

**SACKETS HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL
PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016**

A Special Board of Education Budget Workshop meeting of the Sackets Harbor Central School Board of Education, Sackets Harbor, NY, was called to order by President Townsend at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Angela Green, Stephen Swain, Gregg Townsend, Phillips

Board Members Absent: Christine Allen

Others Present: Frederick E. Hall, Jr., Superintendent; Jennifer Gaffney, Principal; Julie Gayne, Sheri Rose

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Courtesy of the Floor was extended. There was no response.

Julie Gayne took the opportunity to review with the Board of Education the proposed 2016-17 school budget. Overall, this budget reflects an increase of 1.9 percent or \$162,554.00.

Mr. Hall reported that has met with faculty and he took the opportunity to review the NYS 2016-17 budget and its effect on Sackets Harbor revenues. Mr. Hall indicated he reminded the faculty that the District is keeping all current programs but not bringing back any programs that have been previously cut from prior budgets.

Julie Gayne reviewed with the Board of Education the final State Aid runs for the 2016-17 school year that includes a separate line item of \$10,164.00 Final GAP elimination payment. Julie also reported that there were three districts that received no additional new revenue in Foundation Aid. Those Districts included Sackets Harbor CSD, Thousand Islands CSD, and Alexandria Bay. Julie Gayne also indicated that the money the District received was the restoration of GEA.

Julie Gayne indicated the State budget passed by the Assembly and Legislatures included a \$430.00 increase per pupil for Charter Schools.

Julie Gayne also reviewed the 2016-17 revenues for the District. Julie Gayne indicated to the Board of Education the revenue side is restricted and the District is relying on money in various areas.

Julie Gayne reported there are no changes to the tax levy calculated and discussed at prior meetings.

Julie Gayne also took the opportunity to review with the Board of Education Fund Balance and the potential uses of the Appropriated Fund Balance for 2016-17.

Mr. Hall took the opportunity to publically thank Julie for the exemplar work that she has done on the 2016-17 budget. Mr. Hall indicated the District works every day to keep expenses down and the Board of Education's establishment of the Capital Reserve and the Tax Certiorari speaks volumes to the District's hard work and fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Hall indicated the politicians need to look at the tax cap. Mr. Hall also indicated that he is seeking \$100,000 of Bullet Aid from the Assembly.

Mr. Phillips indicated the District will need to educate the community when addressing the 1.33 percent tax cap as it is difficult to understand why the percent is different for all districts and the two percent it is commonly referred to.

Mr. Hall indicated that in the budget documents the District will address the issue of the money that has been withheld from the District.

Mr. Swain inquired on the impact of the Cadillac Tax on the Health Care Plan.

Julie Gayne indicated there has been a postponement on the implementation date on this topic. Mr. Hall and Julie Gayne both agreed the Board of Education may need to continue to review the Board Policy on ACA.

Julie Gayne reminded the Board of Education that the Property Tax Report Card needs to be filed within 24 hours of budget adoption. Currently, Julie is seeking clarification on the property tax levy regarding the Library proposition.

Mr. Hall indicated Julie Gayne does an outstanding job and has a thorough understanding of the District's budget, revenues and expenditures. Mr. Hall recommended the Board of Education approve the proposed budget.

15-16 240 Moved by Swain, seconded by Phillips, to adopt the 2016-17 Budget
Adopt (\$8,499,652.00) & Property Tax Report Card.
the
2016-17 Yes: Phillips, Green, Swain, Townsend
Budget Absent: Allen
(\$8,499,652.00) No: None
& Property The motion carried.
Tax Report
Card

15-16 241 Moved by Green, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the meeting.
Adjournment
Yes: Phillips, Green, Swain, Townsend
Absent: Allen
No: None
The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Sheri Rose, District Clerk

Gregg Townsend, Board President