug Smith has proposed Bill S1347 to the NYS Senate that requires the Review Board to meet quarterly.
 - i. It passed the assembly but not the senate
 - j. Once again Dr. Graham submitted another round of letters to the Governor, the Commissioner and all elected officials
 - k. Dr. Graham then explained how detailed the application process is.
 - a. He explained that we had to resubmit due to changes in the requirements
 - b. State claim even with the resubmission where we are in the queue does not change
 - l. Jack Renda, who oversees Sachem's submission, has been on the phone daily with the state department of education.

III. New Business:

- a. We will be printing 3 copy of the petition to send to Albany
- b. Assemblyman Smith will get 15 minutes on the floor of the NYS Assembly and will use that time to discuss the Smart School Bond Act and Sachem's delay.
- c. Mark was able to find the number for the Division of Budget 518-473-3885. He reached out and was informed (as of 1/25/19) that no meeting is currently scheduled.

IV. Roundtable Discussion

- a. To talk to media
 - a. Must present the facts
 - b. Must state that we are not alone
 - c. How to clear up misinformation
- b. Discussion about what to do with the petition
 - a. What should it do?
 - b. With the change in the Democrat and Republic ratio is there a Democrat that we can reach out for help
 - i. Krupa will also reach out to NYS Senator Monica Martinez to see if she will help us.
- c. Having the Lt. Governor Hochul come to Sachem
 - a. While she is here we could meet with her
 - b. She is very close with Governor Cuomo
- d. Can we ask Senator Martinez to get involved?
- e. Can Dr. Graham let the unions know about the petition?
- f. When talking to community what to say
 - a. It's 50/50 technology and safety
 - b. Create a wireless infrastructure
 - c. Device for every student available
 - d. Cameras
 - e. Vestibules
 - f. Make community aware district is trying to do things outside of what was included in the Smart Schools Bond submission
- g. Krupa will discuss with Assemblyman Smith a way to make the petition into a spreadsheet
 - a. Next meeting will be a highlighting session of the petition
 - b. Perhaps the Samoset Junior Civic can help

Announcements

- a. Reminder to fill out the application on the district website to be an official member of the committee
- b. Next meeting- February 11, 2019 from 7-8PM located in the BoE Annex Bldg., Room A