

SACKETS HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET HEARING  
MAY 13, 2014  
6:00 P.M. – MPR

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

Board Members Absent: Christine Allen

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

The President of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Education Law provides that the Board of Education appoints the Chairman of the meeting and inspectors. The Board has made the following appointments for the vote on May 20, 2014:

Chairman – Gregg Townsend  
Inspector – Brenda Scordo  
Teller – Karen Williams

Education Law provides that the Clerk of the Board shall act as clerk of the  
Budget Hearing.

The three items to be voted upon are:

The Budget  
One 66-passenger, diesel school bus  
One Board Member for a full 5-year term

Education Law requires nomination for board membership by petition only. There was one properly filed petition for a 5-year term. Space has been provided for a write-in candidate on the ballot.

Mr. Gregg Townsend introduced Dale Phillips, Board Member Candidate:

Mr. Hall took the opportunity to present the 2014-15 budget.

Mr. Hall opened the meeting for questions from community members.

*Mrs. Lloyd inquired about any programs impacted by the budget. Mr. Hall responded the District no longer has a Driver Education Program and a Literacy position. There have been positions and programs eliminated through attrition, but no layoffs.*

*Mr. Curley inquired if public hearings are always this well attended? He expressed there was a lot of work that goes into preparing this presentation. Mr. Curley inquired “how tight is the budget?” Mr. Hall indicated the budget is very tight.*

*Mr. Curley also inquired about the Music Program in the District. Mr. Curley indicated he has been a resident of this District for 35 years and the District used to have a great marching band and it does not seem to be that way now. He inquired on the direction of the Music Program. He did not believe the enrollment has changed that significantly over the past 30 years. He feels the District can spend money on athletics and should not exclude the Music Program and Arts Program.*

*Mr. Hall explained there was a personnel issue at the beginning of the school year and hopes to hit the ground running next year. Mr. Hall also explained many students have*

*to work on the weekends which makes participation unreliable for marching in parades. He also stated that marching bands have been significantly changed over time. Mr. Curley stated that students cannot participate if they cannot play due to not having lessons.*

*Mrs. Lloyd expressed that most large schools don't even have a marching band.*

Moved by Swain, seconded by Green, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Sheri Rose, District Clerk

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Gregg Townsend, Board President